

Newsletter

14th May 2021



Message from Acting Principal, Miss Julia Gawn

As you will be aware I have been Acting Principal at Wheelock Primary since mid March. The Learning for Life Partnership have now appointed a permanent Principal and we are delighted to share this information with you today. From September Sally Whitehead will take over as permanent Principal at Wheelock Primary. Sally visited the school this morning to meet staff and we will continue to work together closely over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition. Sally has introduced herself later in this newsletter. I will be continuing as Acting Principal until September and I will then move onto a Headship in another school within The Learning For Life Partnership. Thank you for your support, I am sure you will all make Sally feel very welcome.

Message from Sally Whitehead



Hello. My name is Sally Whitehead and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to tell you how excited I am to be joining the Wheelock community as Principal of Wheelock Primary School from September. I have visited the school today to introduce myself in person and to begin to get to know the staff and children. The warmth and friendly welcome I experienced is a total credit to everyone that I met and also to you, the friends and family of the children. Julia Gawn has already begun to share important bits of information that I need to know before I start in September and I will be coming into school a number of times between now and the end of term to make sure that the transition is as smooth as possible for everybody. If you spot me around school over the coming weeks please come over and say hello.

Appointments in School Time

If your child is going to be arriving late for school because they are attending a dentist or other appointment please can you let the office know so that it can be marked on the register as at an appointment and we can sort out your child's lunch requirements. When you return after the appointment please go to the entrance on Chartwell Park and telephone the office on 01270 845911 and we will come and let your child in.

Similarly, if you are collecting your child for an appointment during the school day please let the office know so we are aware they will be leaving. You can buzz to come onto the school car park and we will bring them out of the side gates by The Hive.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

This week we have used 'Supertato' once again. Evil pea has been causing mischief in our classroom - creating lots of discussions about how important it is to follow our school rules and be a good friend. Each morning the children have discovered the Evil Pea having done something wrong! Ask your children to see if they can tell you what he has been up to!

In Literacy we have been writing a speech bubble to tell the Evil Pea what he must do to be a good friend. We are so impressed with how the children are applying their phonic knowledge - well done Puffins and Penguins.

For Mental Health week we have taken lots of our learning outdoors this week. In the woodland we have listened to stories, collected natural materials to thread into a card and enjoyed drawing some of the things we see each week in our amazing woodland area. Our home learning this week follows on from this.

In Maths this week we have looked at numbers to 20. By using two ten frames, we have explored making the 'teen' numbers by making a full ten frame and counting on to find out how many. We have played lots of counting games to practise counting on and back to 20.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week has been a busy week for the woodland birds. The children continued to analyse and evaluate the story We're all Wonders. The children also created some beautiful story maps about Auggie's adventures. We wrapped up measurement this week finishing off with temperature and problem solving. Next week we are moving on to time so bust out those clocks, watches and stop watches. We have continue exploring the world of plants in the woodland and in the classroom, identifying a range of wildflowers and garden flowers. Looking at the range of shapes and colours and where they grow. In art, we have studied the life and artwork of Picasso. Ask your child when they can tell you about this artist. This week we said goodbye to a much-loved member of staff. Robins in particular will miss Mrs Critchley greatly and had a lovely time on Thursday giving her a big send off!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Well done Water birds on a fabulous week. This week has been Mental Health Awareness week so the children have taken part in lots of activities to promote good mental health and well-being. The theme this year is 'connecting with nature'. The children have loved taking part in an outdoor meditation session and creating natural artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Also, this week, in Maths, the children have continued to learn about money. They have rounded amounts of money, solved money word problems and even planned a party while sticking to a budget. They now have a new- found respect for party planners. In Literacy, the children have been writing descriptive sentences about two adventure stories. They have learnt how to write complex sentences with embedded clauses and how to include adverbs to add extra detail. In Show Respect, the children have been learning about the Islamic faith and in Science they learnt about muscles. Well done Water birds. Keep up the great work!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week the children have enjoyed being outside completing a range of activities for mental health awareness week. They have got back in touch with the reception child inside them by taking part in challenges on the soft play and using the parachute! The children have also tried their hand at a touch of yoga/meditation- proving to be a lot more flexible than the teachers. In Literacy, we have continued to think about mental health through learning about empathy in diary writing. Year 5 and 6 have continued their maths rotation on fractions, decimals, percentages and algebra. This week we have finished our Book Club book- 'Journey to Jo'burg'. The children have been thoroughly captivated by the plight of the children and their mother during Apartheid. Finally, the children have been working on a range of sketching skills and coding activities in topic, which they will continue to rotate next week.

House Points

Pegasus: 23

Griffin: 23

Dragons: 18

Phoenix: 12

The Hive

What a wonderful week in The Hive, with sunshine and showers, inside and out we have enjoyed our play. Without doubt, Pool has been the flavour of this week! The crack of the cue has been in the air and the swagger of success as the multicoloured balls ricochet to their pocket has been partnered with enthusiastic squeals of delight. In quiet time, the card makers of our group have folded, printed and coloured the most exquisite creations, fit for any mantle or sill. Jigsaw puzzles have succumbed to the endeavours of determined children and the quiet nature of the task in hand has brought calm to our room with gentle satisfaction. There has been talk of moving on from the Year 6 children, and a recognition that things are about to change, the excitement of a new school is mixed with slight apprehension and realisation. Having a quiet activity is a lovely opportunity to talk about feelings.

Outside, we have dodged showers and our coats have been off and on as the sun shines her brilliance and promptly disappears! Our rainbow ropes have spun and whirled around and round, skipping never seems to go out of fashion, some children have learnt to play Boule, it's lovely to learn something new! We are very much looking forward to lots more fun in The Hive next week.

A big thank you to Mr & Mrs McCartney who have kindly donated a games table to The Hive, the children are loving playing with it already.

FOWS News

WHEELLOCK-OF-FORTUNE!

This has been only of the only fund-raising activities we have been able to continue throughout the last year to keep our fund-raising pot topped up.

For people who are new to the school, we thought we would just 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 £650+ 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.

Prizes are currently at

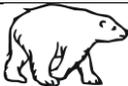
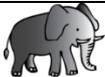
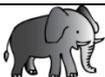
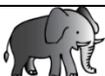
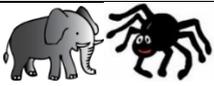
1st - £29

2nd - £18

3rd - £12

If you would like to join Wheelock-of-Fortune, help raise much needed funds for the school whilst being in with a chance of winning, just send an Email to fowscontact@gmail.com and we can get you set up ready for June's draw.

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Harley & Lola		for a brilliant attitude to learning.
Puffins	Jasmine & Emily		for a brilliant attitude to learning
Robins	All of Robins		for being caring and supportive to Mrs Critchley on her last day
Owls	Mia		for always being a smiley helpful person
Woodpeckers	Lily		for taking pride in her work
Woodpeckers	Lucas		for his resilience with his literacy work.
Swans Teachers Award	Lola		For being a great role model and working hard every day!
Swans Pupil's Award	Tilly		For answering questions and pushing herself.
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	Liam		For improved focus on his home learning.
Sandpipers Children's Award	Herbie		For being a good friend and inviting children to join in with his games.
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Isabella		For excellent contributions in class discussions.
Kingfishers Children's Award	Evie		For being a kind friend to everyone
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Lucas, Joseph & Jacob		for working hard solving challenging algebra problems
Kestrels Children's Award	Evan		for being a supportive friend to all.
Hawks Teacher's Award	Joseph		for offering great support and encouragement during the golden mile
Hawks Children's Award	Jack		for always being a kind, supportive and funny friend in class
Eagles Teacher's Award	Mia		for fantastic improvement in her descriptive writing.
Eagles Children's Award	Holly		for being a lovely, kind and supportive friend and always having creative ideas.