



# Newsletter



10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Message from Mrs Whitehead

All the staff at Wheelock would like to thank all the children and parents for a great start to a new school year. It's been great to see all the children with big smiles settling back into the school routine. This school year is going to be busy with many trips and activities for the children to take part in and make new memories.

## Staff Changes

Mrs Watts Assistant Principal

Having been the lead for LKS2 for the last couple of years, I have now taken on the role of Assistant Principal within Wheelock. Although I will still continue to lead Years 3 and 4, I will also be working closely with the Principal to oversee the whole school. I am looking forward to this next challenge and in continuing to provide an exciting curriculum and school experience for all the children.

Mrs Edwards- UPKS2 TA

Having worked as a 1-2-1 Teaching Assistant for the last 7 years, working from Reception through to Year 6, I now have the role of Teaching Assistant working within the year 5/6 team. I look forward to working with the children in Eagles, Kestrels and Hawks and helping them through their final years at Wheelock.

Ms Begum- Reception TA

My name is Ms Begum, I have been a part of Wheelock primary school for over a year as a 1:1 teaching assistant supporting children with their phonics and reading. However, this year I have been given the opportunity to work alongside with the amazing reception team. I am excited to see the children progress academically as well as transforming into wonderful and creative children.

Miss Byrne- UPKS2 Lead

Whilst many parents will already know me from working with their children over the past six years, after a short stint in year 3/4 I have now returned to year 5/6 and taken the role of Upper Key Stage 2 Leader. As part of this position, I am responsible for the smooth running of this team, whilst ensuring the children make the best possible progress and enjoy their time in their final years at Wheelock. I am often available for an informal chat should you need it, but if you require a more in-depth meeting, please contact the office to make arrangements. This year, I am looking forward to the challenges on offer, and appreciate the kind nature of the children and the endless support offered by the wonderful parents at Wheelock.

Mr Jones- Year 5/6 teacher

I'm looking forward to working with the year 5/6 team and am teaching the Hawks class. I am here on secondment from another school in the trust - Leighton Academy where I have taught for several years in year 6. Whilst here, alongside my classroom responsibilities, I will be working on a maths project across the school with Mrs French looking at achieving mastery in mathematics.

## Class News

### **Penguins and Puffins**

We are so proud of all the Puffins and Penguins!

The children have settled so well, had new routines, made new friends and experienced a new environment. They have taken it all in their stride have had an amazing start to their school journey at Wheelock Primary School.

Thank you, Mums and Dads, and your extended families - drop offs and pickups have been so calm and the children are coming in to school excited to learn.

This week we used the book, 'The Family Book' to encourage lots of discussion about our families. We have talked about how all our families are different. The children have drawn themselves and wrote their names too. Our Rainbow Challenges have really helped to focus the children this week and we look forward to giving out our Rainbow Certificates this afternoon to the children who have collected all six sticks.

Thank you for all your support on Tapestry. Please continue to like and comment on observations and add experiences and achievements from home. Please look out for this week's Friday Challenge.

### **Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins**

Woodland Birds have had a very busy first full week of school. The children have settled in well to their new classes and the new routines that this brings. We have begun our new literacy book this week, 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' which links nicely with our topic this term- The Victorians. Children began to look at who the Victorians were and looked at different objects from this time. They used

great questioning to work out what the use of the different objects were. Throughout this half term, we will use the book 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' to complete different tasks that will ultimately lead to a short story. In maths we have begun our topic of number and place value where the Year 1 children have been grouping numbers and objects and the Year 2 children have been looking at tens and ones. In science we have begun to look at everyday materials and the different types of materials there are. We will continue to look at materials throughout this term using observations and experiments. A great start to a new year- well done Woodland Birds.

### **Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers**

This week Waterbirds have really worked their socks off and impressed us all. In Literacy, we have started a new text called 'The Whale'. The children have been learning lots of new vocabulary to help them describe a setting. They have worked hard on using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and adverbs. The children have also spent some time finding a range of vocabulary in dictionaries for definitions and thesaurus' for synonyms. In maths, the children have been working on their place value and understanding of number. The children have also been completing 10 studio games on TTRockstars to set their rockstar status time! In topic, the children have started learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. The children plotted the different kingdoms on a map of the UK and also arrows to show where they came from. In Science, the children have learnt all about different food types and what each group provides us to ensure we stay fit and healthy. The children were very excited to have their first lesson on Purple Mash, where they have been learning to code. Finally, the children have been learning all about their emotions from our no outsiders book this week. The children have been reminded that sometimes you just need to ask someone 'Are you okay?' An amazing first full week- we are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

### **Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels**

Year 5/6 have had an amazing start to the new academic year. Lots of children have already impressed us with their fantastic attitude to learning and the maturity they have shown. We have started our new literacy book, 'Where Once we Stood', based on the first journey to the moon. The children are enthralled with this story and have created some lovely short writes as well as taking part in a hot-seating activity considering the feelings of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin as they first stepped onto the lunar surface. Maths has proven to be very successful this week with year five focusing on both place-value and rounding, and year six working with numbers as high as 10,000,000! We have completed a short No Outsiders project focusing on friendship this week, ensuring the children know what a good friendship looks like, and how to address common problem scenarios. The circulation system in science has proven to be a very tricky subject and we will revisit this next week looking more closely at the parts of the heart. Finally, we have begun our new topic, Turbulent Times, considering how a range of images fit into the Tudor life. We have also begun to recreate some Hans Holbein artwork and look forward to completing these next week. Keep up the good work year 5 and 6!

## Praise

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Jack B		For settling into his new school and we are all proud of him
Puffins	Jacob W		For settling really well and learning new skills
Robins	Harry		For having a confident start to year 2
Robins	Sophie		For being a kind and helpful friend to all of her class mates
Owls	Ted		For being an excellent role model to the other owls
Owls	Theo		For stepping out of his comfort zone and showing determination at lunch
Woodpeckers	Finley		For being a great role model to the other Woodpeckers
Woodpeckers	Indiarna		For making a great start to year 1 and settling into Woodpeckers

Swans Teachers Award	Sophia		For working very hard all week and being a role model in class
Swans Children's Award	Jasmine		For being a super supportive talk partner to lots of children
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	James		For welcoming the Year 3 children into our class
Sandpipers Children's Award	Francesco		For improving his handwriting
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Georgee		For being a confident and caring role model in Kingfishers
Kingfishers Children's Award	Lyra		For being an outstanding role model and a caring friend to others
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Sum Yu		For joining our Wheelock family and settling into school life so well
Kestrels Children's Award	Sum Yu		For fitting in to our class so well and trying to make new friends
Hawks Teacher's Award	Leoni		For being a role model for others
Hawks	William		For trying his hardest all week

Children's Award			
Eagles Teacher's Award	Mia M		For being a fantastic role model for her peers
Eagles Children's Award	Alfie		For challenging himself in maths and showing great resilience

### The Hive

After enjoying the summer break it's been really lovely to see all the children back at The Hive including some new faces too. Wow they have all grown and were very excited to be back.

This week at The Hive the children have been sharing news of the summer break. It sounds like they really had lots of fun.

There has been a real variety of activities. Some of the children have enjoyed a game or two of bingo. A true favourite is a game of pool which is always popular. As the weather has been beautiful a lot of activities have been outside. Hide and seek, Football, chalk drawing, bowls and table tennis.

All in all a very good week.

### FOWS NEWSLETTER

Thank you so much to everyone who made the meeting on Wednesday. It was so lovely to see some new faces and all the energy and ideas they brought.

We have been busy discussing/planning events we can put on safely in the months leading up Christmas.

We can't wait to get back to hosting these much-missed events and enjoy the Wheelock community spirit again!

Watch this space for updates soon!

### WHEELLOCK-OF-FORTUNE

Congratulations to August & September winners!!

August

1st - number 54 Georgina Hill-Jones

2nd - number 106 Stephanie Mellor

3rd - number 44 Lianne Snelson

September

1st - number 90 Jackie Pickles  
2nd - number 92 Jackie Pickles  
3rd - number 103 Sue Heathcote

Cheques will be on the way to you shortly.

For people who are new to the school, I'll explain how this little fund raiser works and how you can get involved. As they say, "you have to be in, it to win it!"

Numbers are sold for £1 per number and you can have as many as you like. The more numbers sold the bigger the prize pot becomes. The money gets split 50/50 between funds for the school and the prize pot.

Each year we raise £600+ for the school and the same amount in prizes.

You can either pay each month by standing order or pay per year in full. (Min 12months)

Your number/numbers stay the same each month and the 3 winners are chosen at random using a number generator at our monthly FOWS meeting.

If you would like to join Wheelock-of-Fortune or If you would like to get involved in helping/planning events, email us at [fowscontact@gmail.com](mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com)

Dates for your diary - Wednesday 6th October -Next FOWS meeting