

Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

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Information for Parents



We have had lots of amazing activities taking place this week which have been incredibly well supported by parents; these have included Early Years stay and play, Pathway 1 & 2 events, a fabulous Pathway 4 1940's session (children looked amazing) and odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day yesterday and a colourful day today for World Autism Day!! The children always manage these days incredibly well and parents you always support us - thank you.

We have signposted to Easter HAF holiday clubs and Elaine Griffin the School Business Manager is working tirelessly to find a private provider for holiday club.

After Easter we will be reinforcing the need for parents to keep their mobile phones out of site when entering playgrounds and the compound - please respect this.

We say goodbye today to Hayley Trenfield who is starting an exciting new job as a SEND officer for Dudley. We wish her well and thank her for everything she has done for the pupils and families at WFS and for being a great colleague.

This week we also unveiled our bench to commemorate the short but fabulous life of our Jordon. We were all very emotional when we saw it resplendent in Paw Patrol balloons but incredibly pleased to see staff and pupils using it whilst waiting for transport. He is definitely not forgotten.



We wish you all a very Happy Easter and will see you all back Monday 8th April.



POPLAR Class



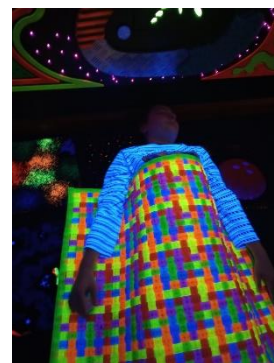
In world about us we have been looking at our community and keeping our community tidy. We have looked at different types of rubbish and whether they are plastic, cardboard, or paper.

We then went out onto the bike track and used the litter pickers and picked up lots of rubbish.



OAK Class

This week, Oak class have been exploring how we can make shadows in the dark room. We enjoyed experimenting with different hand movements to see which shadow animals we could create. We also enjoyed creating a puppet show in class.





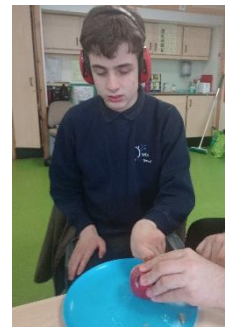
Please follow the link below to the Raring2go! Kidderminster & Stourbridge Spring 2024 magazine.



<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kidderminsterandstourbridge/spring2024/>

FIR Class

This week in Fir class we have been further developing our independence skills. We have been learning how to use cutlery safely and learning how to cut different fruits.



Last week Fir class had an excellent time during comic relief, meeting all different characters and dressing up.



6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[Friday 22nd March 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](https://cloud.microsoft.com)

PARENT POP IN



The Friends of Wyre Forest School

The Friends of Wyre Forest would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in the Mothers/Carers Day Gift Wrap.

The children had a lovely day choosing and wrapping their gifts.

We raised an amazing £343.59 which all goes back into school to benefit the pupils of Wyre Forest School.

JUNIPER Class

Juniper Class have been learning about rhyming words, as well as developing their ability to predict what will happen next in a story. This week they have been putting these new skills to the test in designing a new page for the Foggy Foggy Forest story.

Pupils chose a favourite character or created a new one and then thought of some words that rhymed with their characters name. These words were then used to write a rhyme for the story. Their rhyme and characters were reproduced using the iPad and printed ready for their new book page.



Bird red
go to bed



Skills developed in art, using monochrome in painting and printing projects were also applied to making their illustrations for their new page, producing monochrome images of the Foggy Foggy Forest in the style of the book. Adding their rhymes and characters to these backgrounds created new pages for the story. At the end of the week pupils shared their new pages with the class in a special story telling session. I am sure you will agree the results were fantastic.



Well done Juniper Class.

Family Support through the holidays



Donna Lester - Senior Family Support Worker - will be available for support in the holidays during these dates – Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th April.

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.

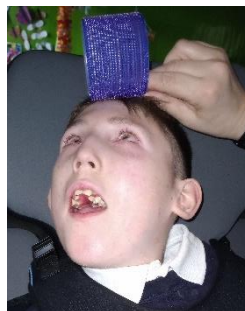
CEDAR Class



Cedar class have been doing some lovely sharing and turn taking.



Cedar class have been experiencing different products on their hair. Sometimes we have brushed our hair and wore brightly coloured Deely Boppers. More recently, we have experienced different wigs. Some of us will try to brush our own hair or the fur on a toy. Over the term, we have become accustomed to the Velcro rollers and will touch them for longer. Some of us have tried to drop our heads to cause the rollers to fall out. Brushing our hair has not been everyone favourite thing to explore so some of us have explored feeling scarves waft over our head. Sometimes we have enjoyed walking into a fine mist of water, feeling it fall on our faces. The most popular experience for everyone was feeling the bubbles waft over our head. This got the thumbs up from everyone!!!!



PEAR Class

This week Hollywood studios has come to Pear Class. To conclude their science work on Light and Dark, the children have been putting together a play using shadow puppets. We based the play around our book for this half term 'The Lazy Lion' and the children narrated the story brilliantly. The adults were really impressed with the amazing communication and teamwork skills showed by every member of the class. Well done everyone!



BIRCH Class

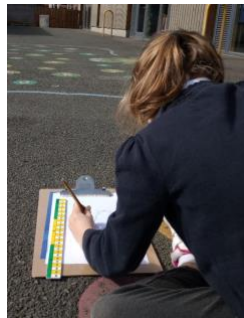
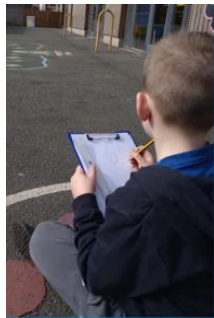


Birch class have been exploring different bugs in forest school and building Easter nests in class, filling the eggs with poms poms.



SPRUCE Class

Spruce class have been learning about different perspectives this week. We were investigating how being close to something can make it look very different to being far away. We drew a picture of a lion that we could see in the playground, but when we got close to the picture, we discovered that it was not just one lion, but a montage of different pictures, and was actually a jigsaw puzzle. We investigated how when we stand in different places, it can completely change the look of the school minibuses, changing the numbers of lights, windows, and doors that we could see. Why not see how things appear to change when you move around different objects at home?



CHERRY Class

Cherry Class have been looking at different types of jobs over this half term, we have been teachers, chef's, construction workers, plumbers, and vets! Here are some photos of us looking after the poorly animals in our veterinary surgery!



We have also enjoyed celebrating 'Red Nose Day' and made some of our own red noses with funny faces!



LARCH Class

Our Easter Stay and Play was great fun and the children all made us so proud by joining in and behaving so well. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for helping to make the event such a success!



10P News



10P have had a successful 5 weeks with Kidderminster Harriers taking part in Health Kicks. Dan and Adam have been brilliant, all the class have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to stay healthy.

Over 5 weeks we have learnt about, healthy eating options and the better choices to make. They were taught about the five S's in sport exercise – Skills, Stretches, Speed, Strength and Stamina. The pupils also gained awareness of the effects that smoking has on your body. As well as DR ABC which involved life-saving skills should we need to help someone that is hurt.

Great work 10P!

SYCAMORE Class

This week in Sycamore class we have enjoyed exploring outdoors in the playground, on the swing, in the water and playing with the large physio ball.





Communication Team News



Advice to Promote Early Language Development

Creating opportunities

Create opportunities for your child that encourage them to communicate with you.

- For example, at snack time give your child a choice: hold out two objects in front of them and say, for example, 'Would you like the banana or grapes' (or a food they would normally eat) letting them choose.
- When they have chosen verbally label the item and use a sign if you can
- Also, you might try putting one of their preferred toys or foods slightly out of reach, so they must request for it.

Easter

To find signs for the song Hot Cross Buns, please check out

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



To find symbols resources for Easter such as a holiday planner, Easter card template please check out

<https://www.widgit.com/resources/seasonal/index.htm>

Kind regards,

The Communication Team



WALNUT Class

Walnut class have been working hard this week.

In Literacy they have continued looking at rhyming words and have been really good at identifying which words sound the same.

In maths they were about to draw a map, they were then able to tell their friends where certain places were using their position words (next to, Between, in front)

They have also had great fun taking part in the "Walnut class Olympics" they all did a great job cheering their friends on.



APPLE Class

Big Wow moment for us in Apple Class, we all ventured out into Forest School, and all had an amazing time. Some children have struggled with the transition to this area but showed lots of engagement and smiles once there. We explored water play using buckets and pipes.



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES?

We Can Help!

- FOOD BANK VOUCHERS
- SIGNPOSTING TO FINANCIAL INCLUSION OFFICER
- ACCESS TO SECOND HAND UNIFORM
- REFERRALS FOR EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS
- A LISTENING EAR



Contact Us

supportingfamilies@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

Speak with our Family Support Workers Donna or Lauren, we are available daily at the school gates.



Limitless Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

facebook.com/groups/limitlesscycling

Join us at Stourport Sports Club **Easter Sunday 31st March**, 11am—1pm for another of our inclusive cycle sessions. With our specialist equipment, traffic free circuit, and team of 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.

It is £5 for the main rider, and a carer can join in for free

Next Dates:

Sunday April 28th 11am - 1 pm

Sunday May 19th 11am - 1pm



YEW Class

Yew Class really enjoyed stay and play with our parents, doing lots of Easter activities, cake decorating and fruit cocktail making, easter egg crafts and doing an Easter Egg Hunt! The children have worked very hard and deserve a lovely Easter break.



HAF is a Department for Education funded programme run by Worcestershire County Council, which provides free holiday activities and food for children aged 5-16 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

We have an exciting range of activities this Easter, with something for everyone - including swimming, horse riding, dance and performing arts, martial arts and more! Lunch and/or snacks are included.

Each child or young person will get 4 credits for Easter. One credit can book one activity session via our booking site.

To book activities, parents will need to be registered and approved as FSM on our new website (even if they were previously registered on our old website).

If you have children eligible for HAF, please register [here](#)

When your children have been approved, you can log in and book [here](#)

For a brochure of this Easter's activities, go [here](#)

Parents can contact this email address for more information enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk

If a child does not receive benefits related free school meals, but has SEND they are eligible for Short Breaks, Groups & Activities. This is a separate programme to HAF. More information on that can be found [here](#)

Design & Technology

Classes 4a and 4g have been in the DT workshop designing and making their own desk tidy. The pupils have been using different machines including a bench drill and scroll saw. They are all growing in confidence using different tools and are always making sure that they are following health and safety and wearing protective clothing. A big well done.



PAN Disability Football for 4 – 8 years old

Weekly on Saturday's 10.00am - 10.30am

Kidderminster & District Youth Trust

Bromsgrove Street Kidderminster

Qualified and 1st aid trained coaches, DBS vetted. Our emphasis is on fun, inclusion, and social integration.

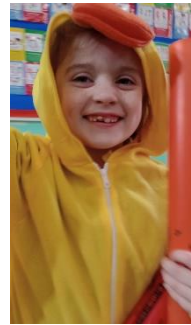
All your child needs are a non – fizzy drink and trainers.

£1.00 per session.

Further info from cookleypandyouthsec@outlook.com

ELM Class

The children in Elm Class have enjoyed going over to the playground this week. They have also enjoyed different Easter activities. They loved our stay and play where we decorated Easter eggs, engaged with the play dough, and explored the shredded paper from our Easter tuff tray. We have also had fun exploring sensory play in class and making our Easter cards. We hope you all have a lovely half term!!



Starting from the 26th of March and for the following 8 days, Oliver and his family will be walking a total of 10,000 steps a day which will mean a grand total of 80,000 steps. They will be doing this in aid of the Walk for Autism charity which has a very special place in their hearts. The charity supports those on the Autism Spectrum and provides training and support to aid a specialist approach for children in mainstream schools. They're hoping to raise a £1000 and would appreciate any support that you can offer. We've attached the link below:

<https://fundraise.autisminitiatives.org/fundraisers/benhallworth>

Thank you!!



Russell House



This week we have enjoyed celebrating Easter with a party full of fun and games. We played musical statues, decorated bonnets, hide and seek and of course an Easter egg hunt. All students and staff would like to thank Dan and his mom for our Easter eggs. We have also been to youth club, the park, PODS disco and merry hill. We wish you all a wonderful Easter 🐣🐰





"Beautiful Sunset"

Photo taken by Finn Oliver



Our total for Comic Relief is £476.40!
Well done and thank you to all who donated.

APRIL 2024	
8	Back to School
12	Reception Support Group – 1.30pm at Russell House
16	Year 9 DTP MEN ACWY Vaccinations in school – YEAR 9 ONLY

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.

