

Newsletter Friday 21st April 2023

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Information for Parents



I do hope you all had a good Easter and hopefully the weather will get warmer soon. The new playground looks amazing and will soon be ready for use - very exciting.

Thank you all for the kind messages many of you have sent regards the death of our friend and colleague Abby Baker. The WFS family are making this terrible loss easier. Abby's funeral is Thursday 4th May, and as so many staff want to attend, and as a mark of respect, school will be closed to pupils on this day.



If your child's class is closed for strike days, you will have already been notified by text. We are currently unsure if there will be more strike days, but other teaching unions are now being balloted to strike too. I will keep you posted.

Several of you are getting anxious about classes and staffing for September. We will be notifying you on the 9th of June after the teacher resignation date has passed.

If you are interested in becoming a governor and supporting the school, please remember the deadline is 5th May.

HAZEL Class

Hazel class enjoying the art exhibition.



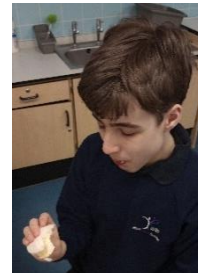
HOLLY Class

Holly class are really enjoying exploring their new role play area and resources for their new pirates' topic.



FIR Class

This week fir class started cooking, we followed instructions to make a sandwich and we also tried eating them.

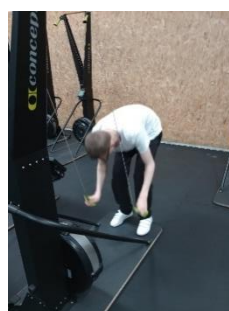
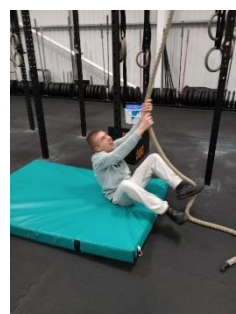
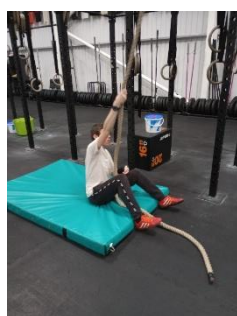
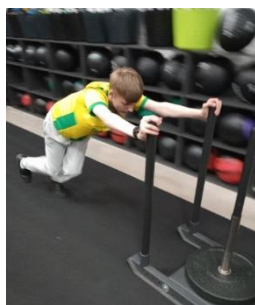
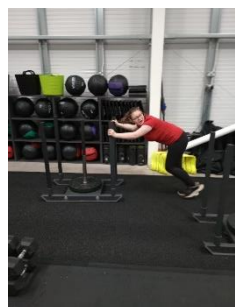
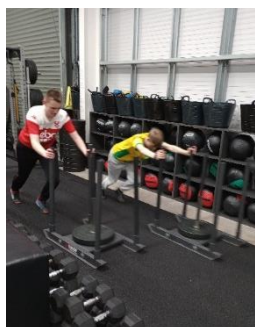
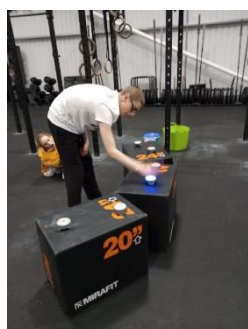


11H

11H visited a gym as part of their curriculum, learning about gyms, fitness, and places to keep us fit and healthy outside of school.

We visited Wyre Forest Crossfit where Phil the owner put us through our paces in a class. We participated in rope climbs, sled pushes, skiing, rowing, and reaction games. An amazing time was had by all, and everybody gave their 100%. Most of the pupils have said they would like to go back outside of school hours!

Crossfit Wyre Forest hold classes for both children and adults. If you are interested in joining or having a taster session, contact Phil on 07866634898 or email phil@crossfitwyreforest.com



SYCAMORE Class



In our Creative lessons this half term, Sycamore are exploring different materials to make collages. Over the coming weeks, we will be folding, tearing, scrunching and curling paper to make creative masterpieces. This week we started with tearing and gluing small pieces of red paper to make a St. George's Flag in preparation for St George's Day. We carefully glued the cross section to apply the red paper.



Communication Team News



Hi everyone,

I thought you might find these links useful for King Charles's coronation.

- WFS national anthem video

<https://video4.juniperwebsites.co.uk/files/ovw2/52/wh54@wfs.worcs.sch.uk/Godsavetheking.mp4>

- Coronation signing poster

<https://www.signalong.org.uk/filemanager/KINGS%20CORANATION.pdf>

Many thanks, Beverley (WFS Signalong Tutor)



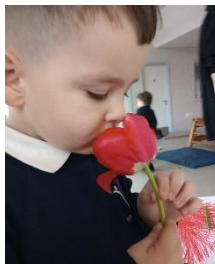
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ACORNS Reception

This week, the children have been enjoying their new topic of How Does Your Garden Grow and we have started to plant our own seeds to see how they grow! Alana enjoyed seeing examples of the plants such as basil and coriander and enjoyed giving them a sniff! We have also been busy creating flowers in Expressive Art and Design so that we can create our own garden of artwork in the classroom.



We have also loved handling real flowers and were inspired to create some art, doing some "still life" drawings. We have loved exploring the creatures that help our gardens to grow, finding bugs and looking at tadpoles and newts in the school's pond.



HSBC UK DISABILITY HUB: STOURPORT

DISABILITY HUB IS THIS SUNDAY

11am till 1 pm
At Stourport Sports Club

Please note the new start time 11 AM till 1PM

It's still £5 per rider
Pay on the day
A carer can ride for free.
All disabilities seen or unseen welcomed!



Also, on these dates

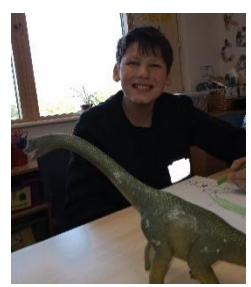
April 23rd
May 21st
June 25th
July 30th
August 27th
September 24th
October 29th
November 26th

Please message me for any more information.
See you soon, Paul.
Email address - paulfromkiddy@yahoo.co.uk
Link - [Inclusive cycling - Wyre Forest CRC \(wfcrc.org.uk\)](http://wfcrc.org.uk)

ASH Class



Ash class have had a really good first week back, in Literacy the children have been talking through our new book "If I had a dinosaur". The children have enjoyed listening to the story and answering questions to do with "Who" "What" and "Where".



YEW Class



This week Yew class have enjoyed exploring Forest School. We have helped to use a saw, released tadpoles into the pond and had lots of fun digging and making mud pies. We also had a great time pushing and pulling each other around in the wheelbarrows!



To celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort, the Friends of WFS are offering all families the chance to win a luxury hamper. Packed full of speciality food and drink from M&S, Waitrose, Sainsburys and Tesco, it's perfect for the royal occasion. New donations are being added every day and we've just received some BBQ goodies from The Deli at Belbroughton.

Raffle tickets, which cost £1 each, were sent home earlier this week and need to be returned to the School Office with cash by Friday 28th April.

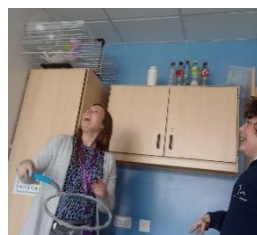
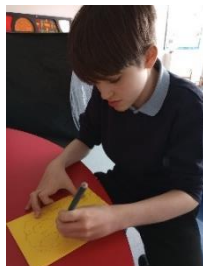
If you'd like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via friendsofwyreforestschoo@gmail.com

We also have our AGM on Tuesday 25th April at 9:30am at Russell House and everyone is welcome!



CHESTNUT Class

This week we have had a good first week settling back in with our new class teacher Amie. We have enjoyed sensory activities and some of our provision such as forest school and soft play.



ROWAN Class



Rowan Class have started learning about fractions this half term. Pupils enjoyed cutting objects, playdough items and images in half making sure that there were 2 parts that were the same size.



Our story this half term, Where the Wild Things Are, was enjoyed by all and the class worked well in their first dance and drama lesson, where they thought about the story and worked together to develop movements and ideas to start creating their own dance based on the story. Each week we will develop a new part of the story and build on this to create a full dance about the whole story. Our first trip to the Wyre Forest Leisure pool for swimming this week was also a great success, and the class team were very proud of how well behaved and how confident everyone was in the pool. Everyone listened well and really enjoyed being in the water. Well done Rowan Class. What a great start to the week



HAZEL Class

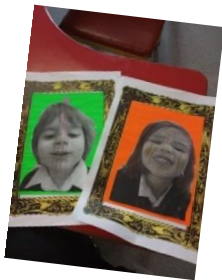


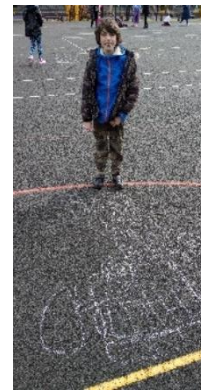
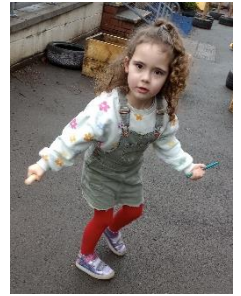
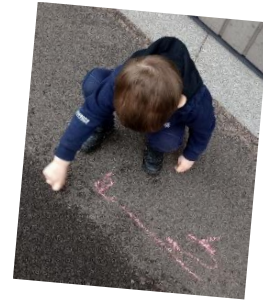
Hazel class have started a new topic 'castles and knights'. They have been exploring 'Hazel Castle' filled with dressing up costumes, have completed knight related work tasks, been making castles with bricks and exploring knights and castles in the sensory trays. This week's book has been 'The knight who wouldn't fight'. The children have been enjoying this and engaged well drawing pictures of their favourite characters. Well done Hazel class!



Autism Awareness Week

At the end of last term, pupils and staff enjoyed celebrating Autism Week at WFS, joining in many activities to raise awareness of Autism and to celebrate our individuality through the theme of colours. Pupils followed rainbow trails around the school, finding items that corresponded to the colours of the rainbow or answering questions with rainbow colour answers. Coloured chalks were used to brighten up the playgrounds and pupils all created a colourful self-portrait. On the last day of term everyone celebrated by wearing bright coloured clothes, hair and accessories making the school a very colourful place to be! In the afternoon the Rainbow Gallery opened for classes to visit and enjoy seeing the pupil's colourful self-portraits, beautifully displayed in the atrium. What a wonderful sight! The colours used and all the imaginative and creative ideas displayed were incredible. A wonderful whole school celebration and display of each child's individual creativity. Fantastic!





6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[21st APRIL Newsletter \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

ELM Class

This week Elm class have been preparing for Eid al-Fitr by getting creative and observing traditional practices. We made our own mint sauce raita for our feast of samosas and onion baijis. We made sparkly lanterns to decorate the classroom and greeting cards for our families.

Eid Mubarak everyone!



Russell House News

It has been a lovely week back, we have been to youth club and made rice crispy cakes, went on a lovely walk, been to the park and had a quiz that crowned Finn as the winner.



APRIL 2023	
27	Pathway 4 – Curriculum based parent craft – 1.30pm STRIKE DAY – <i>Classes which are closed have already been notified</i>

MAY 2023	
1	School Closed - May Bank Holiday
4	School Closed – Funeral (see Mrs Garratts message in the newsletter)
8	School Closed – Coronation Bank Holiday
10	Sixth Form Coffee Event – 1.30pm
19	EYFS Years Stay and Play – 1.30pm
29 May – 1 June	HALF TERM

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