

Newsletter Friday 10th March 2023

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Information for Parents



The end of this week has been tricky with the weather, but we remained open as the snow disappeared by lunchtime yesterday and by 9.30am this morning. We know how important school and routine is for our children, but also the knock-on impact it has on your lives and jobs. Having other schools close has a negative impact on our staffing levels which is highly frustrating. We will always try and keep our school open and will only close when there is a safety issue or lack of staffing.

I always try and make a decision as early as possible as I know how difficult it is to find childcare - it is therefore really important that you keep your mobile numbers up to date to receive the text messages.

On another note, I quite enjoyed the power of using the gritting machine 🚧



Molly wasn't in today as she wouldn't get out of bed because it was too cold!! Normal service will resume next week and our Molly Walk & Talk sessions in the forest will continue.



The NEU strike days are 15th & 16th March - if this impacts on your child's class you will have been informed.

On Wednesday it was lovely to see parents of children in Maple, Willow, and Sycamore, at the art gallery event. The artwork and photos were fantastic, and it was lovely to have a chat and catch up with so many of you.

Stay warm and hopefully no more snow this year.

POPLAR Class

In Poplar class this week we have been learning about where our food comes from. As the children have also been learning about diagrams and labels in science, they drew a diagram of their favourite meal. They labelled all the foods and whether they came from an animal or plant source.

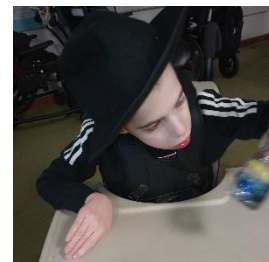
Super work everyone!



CEDAR Class



Cedar class love to listen to the music and explore the objects when we hear the music to our favourite book, Pirate Pete written by Nick Sharratt. In these lessons, we have been doing our best to give eye contact. Sometimes, we can do this more than once in the lesson. Sometimes we can give eye contact for a fleeting moment, sometimes we hold our gaze for a few seconds more. When our favourite music or object is explored our faces light up and our bodies become animated, wriggling and jiggling. During our favourite songs, we smile back at the adult as they smile at us. The class favourites are Over the Deep Blue Sea and the Seagull song, Ca-Caw, Ca-Caw! We're sure you'd like this ear worm too!



ACORNS Reception

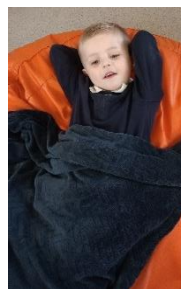
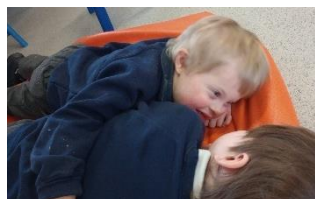


In Acorns, Rosie's class have been continuing their learning all about traditional tales and looking at the story Goldilocks and the three bears. We have particularly enjoyed making Teddy Bear toast using bananas, Bischoff spread and chocolate buttons.

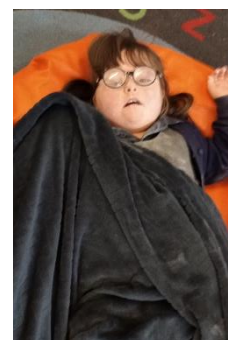


OAK Class

This week Oak Class have been reading the story of the Princess and the Pea.



We have enjoyed pretending to be asleep (what a quiet afternoon we had)! As well as making our own prince/princess beds using collage, cutting, and sticking together a comfortable stack of mattresses.



ACORNS Reception



Continuing with our topic of Traditional Tales, this week's focus story has been The Little Mermaid. The children have been enjoying arts & crafts this week including making hanging jellyfish and seashells in Expressive Art & Design and watching underwater scenes on the big plasma screen. We found sharks, dolphins and Reggie enjoyed counting the 5 fish! Kallon & Erik enjoyed finding story characters using story stills and ALDs and everybody enjoyed finding sea creatures from the under the sea tuff trays!



LARCH Class

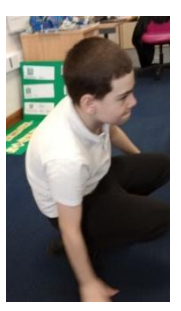


Larch class have made a great start to their animation projects. We have been writing our names and drawing pictures, one stage at a time and using the Aardman animation app to turn our drawings into moving animations that look like they are drawing themselves. If you have access to this app on a device at home, I am sure they would love to demonstrate their new-found skills! We have also set up a recording studio where we can act out our Superhero stories and record each other. We may have missed the Oscars this year, but watch this space, we are the movie makers of the future!



CHERRY Class

This week in Cherry Class, we have begun our focus on rhyme in Literacy. We have developed our acting skills in creative arts by playing drama games such as 'charades'. Cherry Class have discussed the different emotions in mental health and wellbeing and reflected on times when we have felt certain emotions.



CHESTNUT Class

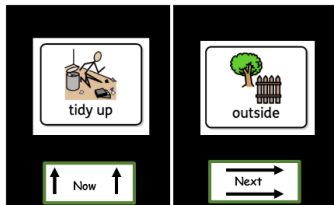


Chestnut class have had an amazing week, working well on our physical development skills. Gross motor skills were a great success using the scooters, wiggle cars and the balls on the top playground on Tuesday Afternoon.





Communication Team News



Now and next board

"Well worth a look!!!

Hi everyone,

If you are finding transitions and small changes at home a little tricky. For example:

- Your child might have difficulty in understanding spoken questions, e.g. 'What comes next?' and 'What do I need to do?'
- Your child might have difficulty finishing one activity and starting another.

A now and next board might help. You can find free now and next board information and resources on our WFS website in' Our development/Communication/Now & Next Board or you can follow the link below.

[Wyre Forest Special School - Now & Next Board \(wfs.worcs.sch.uk\)](http://wfs.worcs.sch.uk)

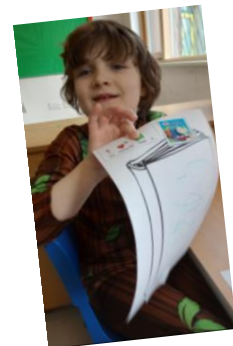
We hope you find the information useful?

Best wishes

Beverley Thorne

Communication Lead

World Book Day



6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[March 8th 2023 Sixth Form Newsletter \(office.com\)](#)

FIR Class

This week Fir class have been exploring different sensory items and mark making. We also enjoyed exploring the snow showers.



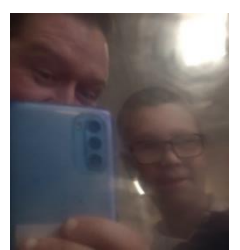
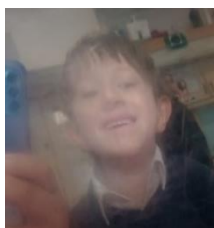
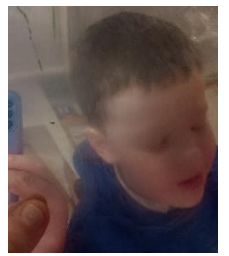
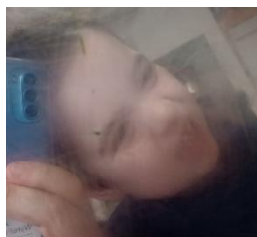
YEW Class

Yew class has had a brilliant week - we have been swimming; we all love going in the hydro pool.



In mental health and wellbeing, we have been looking for different emotions - and making happy, sad, angry faces in the mirrors.

Can you guess what faces we are pulling?





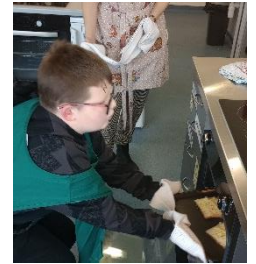
We also found pictures of things that we do that make us happy. What a lovely week!



ASH Class



Ash class have been working really hard this week. In cooking they have been working on their independency skills. This week they made melted cheese on toast, they were all able to use the grill on their own.



In Maths they have been working on addition and subtraction, they have used number lines to help with different sums.



In "the world about us" the children have been naming all the different parts of a plant.



ART GALLERY

Willow, Sycamore and Maple class had a wonderful time at our Art Gallery event! We showed off our sculptures and artwork to our friends and families! We then worked together to create some clay coasters and some mythical creature collages! Great work everyone and it was so lovely to see so many families getting involved too!



Party fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association

A local mum is running the London Marathon to raise money for the Down Syndrome association. She is raising money through a children's party! This will be held at Chelmarsh hall on the 21st March at 5pm to 6pm. More information available at www.discodaddy.co.uk



WILLOW Class

Willow class have done some brilliant work in PE all about moving our bodies in different ways! We have been using the balance beam and the children have done some fantastic balances! Well done Willow class!





Hi everyone, as you all know Comic Relief is just around the corner, **17th March** to be exact!

This year's theme is all about spreading joy, which is marvellous as we could all do with some extra joy in our lives. We would like to invite staff and children to either wear something red, or in something that brings them joy, maybe you've got a sparkly top you love, or a fantastic hat that makes you smile when you wear it.

Over three punishing days and two freezing nights Emma Willis, Oti Mabuse and Rylan will face the ultimate test of willpower, determination, and survival skills. They will trek between Braemar and Cairn Gorm in the Scottish Highlands. We are going to be completing our very own version of this in school.

We would like to ask for a small donation of £1 to wear something fabulous to go towards the fantastic work Comic Relief do!

Russell House News

This week we have been to youth club and made sausage rolls they were a big hit.

Due to the snow, we have taken full advantage of the sports hall and enjoyed lots of onsite activities such as baking, karaoke, movie night, arts, and crafts.



Home-Start

SWAP SHOP FREE JUMBLE!

- On Friday 31st March 2023, from 9am until 1pm
- Our Swap Shop will be at Adams Lounge, St Ambrose parish Centre, Kidderminster, DY10 1RP
- Please join us and bring along your preloved children's clothes, or just come for a freebie, and a hot drink!
- Please visit us on Facebook @HSWFswapshop

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We had lots of fun finding out how food can be changed using science.



MARCH 2023	
17	Comic Relief
20	Vaccinations for Year 9 ONLY – Remember to click on the link you've been sent to say if you give or DO NOT give consent, thank you.
21	World Down Syndrome Day
24	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Nursery & Reception
28	Pathway 1 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic 1.30pm-parents/carers invited
29	Early Years Easter Themed Stay & Play 1.30pm-2.30pm – parents/carers are welcome
30	Pathway 2 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic 1.30pm-parents/carers invited

Please note: all the above dates / times are subject to change.

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e, telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you