

# Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## Information for Parents



Yesterday the Friends of Wyre Forest did a fantastic job of supporting the children choosing and wrapping a gift for Mother's Day. The hall looked like an Aladdin's cave, and I know those receiving the gifts will not be disappointed. Thank you to the Friends for organising and giving up your time, it really is appreciated.

Molly and I have just got back from a fabulous time with Poplar class - seeing the children develop in confidence since the first time we went out is lovely and I do love the chats we have. Although, I think the cakes Connor provided at the end of the walk were the biggest hit!!



Today the school is awash with red and people looking 'fabulous' - although my environmentally friendly paper red nose lasted just seconds with Acorns 😊.

Next week I will be proudly wearing odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day 21<sup>st</sup> March and very much looking forward to the run up to Easter.



Please be aware work starts on the new playground 27<sup>th</sup> March and this may cause some disruption to the routes you may have to take, but we will clearly signpost them.

## HAWTHORN Class

Hawthorn class have been learning about Rachel Carson as part of their topic about Heroes. We learnt that her research on oceans led to us knowing what we know today about how important it is to look after them.

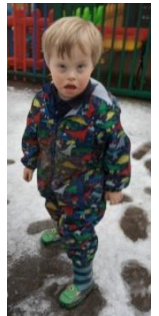
We learned about the problems we are causing by dumping plastic in our oceans and we were really shocked by it! We designed and made our own sea creatures out of plastic to represent this.



## OAK Class

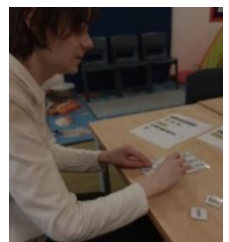


We were very excited by the snow last week and we made the most of it whilst it lasted. We enjoyed feeling the cold, fluffy snow and making marks in it in a range of different ways, as well as dancing in the snow and then jumping in wet slushy puddles as it melted. If only it had arrived last half term when we were learning about the weather, however it was better late than never!



## FIR Class

This week in Fir class we have been working on following instructions and completing tasks independently.

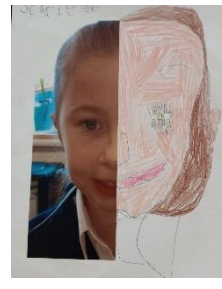
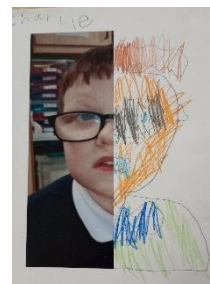
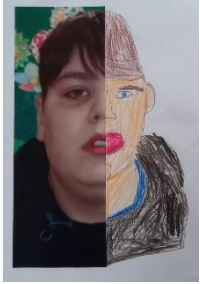
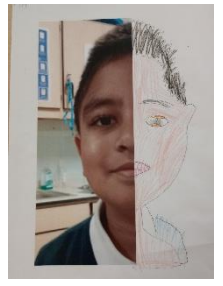


## ROWAN Class





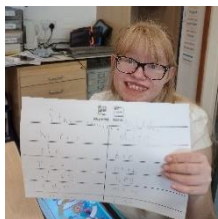
Rowan Class have been looking at the work of different artists who use their imagination to create face portraits. The pupils started working on portraits by completing a self-portrait where just half of a photographic image was given and they had to complete the portrait. Everyone worked with care and patience, choosing the correct colours to produce fantastic results. In pairs our budding artists progressed to using chalks to create a portrait of their partner, again with such good results we were able to guess who everyone in the portraits!



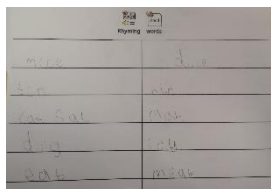
Today we had great fun making portraits of ourselves using fruit and vegetable cut outs in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, the Italian painter. Can you guess who is who?!



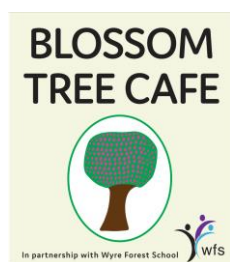
## CHERRY Class



Cherry Class have been very busy this week! We have paired and identified rhyming words in Literacy! We have concentrated on taking away in Maths and we made some fantastic dens in outdoor learning!



Cherry Class have been working on their basketball skills in PE, including passing, tackling, dribbling, and shooting! In our independence session, we made chocolate brownies and we focused on how we can prepare and clean up our equipment.



The Blossom Tree Café students applied for and received funding from the Friends of Wyre Forest School.

We have been able to purchase a new Hoover, carpet runners and door mat for the Café. Students were delighted with the items and looking forward to using and taking care of them, developing employability skills.







## Smart Money Award

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Ann, Financial Education Officer at HSBC, came into school last week to present us with a HSBC Smart Money award. Ann has delivered over 20 sessions to pupils in post-14, pathway 4 and post-16, helping them to learn about money and giving them access to the skills they need for everyday life. We held a special assembly during which Ann taught us about debit cards before presenting us with our award. Thanks Ann!



## PINE Class



Our fairy tale story in Pine class has been Cinderella, the children have thoroughly enjoyed this one, engaging with the props and joining in with craft activities. We have made very sparkly wands using sticks that we found in Forest school and made Cinderella's glass slippers. We used plates and orange paint to make the pumpkin carriage.

We have also made our role play area into a Fairy Tale Castle and the children have become engrossed with dressing up as kings/queens and prince/princesses.



## OAK Class



Oak Class have been practising our self-regulation skills by blowing through straws to create bubbles in paint. The children were fascinated to see the coloured bubbles appear and those who found it tricky to blow bubbles enjoyed popping them. We can't wait for our Mother's Day cards to go home so that you can see what we created for the special ladies in our lives!



### World Autism Acceptance Week

Monday 27 March to Sunday 2 April 2023



Autism Acceptance week – March 27<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

The theme for Autism Acceptance Week this year is Colour.

Children will be taking part in lots of fun and colourful activities throughout the week culminating in a whole school colourful art display for pupils to visit on the Friday.

As there have been a number of fundraising events this half term, please don't feel obliged to send money, however if you would like to send a donation these will be collected and forwarded to the National Autistic Society.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> staff and pupils are invited to dress in colourful clothes – the brighter the better!

Class teachers will be in touch next week with more information about specific activities that you child will be taking part in.





## HAZEL Class



This term, Hazel class have been learning about what happens on a farm. We have been exploring animal sounds, thinking about features of farm animals, playing in our farm shop, and completing work tasks to increase our understanding of where we get some of our produce from.

We have been sharing lots of farm stories and have really enjoyed baking bread, just like the hen in our story Little red hen.



## ASH Class

Ash class have had great fun this week in "Literacy". Our story for this half term is "The Foggy Foggy Forest", The book contains different silhouettes and the children have enjoyed guessing what the silhouette is. We then moved on to making our own silhouettes using our shadow theatre and finger puppets.



In our independent cooking skills lesson the children had great fun making scones.



Then in maths they have continued to work on the addition and subtraction skills.







## Communication Team News



### Free Resources – Freebie Friday!



Introducing Freebie Friday where we will be posting free resources for you to download & share. Remember to check regularly for different resources. Share, like and leave your comments on Facebook & Twitter page.

**Back To School Poster**

**Download**

Hi everyone, check out the website, [signalong.org.uk](http://signalong.org.uk). The website has a section called 'Freebie Friday'. This is where you can download and print a free signing resource.

The free resource available this time is for hot cross buns. Click on the link below to have a look.

<https://www.signalong.org.uk/filemanager/Freebie%20Friday/03%20Mar%20Hot%20Cross%20Buns.pdf>

Many thanks, Beverley (WFS Signalong Tutor)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter

[15th March Newsletter \(office.com\)](#)

## World Down Syndrome Day



## Russell House

Another fun filled week at Russell House. We made pancakes at youth club, went swimming and went to the cafe and had cake. On Thursday we had a samba drumming session, it was so much fun, and the students loved it.

"I loved the drumming, it was fun, we enjoyed giving the staff a headache" ~ Pupil comment.





## The Great British Plant Off



Pupils at Wyre Forest are going green this week and next! But don't worry, they aren't ill, they will be helping to plant trees and bushes around the school site. We have had around 250 saplings arrived so most pupils will get to plant one! Watch this space in five years' time, we might have our very own forest!

Mr Harper

| MARCH 2023 |   |
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| 20         | Vaccinations for Year 9 <b>ONLY</b> – <i>Remember to click on the link you've been sent to say if you give or DO NOT give consent, thank you.</i> |
| 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**