

Newsletter Friday 9th February 2024

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Information for Parents



What an amazing week we have had - busy but great! We started the week being nominated for an award [Worcestershire Education Awards 2024: Wyre Forest School nominated | Kidderminster Shuttle](#), Dan Archer organised a really useful and informative internet safety day, lots of our children had a fabulous time at Baxter College watching their performance of Greece, Rebekah Thompson organised a brilliant Life Beyond schools event, we got to see lots of parents at parents evening, and to top it off the school has been rocking for two days thanks to Kidderminster College bands playing for our pupils!!!

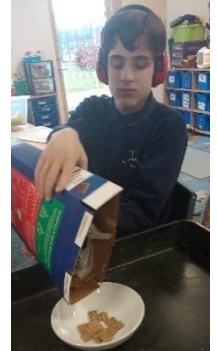
We also have welcomed Vicky Boden-Turner back after maternity leave and say thank you and goodbye to Sarah Newton as her maternity contract ends.



And finally, can you see Chef James? Our very own super chef! Not only did he win his category in the summer when Joe Wicks came to school and presented him with the award, but he has now won the overall category – WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU JAMES!

FIR Class

This week in Fir class we have been working on our independence skills. We have been making bowls of cereal independently, working on following instructions and washing hands before we touch food.



MAPLE Class

Maple class enjoyed exploring the Forest School area. The water wall, hammock and the huge tyre were firm favourites. This term they have been learning how to whittle sticks, using a knife in a safe manner. They have shown good listening skills and followed instructions carefully.



PARENT POP IN



BIRCH Class

This week Birch class have been learning all about the Chinese New Year. We have tasted new foods and experimented with chopsticks and tweezers! We especially enjoyed the traditional Chinese songs and the Dragon dance!



6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[Friday 9th February 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](https://cloud.microsoft.com/)

YEW Class



Yew class have had a super week. We have finished our Bear Hunt Story with our 'swirling whirling snowstorm'. We used the school's wind machine and paper shreadings and had a great time being in our very own snowstorm. The children have worked so hard this term with teeth brushing, reading and number work, we are all very proud. This week we have also been working on our 'Well-being' in class, using the foot spa, playing with playdough, doing some colouring in and further developing their relationships with adults and friends.

We look forward to our new story next half term, continuing our 'An Adventure' theme with 'Go go pirate boat' by Nick Sharratt.



OLIVE Class

Olive class have been practising their knot tying skills in forest school this week making their very own 'log dogs' - they then took them for a walk and gave them their own names. Well done Olive Class!





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Communication Team News

Hi everyone,

Our focus this term is on language.

Using non-literal language.

- Non-literal language is used in everyday communication. Sometimes known as sarcasm, idioms, and inferences.
- Being able to understand non - literal language is important for social interactions.
- Some examples are "It's raining cats and dogs" or "I have a frog in my throat". Children who have autism can find this type of language confusing because they take the words literally. They might think it is really raining cats and dogs.



- You can help by explaining what the saying means. You can do this by using visuals.
- Or you can just be aware of how much literal language you use in your conversations.

Kind regards,

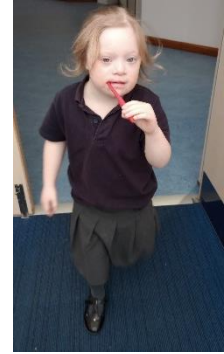
The Communication Team



CHERRY Class



Cherry class have finished off their oral hygiene topic this week, we have all become more confident in cleaning our teeth and now know what foods are good and bad for our teeth. We have enjoyed this topic!
We have also explored the sensory circuits which is lots of fun!



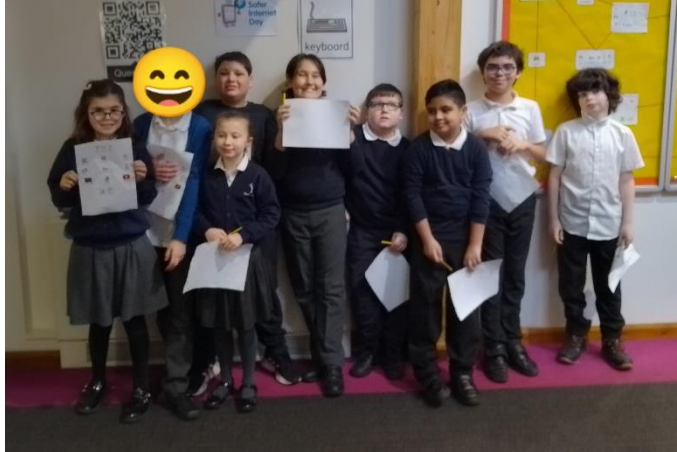
10H News

10H have been very busy making a bug house in our outdoor area. It is so big it is more like a bug hotel!
We have re used lots of things people no longer want and collected sticks, bark, and cane. We still have more collecting and building to do and will show everyone how it looks when we have finished.



PEAR Class

This week Pear class have been exploring Safer Internet Day. We have been looking at different ways to keep ourselves safe online and enjoyed a trail around the school. Some of our pupils have been exploring our Life After School event and had a lovely time looking at options for after school.



CEDAR Class

Cedar class have been doing amazing with their physiotherapy. We have been doing lots of floor time for stretches, time in standers, and time in walkers, as well as practicing sitting on benches and chairs. They have been doing jobs such as fetching the toast and operating the lift by pressing the button and working on communication and interaction targets while doing physio too.



SYCAMORE Class

This week we decided to celebrate pancake day early as we are not at school next week for it. We had lots of fun exploring our pancake day sensory tray - making dough, whisking, and squeezing lemons.

We also tried some pancakes and chose our own toppings by pointing to which one I wanted on my pancake. Great work Sycamore class.



CHESTNUT Class



This week for Chestnuts cooking activity we have been practicing flipping pancakes in a frying pan and filling them with a selection of foods, spreading honey, chocolate spread or jam and then adding fruit. The children had a lot of fun and most tried their creations.



JUNIPER Class

Juniper class have been continuing to develop their musical skills this week. Pupils have been exploring a variety of musical instruments to find different ways of playing them e.g. hitting, shaking, scraping etc and noticing how this changes the sound that the instruments makes. We enjoyed listening to a musical story and this inspired us to compose and perform our own musical version of our story Monkey Puzzle.

Each pupil chose the instrument that they felt sounded like each of the jungle animals in the story and pupils voted for the best ones. These were then used to accompany the story to make our own musical version of Monkey Puzzle. Everyone worked really hard to listen and play their instruments at the right time and it made the story even more enjoyable and interesting.

Well done Juniper class you have made great progress with music skills this term.



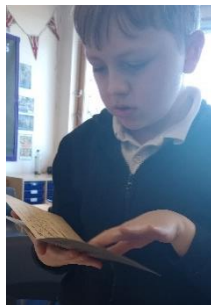
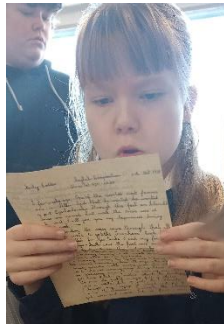
Please click on this link to access what events/activities are happening in the local area:

[Winter 2024](#)



4A News

This term our topic is World War 2 in our History lesson, the children loved getting to look at ration books, letters and even an old helmet from the war.



Design & Technology

4A and 4G have been using the workshop in their DT lessons to design and make a wooden maze game. The pupils have learnt to use a selection of tools including a drill, screwdriver, and hacksaw to create their maze and have added their own fun designs.



J has been in the workshop designing and making a phone and speaker box. He has used different machines and tools and added a Chinese blossom tree design.



APPLE Class

We have celebrated Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) a week early due to it being half term next week. Our favourite part was the making our own pancakes and choosing different toppings. Chocolate sauce was very popular! We had a pancake playdough tuff spot try so children could roll out their own pancakes and plastic fruit to place on top. We did a sticking activity where children attached different toppings and we also had yellow loop to explore.



ELM Class

This week we engaged with internet safety day in Elm class by exploring different programmes that we can access using the internet. We enjoyed accessing different songs and activities on the internet and we did this with the help of our familiar adults.

We have also been exploring the concepts 'big' and 'small' this half term. This week we enjoyed rolling different sized

balls and cars down ramps or slides which we found really fun! We also engaged in printing with different sized objects and loved getting very messy. Well done, Elm Class!



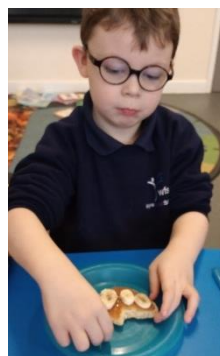
ORANGE Class



Last Friday we celebrated number day in Orange class. A big effort was made for this by the children coming in their own clothes covered in numbers.

This week we have been celebrating valentine's day and pancake day. The children painted their hands or feet making choices using an ALD. We have some lovely valentine's artwork from this.

We also have done some food tasting with this week being pancakes. The children chose their own toppings and spread their choices across their pancakes all very independently.



LARCH Class



Love is in the air!

Larch class have been getting ready for Valentines Day by creating their own cards and collage hearts.



LEMON Class

Wow! Lemon class had such a fabulous day for Number Day. The tuff tray numbers were hidden under the flour for the children to find and we had lots of fun collecting them. We used the bus resources for counting games and Number Bingo and our playdough number mats were set out to explore. In the afternoon it was lovely to see the children exploring our outdoor area for our number hunt and everybody took part so well. Well done for a great Number Day Lemon Class!



To finish off our termly topic of Traditional Tales, our story of the week has been Goldilocks & The Three Bears and the children have LOVED it! We made Bear Face pancakes in Sensory Cookery, enjoyed exploring bear masks and ALDs linked to the story and have been developing our communication by answering questions about the story.

We hope you all have a lovely half term, and we'll see you all when school reopens on Monday 19th February.

Family Support through the holidays



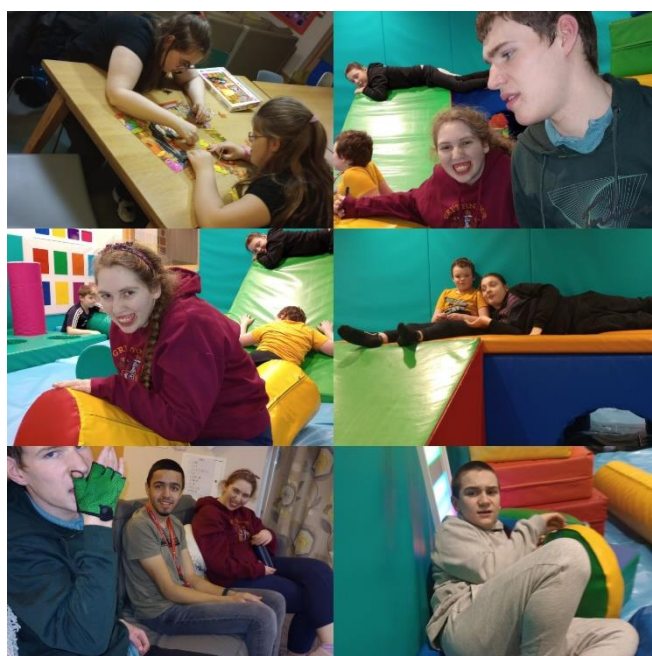
Donna Lester - Senior Family Support Worker - will be available for support throughout the school holidays.

You can contact Donna between 9am and 3pm.

Please ring the school office and choose option 7 on the phone system to be put through to Donna.

Russell House News

This week we have been swimming, soft play, playground, and the park. As it is internet safety week, we had a let's talk session where we spoke about how to keep ourselves safe when online. During one of our student's forums our students asked to have a milkshake competition. So yesterday that's what we did. We went shopping to Tesco to get the ingredients. We had mango, blueberry, Oreo, Caramilk, and gummy bears. The winner was Alex with his mango madness milkshake. Well done Alex.



Pathway 3 News

Pathway 3 pupils have taken part in a music workshop with students from Kidderminster College. As part of their community work student from the college came to perform a range of songs and allowed the pupils to explore and have a go with some instruments they use in their band. The pupils were up singing and dancing and made their own rock bands.



Oak class had a FABULOUS time on Thursday morning listening to a rock band. The children had a great time and did some wonderful dancing. After the concert they enjoyed chatting to the band members and played some instruments. The children decided that they want to create their own class band called 'Oak Class and the Acorns!'



FEBRUARY 2024	
12 – 16 HALF TERM	
19	All children back to school
MARCH 2024	
1	HAZEL & MAPLE Food Fayre with Parents – 1.30pm
7	World Book Day
8	Friends of WFS – Mother's Day / Carers Gift Shop Reception Parents Support Group – OT Specialist Session with Sophie Keyte 1.30-2.30pm
W/C 18th	
19	Pathway 1 – Easter Celebration with Parents – 1.30pm
20	Pathway 2 – Easter Picnic – 1.30pm
21	EYFS – Easter Egg Hunt – Parents invited, in The Orchard outdoor area 1.30 – 2.30pm
21	World Down Syndrome Day
21	Pathway 4 – Topic based Parent Event
22	World Autism Day
25 th March – 5th April Easter Holidays	

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