

Newsletter

1st April 2021



Message from Dan Thomas, CEO

As some of you will be aware Mrs Sweeney has not been in work since Friday 12th March 2021. Mrs Sweeney has decided not to continue working for The Learning for Life Partnership as Headteacher of Wheelock Primary School.

We would like to wish Mrs Sweeney the very best for the future and thank her for her service to the school over the past 13 years. In turn, she has asked to us to pass on to you her thanks for all your support throughout that time. She said that it has been a pleasure to be part of such a fantastic school community.

Miss Gawn has been supporting the school since Mrs Sweeney's absence this will continue until the end of the academic year as Acting Principal so that there is stability for the children and staff.

Change to Drop Off/Pick Up Times

When we return from the Easter break drop off in the morning will be 8:45 and the gate will close at 9:05, anyone arriving after this time will receive a late mark and at the end of the day the gates will open at 3:00 until 3:20. The one way system will still be in place and must be adhered to at all times and masks must be worn. If you do arrive late please go to Chartwell Park and telephone the office and we will come and open the gate and if you are collecting your child early please come to the school office and we will bring your child out through the gates by The Hive.

Meal Choices after Easter and Accounts

When we return after the Easter Break we are on Week 1A on the menu. Please can you ensure that payments are made for lunches prior to your child having a lunch and if anyone has any outstanding dinner debts they must be settled immediately.

Cheshire East Holiday Clubs for children on Income Related Free School Meals

Cheshire East are offering a whole host of free and healthy activities for children during the Easter holidays for those children who are eligible for income related free school meals.

Free places are being provided by nurseries, schools, colleges and community and voluntary sector organisations who were successful in receiving grant funding as part of the government's [Holiday Activity Fund](#). The fund aims to provide healthy food and physical health activities for vulnerable children and young people across Cheshire East during school holidays.

Activities include baking, science experiments, gardening, dance and singing, games, drama, outdoor den building, PE and sports...the list goes on.

All the details can be found in the [Holiday Activity Fund Easter 2021 brochure \(PDF, 676KB\)](#), including who to contact to book a free place.

Any queries, contact CEHAF@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Reporting Positive Covid Cases during the Easter Break

Please report a positive case during the Easter break on our dedicated email address – covid-19@wheelock.cheshire.sch.uk where senior staff will access it daily.

Lateral Flow Tests

Lateral flow tests are available to all families of school age children to regularly test for covid with or without symptoms to try and ensure the school community remains safe. They are available from Chester Street Car Park, Crewe, CW1 2ER between 1.30pm – 7pm daily. Booking is not required and they are free of charge. Please do not go to the testing centre with covid symptoms, contact NHS 111 for advice on getting a PCR test.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Puffins and Penguins have had a great week. We have ended the term with two zoom visitors! First, we had Charlie's Mum who is a nurse in the Neonatal unit. She told us all about how she looks after the tiny babies. She showed us a tiny hat and explained how tiny babies were looked after in a lovely warm incubator. Thank you, Mrs Hammond. Our second visitor was Chris - a paramedic. He talked to the children about how he worked in an ambulance. He showed us his uniform and talked about some of the medical equipment he carries in the ambulance. We have been very impressed with the great questions that Puffins and Penguins have asked our visitors - well done everyone.

In Maths this week we have continued with the pattern theme and moved from simple AB patterns, to ABB and ABC patterns - if you are not sure, ask your child to see if they can explain! There are some great pattern games on 'Top Marks' online.

We finished our week with a great morning in the woodland - the children play so well together in the woodland and we see lots of teamwork and developing friendships.

The Reception Team would like to wish you all a lovely Easter. Have a well-deserved break and some quality family time together. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

We have come to the end of strange spring term, but all the children have dealt with the shift from home learning to being in the classroom incredibly well. They have enjoyed seeing all their friends and talking about all the fun things they did with their families at home. This week, we all loved our mini heatwave, and it was great to get out into the sun. All the children were amazing in the woodland this week; exploring all the new plant life that has sprouted, bird spotting and looking for other signs of wildlife. All the children

behaved brilliantly; swinging from branches, making up games and looking after each other. The children have finished their stories and made their ferocious dragon designs. We have created some bright and colourful Easter art and talked about the story of Easter.

All of us have been impressed with the resilience and adaptability of the children at Wheelock! Well done and we look forward to seeing you all for a fun filled summer term!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

The children in Waterbirds have had a fabulous last week. They have immersed themselves in Viking life with their Viking days. The children made bread and stew, helped to build a roundhouse, made dream catchers, played Viking games and designed and made Viking shields and swords. To end their historical day, they took part in a Viking battle on the field. We were very impressed by their hard work and inquisitiveness into all things Viking. Also this week, the children have read the Easter story. They re-enacted it outside, made Easter cards and wrote their own version of the Christian story. In science, they tested the buoyancy of different materials. They then used their knowledge to design and make a Viking longboat. They have also been extremely creative. The children used a variety of media to create a longboat piece of art. Well done Waterbirds! Have a fantastic, restful Easter. We can't wait to welcome you back in the summer term.



Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

We have had a jam-packed final week of the Spring term in year 5 and 6. To complete our learning on the Aztecs, the children created some Aztec inspired dishes. These ranged from fajitas, to different dips to fruit desserts. The children learnt about safe handling of food. They worked as a team (especially when it came to chopping the onions) and enjoyed a feast of food they prepared and cooked themselves. During this activity, they also tried to replicate the intricate patterns in Aztec art, and they designed their own Aztec shield. In Science, the children have been reviewing their lockdown learning on Properties of Materials. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary and took part in experiments to separate mixtures. We are very proud of all year 5/6 for their effort and maturity in completing their end of term reading and maths assessments this

week. They have truly worked their 'socks off' since returning to school and have certainly earned a good break over Easter: The children have been inspirations in how they have adapted to everything thrown at them this term with remote learning, zoom teaching and then back to school bubbles. Well done Eagles, Kestrels and Hawks! See you all after Easter :)

House Points

Pegasus: 6

Griffin: 7

Dragons: 4

Phoenix: 10

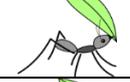




The Hive

Glorious sunshine has brightened up our outside play this week and we have enjoyed it as much as we can. Explorers have made dens and embarked on wild adventures across space and time, bathed in it's dancing dappled rays. We have enjoyed listening to the gentle knock of cricket balls and the children's cheers of encouragement as their precious scorecard swells. Inside, our creative play has seen a branch of The Hive Bank open up, there have been staff interviews and intense discussions about various mortgage options and debit cards. We are always very impressed by their creativity and enjoy the role play as much as they do! In other news, there has been much chatter about Easter and the eggs, family traditions and escapades we are going to enjoy over the holiday, Acorn Room even had their very own Egg Hunt! We will miss the children over the holiday but we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they come back.

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Mabel P		for becoming so much more confident with her reading and writing
Puffins	Daisy H		for lots of independence
Robins	All of Robins		For being an amazing, hardworking class and welcoming Miss Willis
Owls	Olivia P		for being focused and for showing responsibility for her learning
Woodpeckers	Neve Mc		for being a kind and helpful friend to all members of woodpeckers
Swans Teachers Award	Sophia A-C		For a fantastic effort during all activities on our Easter celebration day.
Swans Children's Award	Reggie B		For an amazing Easter card- Mrs Birch was so impressed with your painting.
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	Harrison B		For working extremely hard on his handwriting and setting himself a target to get a pen license.
Sandpipers Children's Award	Annie N		For inviting children to play on the playground and being extremely kind.
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Skye Mc		For improved focus and excellent improvement in all her work.
Kingfishers Children's Award	Amy B		For being a fantastic role model, super talk partner and kind friend.
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Yzabela H		For always being positive and enthusiastic! A wonderful Kestrel!
Kestrels Children's Award	Rebecca P		For being a caring friend
Hawks Teacher's Award	Jessica D		For challenging herself within all her work with fractions
Hawks Teacher's Award	Dylan B		for really pushing himself during our running challenge
Hawks Children's Award	Eva G		for being there for people when they need to talk or play with someone
Eagles Teacher's Award	Ella M		For always working really hard and seeking extra resources to carry on her learning at home
Eagles Children's Award	George G		For always being a kind, caring and supportive friend