

Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2024

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Information for Parents



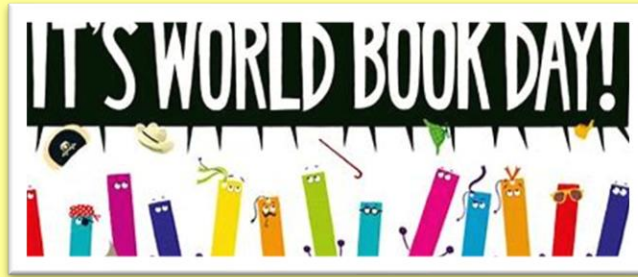
I hope everyone had a lovely half term. On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed [Peter Imray – Specialising in Special Educational Needs Training and Advice](#) to look at our curriculum. He was very impressed with our school and has offered us some tweaks to make it even better.

As the lighter nights arrive and the weather gets better, children after school often play on the playground equipment. This is not a problem, but it will be the responsibility of the person collecting them if there is an accident so, please watch your child carefully.



On **Friday 15th March**, Wyre Forest School will be 'Dressing up funny for Money' for Comic Relief. Put on your mismatched patterns, make a funny hairstyle, wear your clothes back to front, the possibilities are endless. We will also be having some very special visitors in school, you may recognise them off the television! Thank you.





On **Thursday 7th March**, it is World Book Day, and we are really looking forward to it! We are encouraging all pupils and staff to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in their favourite book. (We recognise and understand that some pupils prefer to wear their school uniform or their usual school clothes on this day and that is fine.) On the day, the pupils will take part in some book focused activities and have lots of book-based fun!

HAZEL Class

Hazel class have been practising our independence skills by dressing ourselves and preparing a healthy fruit salad. We have enjoyed visiting the Light Room and interacting with the projector and light tube.



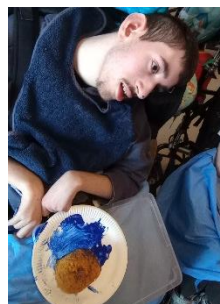
6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[Friday 23rd February 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](https://cloud.microsoft.com)

CEDAR Class

Cedar class are practicing reaching in different directions, extending our arms and fingers to grasp and explore the different things we have in class. Some of us have really enjoyed the messy food based activities. Sometimes, we've explored reaching for long pieces of dough. Sometimes we've reached for a lump which we've enjoyed squashing between our fingers. This was very enjoyable!! Some of us prefer craft activities and stretch towards the paint because we like to feel the paint between our fingers. Some of us enjoy painting and mark making, reaching to apply more paint to our pictures. We also like to use tools such a ball to move paint around the paper. We've also found reaching for instruments very useful to make quiet, scratchy noises on a drum.



BEECH Class

Beech class have had an excellent start to the half-term! Swimming was a big success, with everyone keeping up the excellent progress. Here are some pictures of the students working hard in the kitchen, washing dishes!





Friends of Wyre Forest School

To celebrate Mother's Day, the Friends of Wyre Forest will be opening a surprise gift shop in school on Friday 8th March. The gift shop will be run by parent/carer volunteers and each gift will cost £3.50. There will be a selection of gifts for students to choose from encouraging decision making and independent thinking in a safe and familiar environment. Letters will be sent home from today. If you would like your child to take part please return the form by Friday 1st March.

If you would like to get in touch or have any questions, please contact us via friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com

LARCH Class



This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year.

The children have enjoyed sensory play with noodles and rice. They have become experts at using chopsticks and tweezers to pick things up. We all joined in with a scarf dance, moving the scarves like the Chinese dragon, and even made handprint dragons in our creative sessions.

Huge congratulations to Nathaniel who was also awarded a certificate for great progress using his PECS this week too!



CHESTNUT Class

To help settle the children back into Chestnut class after half term, we have been exploring how to do sensory massages on each other. All the children had lots of fun working together. Well done chestnut class.



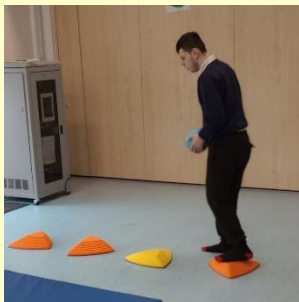
PEAR Class

This week Pear class have started learning in the cookery room. We had lots of fun making toast and hot chocolate and learning how to be safe in the kitchen.



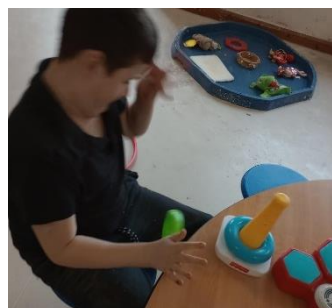
FIR Class

This week in Fir class we have been exploring in PE with different heights and looking at recognising our fellow students in the classroom.



SYCAMORE Class

This week in Sycamore class we have enjoyed exploring textures and cause and effect toys!



PARENT POP IN



BIRCH Class

This week Birch class have been reading a new book! The book is called "The Little Red Hen" - our favourite part is when the Little Red Hen eats the bread all by herself!

The tuff tray in the photos has been our favourite this week!



ORANGE Class

In Orange class this week we have been exploring the life cycle of a frog. We have also been learning the song 5 little speckled frogs which the children enjoy.

We have used chia seeds in our sensory tuff tray for the children to explore, some of the children were unsure but others really enjoyed the texture and spent a while exploring.



In Forest school today we did some sawing. Mr Liggitt was very good at explaining to the children what they were going to be doing. The children really enjoyed the activity and did some very good listening to instructions whilst around the tools.



10P News



HARRIERS Football Club
HEALTH KICK Kick Chart
 Parents/Guardians to sign for each box
 www.harriers.co.uk/community Tel: 01562 853821
 WELL DONE
 Supported by Worcestershire Health Improvement Fund

10P starts the Harriers Health Kick.

Students welcomed Dan and Adam from Kidderminster Harriers. They will take part in different activities over the next five weeks.

On Wednesday we talked about how completing stretches before exercise is important, each student said they could feel their muscles stretching but it didn't hurt. There are five S's in sport exercise and they are: skills, stretching, speed, strength, and stamina. We will look at these in more details over the next few weeks.

Each student has taken home a healthy kick chart to complete. Please help them to fill it in.

INCLUSIVE CYCLE SESSIONS

Limitless

Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

facebook.com/groups/limitlesscycling



Join us at Stourport Sports Club for one of our inclusive cycle sessions. With our specialist equipment, traffic free circuit, and team of dedicated volunteer cycle coaches, we welcome all riders with additional needs.



Bring your own bike, or see some of ours below. We have a range of trikes, tandems, recumbents, hand-cycles, along with two-wheelers, helmets, and a mobile hoist, enabling these hub sessions to be accessible for all.

See our upcoming session dates below

- Sunday February 25th, 11am - 1 pm
- Sunday March 31st 11am, - 1 pm
- Sunday April 28th 11am - 1 pm
- Sunday May 19th 11am - 1pm



BRITISH CYCLING



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Please click on this link to see photographs of our activities and to see how we have been learning to stay safe online.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/WIT2KcqNhg4iajAe?ref=Link>



Helpful Information

Some of Post-16 and Post-14 took part in a Teams Meeting with a lady from Trading Standards who helped them learn about Loan sharks and illegal lending and where to get help.

Here's a link for more info for parents; <https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/>

MAPLE Class

This week we have been learning our new story, the Kitchen Disco, where the fruit have a party! We have been mixing paint to decorate oranges. We have used tissue paper to create funky fruit pictures.



We have been working on listening in communication, using the doll's house to place furniture, and place dolls in the house. They all enjoyed playing dolls house, well done Maple!



We have also been looking at people who help us, this week we have been looking at doctors. In class we have a doctor's role play, everyone enjoyed being a doctor's, helping each other as patients and treat them. They also helped poorly dollies, with lots of plasters and giving them medicines and injections. Wow! Maple class make amazing doctors!



LEMON Class

This week, Lemon class have begun their How Does Your Garden Grow topic with the lovely story, Sam Plants a Sunflower. In Expressive Art & Design, we have made paper plate sunflowers for our artwork display, printing sunflower seeds using bubble wrap and using ALDs to support our communication.

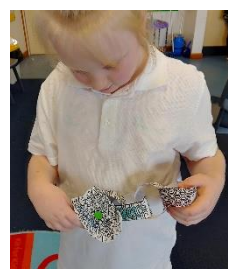


HAWTHORN Class

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We looked at how Chinese New Year is celebrated and learned about the Chinese Zodiac and how the emperor chose the animals for the different years by having a race.

We dressed up in Chinese clothes, looked at and explored some Chinese items and decorations, made lanterns by weaving, and made paper chain dragons. We also explored which animal was our year of birth.

Our role play area has become a Chinese restaurant, which we have helped to decorate, and we have been serving customers and taking orders throughout the week. We have enjoyed exploring and learning all about Chinese New Year.



WALNUT Class



Walnut class have started back really well and have been working really hard in all lessons.

In the world about us they we have started to look at flowers and plants and what they need to help them grow. The children enjoyed going and exploring looking for different plants and flowers.

In Mental health and well-being we have continued to talk about how we can keep our body and brain health.

Before we broke up for half term in cooking, we had great fun making pancakes, and all the children enjoyed eating them.



OAK Class

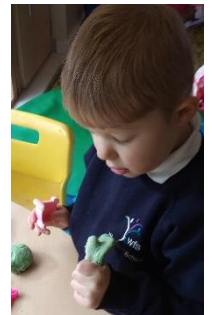
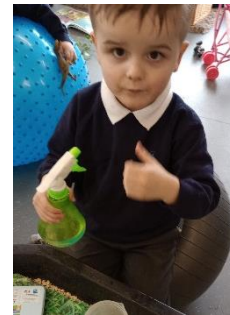
The children in Oak class have settled in well after returning from half term. In Maths this week we have started to look at money and recognising different denominations.



APPLE Class



Welcome back to everyone from Apple class. We hope you all had a lovely half term. Apple class have settled back into routine and embracing our new topic this term which is 'How does your garden grow?'. Our story this week has been Jasper's Beanstalk, and we are in the process of making our own beanstalk for display. We have had green playdough and had sensory trays to support learning of this story.





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CENTRE

Communication Team News

Hi everyone,

Our focus this term is on language.

Here's a Communication and Interaction top tip for this week:

Top Tip- We have several different senses, and we learn through our senses. This is called multi-sensory learning. You can support this type of learning by providing activities for your child to explore the world around them.

Here are some of the senses and ideas on how you can make your environment multi-sensory.



taste



smell



touch



vestibular (balance) and proprioceptive (body movement)



hearing



vision



It is worth noting that for some children they may not like some sensory experiences e.g. noise. Knowing what your child likes and does not like will help with providing the right kind of motivating and engaging sensory experiences.

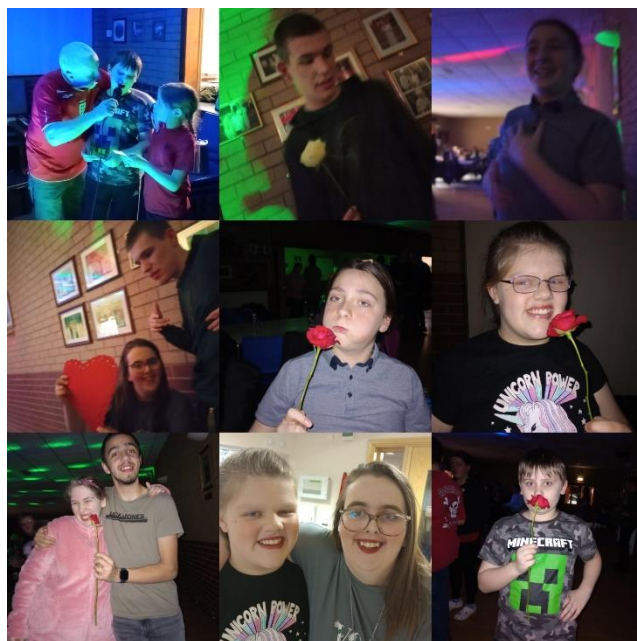
Kind regards,

The Communication Team



Russell House News

We have had a busy first week back. We attended the PODS disco, Claire really makes us feel welcome and treats our students to hotdogs and chocolate. We had a visit from "our way" our outside advocacy team, they brought lots of arts and crafts for us to explore. We have also been swimming, to the park, youth club, cricket, and soft play.



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
15	Comic Relief
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