

# Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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## Information for Parents



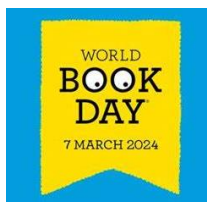
This week Mrs Phillips organised yet another amazing World Book Day and the children (and staff!) looked amazing - well done everyone.

Every Wednesday Molly the school dog hears readers and we have been blown away by the progress the children have made with their reading.

We do not like to close classes but regrettably when a whole staff team is ill, we have no alternative. We have reiterated the importance of staff letting us know as soon as possible if they are ill so we can give you as much time as possible.

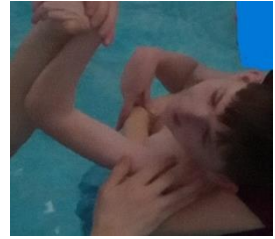
If you park by the pavement leading up to school, please do not park on or over the wide yellow line - please think of this as the kerb. Also you should not be driving over the pavement to park - I have seen too many near misses. If you park here at the start or end of the school day you must wait for the transport to move - we have had some parents honking horns and being abusive to transport staff. This is not acceptable - we have to keep our pupils safe and remember this is a staff car park. If you don't want to be trapped by transport, please find alternative parking. And finally with parking, if you see a vehicle and it says do not park behind because of wheelchair access required, do not pull up to it and prevent the wheelchair user from boarding their vehicle.

Please look out for more photographs of World Book Day, in next week's newsletter.



## CEDAR Class

The students from Cedar Class have been working hard in the pool this week. They were supported with Physiotherapy exercises which, combined with the warm water, helps to loosen up their stiff muscles. They all enjoyed exploring and playing with the water. Experiencing it in different ways. Many enjoyed relaxing in the bubbles, some enjoyed it when the water was tipped onto their hands or reaching for and manipulating toys. Some just enjoy the fact they can completely relax and float in different directions.



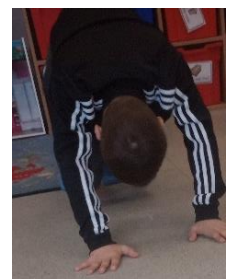
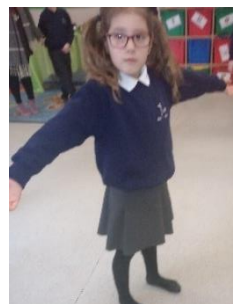
## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter

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

[Friday 8th March 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](https://cloud.microsoft.com/)

## OLIVE Class

Every Thursday Olive class have been having yoga sessions. They have been learning new stretches and how to breathe to help to stay calm and relaxed. At the end of each session, we talk about how it made us feel and why that might be.



## JUNIPER Class

In art lessons Juniper class have been developing their understanding and ability to work in monochrome. Pupils have explored mixing black and white paint to make different shades of grey before applying their learning to creating monochrome patterns. The pupils were all surprised at how many shades of grey they could make and how beautiful their artwork was, even though they were only using black and white.



We will be developing these skills further throughout this half term, as pupils will be designing and creating a new page for our story *The Foggy, Foggy Forest*. This will include making their own illustrations using monochrome painting and printing techniques, in keeping with the style of illustrations used in the book.

We look forward to sharing these with you when they are completed.



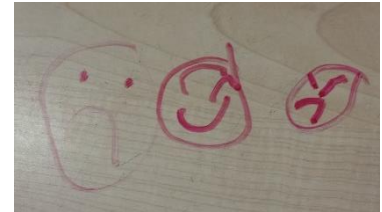
## PARENT POP IN





## OAK Class

This week Oak class have been focusing on different emotions, and talking about how emotions make us feel physically. The children listened to different scenarios and drew faces to show how they would feel. During learning through play activities, the children have worked in pairs or small groups, listening to each other, sharing, and taking turns. Some children really enjoyed a 'construction challenge' where they made a turbo car from Lego and completed a 250-piece puzzle!



# SLEEP WORKSHOP

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With CEREBRA Sleep Practitioners

**8TH MAY 2024**  
**10AM - 2PM**

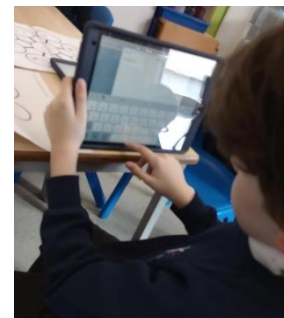
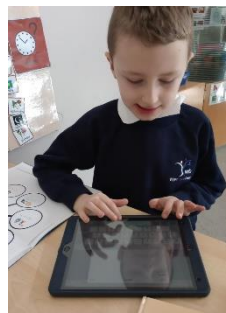
Come and join us and special guests CEREBRA for a day of detailed information on how you can tackle issues to improve your family's sleep and advice on dealing with specific sleep problems.



Lunch and refreshments provided.  
Please book through  
[supportingfamilies@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:supportingfamilies@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)  
Places are limited.

## SPRUCE Class

Spruce class have been working really hard in Literacy and Maths this week. We have been researching facts about lots of different animals and have been creating our very own non-fiction book using the Book Creator app on the iPads. We have been learning about positional and directional language in maths, and have been working as sheep farmers, using our language to send our sheep in the correct directions to make it to the pen. None of our sheep escaped so we must be pretty good and giving and following directions. Well done Spruce class!



## BIRCH Class

In preparation for World Book Day, Birch class have been exploring their favourite dress up costumes. We have also been learning about a new book! It's called "What the Ladybird Heard", our favourite part is when Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh fall into the duck pond and the police are called!





## MAPLE Class



Last week, for part of our learning of people who help us, this week we looked at firefighters. The children loved to learn about calling 999, dressing up as firefighters and using hose like tools to put out a painted fire in class.



This week we have enjoyed counting using lots of different items in the classroom, sometimes counting up to 10!

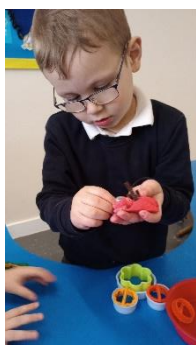
Maple have been very creative and built their own rocket ship, they worked together to choose materials to decorate it. Everyone worked well together, sharing ideas, and sharing resources. At the end they took it in turns to sit in the rocket and blast off to space!



## ORANGE Class

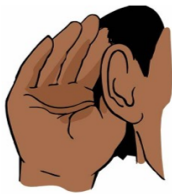


We have been learning about mini beasts this week in Orange class. The children have made mini beasts using play dough and other materials. We have also had a mini beast tuff tray where the children could look for mini beasts using a magnifying glass.





## Communication Team News



### Advice to Promote Early Language Development

#### Learning New Words

Repeat key words throughout the day, in a range of situations. Children need to hear a word many times before they can begin to learn and use the word themselves.

Link the words to real objects and real situations.

- Please check out [Widgit Symbol Resources | Ready-Made Teaching Materials](#)
- You find lots of visual resources here to support language and learning e.g., story pack and books, early years and home

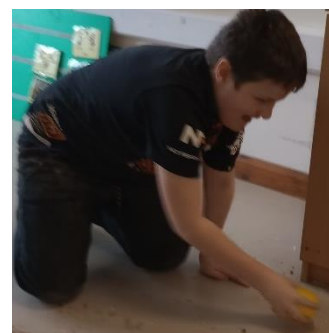
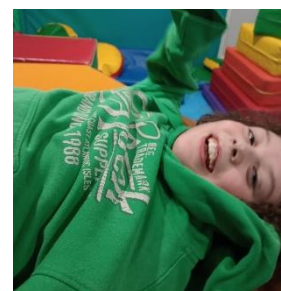
Kind regards,  
The Communication Team



## SYCAMORE Class

This week in Sycamore class we have had fun in soft play climbing and jumping. We enjoyed looking at ourselves in the mirror and taking selfies together.

We also explored water balloons which were funny to throw, bounce and to squirt water out of.



MARCH 2024	
15	Comic Relief
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 <sup>th</sup> 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.**



## Russell House News

What a wonderful week we have had. We have been up to lots of lovely activities such as visiting the park, sycamore centre, played cricket and went to the bike track. As it was World Book Day Thursday, we decided to have a World Book Day theme night. We created a menu and went shopping for the ingredients we needed. We all took turns cooking. Garfield's lasagne went down a treat.

