

15th October 2021



Wheelock
Primary School

Newsletter

Mrs Lockett

After 22 years, Mrs Lockett has decided to take early retirement. She has taught thousands of children both past and present making a huge difference to the children's education and well-being. Mrs Lockett has been an invaluable member of the Wheelock community and will be sorely missed by all the staff and pupils. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done to support us over the years and we wish her luck and happiness in her retirement.

Baby News

Mrs and Mr Davenport are thrilled to announce that in March Toby will be becoming a big brother.

Cross Country

The sporting year got off to a flying start for Wheelock! 16 children from across key stage 2 went to St Johns primary school to take part in the first fixture in the school cross country league. All children showed true perseverance in the run and excellent sportsmanship in cheering on both each other and children from other schools to the end. We achieved some excellent results both individually with 3 girls placing in the top 5 (Leoni (2) Isabelle (4) Amy (5)). These results, alongside a very strong collective team performance, mean that we currently sit at the top of the league! Brilliant! Our next fixture takes place next week with some following fixtures in the Spring and Summer terms.

Aside from these 16 children, there were a huge number of children that took part in the trial sessions (about 60 children across key stage 2) that showed amazing determination and should also be congratulated on their efforts.

Well done team Wheelock!



Harvest

A message from the School Council SLT:

We just want to say a massive thank you to all the parents and children for the donations for the Harvest Festival. This will go to the Sandbach food bank to help families in need.

Ava, George, Bethan & Oliver



Parking

Please can everyone be considerate, respectful and especially careful when parking near the school. This morning a child narrowly missed being knocked over on Chartwell Close and fortunately wasn't seriously hurt.



Message from our caterers – Mellors

Please read the poster in regard to food shortages etc.

Mellors

FLEXING our MENUS IN challenging TIMES

Like many restaurants and caterers, Mellors local suppliers are experiencing shortages of certain food items from sausages and peas to margarine and cooking oils.

This is due to various pressures in the food chain. These include low numbers of crop pickers in the farms, staff shortages due to Covid, lorry driver shortages both to and from our suppliers and the impact of brexit (remember Brexit?)

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MELLORS WILL SUBSTITUTE WITH OTHER
INGREDIENTS TO ENSURE YOU ALWAYS
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Spooky Autumn Lunch

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Friday 22nd October 2021



Ghostly Chicken Goujons or Quivering Quorn Nuggets
Served with
Creepy Chips & Beastly Beans

Cackling Jacket with Chilling Cheese

Howling Ham Sandwich

Bat or Pumpkin Biscuit

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Class News

Penguins and Puffins

This week in school the children have enjoyed looking at pets and animals in Literacy. The children could label animal names using their phonics and even knew some facts about these pets. The children have revisited the phase 2 sounds and tricky words this week. We also looked at the bible story of Noah's ark and the children enjoyed recreating the story by putting the animals in two's on our ark. In provision the children created some collage fish art work, made a lollipop shop in the outdoor area and enjoyed moving cornflakes with the construction toys. In Maths the children looked at comparing numbers by using the language more, fewer or equal. The children could spot this by comparing the objects and lining them up. We also learnt to sing Happy birthday in French this week.

What a fantastic week Penguins and Puffins.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week the children have had another Spooktacular week! They started the week by finding the nouns on a spooky picture and then added an adjective to describe the noun. On Tuesday they looked at using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They used the noun and adjectives from the previous day to write a sentence. Later on, in the week, the children listened to spooky sounds and wrote a sentence to describe what they could hear. They added more detail in their sentence by using the word 'and'. Following on from that, the children looked at words ending in ed and completed a matching activity. In Maths this week, the children have been looking at more than and less than, have been practising their adding and subtracting and comparing number sentences. On Wednesday the children explored Victorian toys and identified similarities and differences between new and old toys. They then completed a sorting activity using old and new toys. The children used Purple Mash to practise their computing skills. They were very creative, and some children even designed cars and roller coasters. We're sending the Purple Mash logins home soon, so look out for them.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Waterbirds have been busy learning all the features of newspaper reports in preparation for writing their own next week. They have enjoyed reading through 'First News' papers to gain ideas on language and style. In maths, year 4 have been practising their number sense by using a range of strategies to check calculations, including inverses and estimates. The year 3 children have continued to practise their adding and subtracting skills coping with numbers up to 1000. We have worked hard on adding and subtracting multiples of ten. In science, the children have applied their knowledge on the skeleton and bones to start learning about muscles in the body. Waterbirds had to identify which muscles they would use for a range of activities. In French, we have been practising saying how old we are and asking others how old they are. In topic, some of the Waterbirds have been learning about Anglo-Saxon artefacts and using secondary resources to find information. Finally, this week, we have continued our learning on Christianity, identifying symbols related to the faith.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Eagles, Kestrels and Hawks have had a great busy week. In literacy, we have nearly finished writing our formal reports about landing on the moon. During our maths lessons, the year 6's have had a tricky week learning about mixed calculations and the rules of BODMAS. Year 5 have refined their mental maths skills- well done to those children still working hard on TT Rockstars, this has really helped you this week. Our science unit has culminated with a final look at the digestive system, before we move onto Tudor diets next week. In PSHE we have considered healthy and unhealthy relationships. The children were great at identifying features of both and how to respond if they were faced with some difficult decisions. The children have really enjoyed their Purple Mash activities this week based on coding and are continually growing in confidence. It is lovely to hear that some children have begun to access this program in their own time at home- keep it up! Following the reintroduction of bubbles, the children across year 5/6 have shown great maturity and resilience making the whole 5/6 very proud of them. Finally, an extra big well done to the children in Eagles who have been faced with a difficult week.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Jenson		For fantastic behaviour and impressing all the teachers in Reception
Puffins	Benjamin		For settling back into Puffins after having been away and coming into school with a big smile
Robins	Harper		For being polite and showing good manners all of the time
Robins	Pheobe		For doing some excellent 'Spooky' creative writing
Owls	Louie		For taking on the challenges in maths confidently
Owls	Jack		For being polite and showing good manners all the time
Woodpeckers	Isaac V		For increasing confidence in all areas of school life
Woodpeckers	Lily		For being polite and showing good manners all of the time

Key Stage Two

Swans Teachers Award	Izabelle		For making people laugh, being a good friend and supporting people
Swans Children's Award	Oliver		For always being ready to work and really impressing in her groups this week
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	Lucy		For continuing her Rune work at home and creating great Anglo-Saxon messages
Sandpipers Children's Award	Ella		For being a supportive talk partner by helping children when they are stuck
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Frankie		For trying really hard Science by contributing to class discussions
Kingfishers Children's Award	Eddie		For having beautiful presentation and trying hard with his handwriting throughout all pieces of his work
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Jemima		For increased confidence in the classroom
Kestrels Children's Award	Harrison		For helping people and letting them join in his games
Hawks Teacher's Award	Amy		An excellent member of the class who sets a great example to others every day. She is also becoming the Hawks SPAG queen!
Hawks Children's Award	Ruby		Ruby was an excellent elephant this week when she saw someone upset after falling over. She was incredibly kind in supporting this person and helping them to feel better
Eagles Teacher's Award	Reuben		For working hard on his literacy this week and using great language
Eagles Children's Award	Max		For showing respect to everyone

The Hive

This week at the Hive the children have been making decorations for Halloween. They really are getting very excited. Pom Pom spiders and scary masks are definitely looking a treat.

Outside the children enjoyed a game of hide and seek followed by Duck Duck Goose.

After snack, some children relaxed with a good story in Acorns Room while others played board games and role play in the Hive.

Another fun week. Hope you all have a lovely weekend.