

Newsletter

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Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Puffins and Penguins have had another great week. A lot of our learning this week has been outdoors as we have taken advantage of some dry and sunny, autumn weather, We have followed the children's interests and set up a car wash and petrol pump outside, Lots of great role play followed with some great mark making and signs being made. We have also been using chalk to draw around each other on the playground. We then filled in the outlines with natural materials; leaves, twigs etc, to add features.

In Literacy this week, we have completed phase 2 of our phonic sounds. The children need now to apply this new learning and be able to recall the letter shape when they hear the sound.

In maths this week we have been using language of same, equal, more and fewer to compare quantities. The children have also impressed us with recognizing quantities of up to 5 without counting. Great work Puffins and Penguins.

Our week finished with a fun 'crazy hair day' celebrating all our similarities and differences. We have talked about us as individuals - a 'polar bear' because we are all different and then we decided we are also 'elephants' because we are a team that work together.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week KS1 have been looking at the four word types; nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. Using the story Paper Dolls they have been finding lots of nouns and then describing them with adjectives and explaining what they are doing with verbs. In maths, we have been looking at adding and subtracting. We began by using objects such as counters or dienes to show the value of the number to help us add and take away. We then moved onto making jumps on a number line before some children moved onto column addition. This is something we will keep working on but we are very impressed with how the children have begun to pick up this skill.

Children in all classes have been very creative as well this week. We got the water colours and paints to create some art linked to our story. The children were also having a go at mixing colours to make different colours and shades.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Waterbirds have had another busy week this week. They are continuing to enjoy their magical topic. This week they created their own Patronus charms using the Glow Draw app on the I pads. They thought about what happy memories would help them conjure their charm and what animals it would be in the form of. In Creativity, the children had a go at perspective drawing. They took their time sketching Diagon Alley. In Science, the children have learnt all about the water cycle. They used their knowledge about the different

states of matter to help them. In Literacy, all of the children wrote their own informal letter. They imagined that they were at Hogwarts and that they were writing home to a friend. We have been blown away by the children's hard work and the language choices that they made to make their letters exciting. In Maths, the children have been focusing on subtraction. They have used number lines, place value grids and the column method to help them solve subtraction problems. Well done Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week year 5 and 6 have been working hard on their French learning. The children have drawn their own aliens and labelled what they look like, using French vocabulary on colours, body parts and facial features. Children have also been learning how to talk about their family in French, creating a family tree and writing sentences in French about them. On Thursday, most of the children enjoyed looking at and touching a real heart and lung. In Literacy, the children wrote a diary from the perspective of Neil Armstrong following his historic moon landing- the children's writing has blown us away this week! In maths, we have started our multiplication unit. Next week we will be starting short and long multiplication.

House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
465	451	503	532

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Lucie		For great explaining in maths this week
Puffins	Billie		For being kind and helpful
Robins	Zeke		For great sewing skills
	Jacob		For making lots of efforts with his phonics sounds

Woodpeckers	Izzy		For super art work
	Finley		For working really hard in lessons
Owls	Oliver		For showing determination in everything he does
	Jasmine		For being a beautifully kind and friendly member of Owls
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Billy		For improving his self-confidence and trying hard all week
Kingfishers Children's choice	Oliver		For being a kind and caring friend and a supportive talk partner
Swans Teacher's choice	Amber		For pushing herself to achieve more
Swans Children's choice	Lewis		For developing his self-confidence
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Herbie		For exceptional sentences in Literacy
Sandpipers Children's choice	Rowan		For encouraging himself and his partner to try things they have found tricky
Eagles Teacher's choice	Iona		For fantastic progress with her writing and super creative sentences
Eagles Children's choice	Pari		For working hard and making the right choices
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Liberty		For always trying her best whatever the task
Kestrels Children's choice	Amber		For an amazing diary entry on Neil Armstrong's moon landing

Whole School News

Dare to be Different Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in our Dare to be Different today by wearing crazy hair. It was great to see all the unique hairstyles on display, and even more, it was a fantastic opportunity for us all to celebrate our individual differences.



Junior Safety Officers' Competition

The Junior Safety Officers would like to announce the winners of the hand washing poster competition:

Reception and KS1:	Imogen F George M
Key Stage 2:	Liberty M Aaliyah T Henry B Cooper H

Thank you also to all the other amazing entries.

News from the Hive

We have had such a wonderfully creative time in The Hive. June, our new member of staff has been paper modelling a menagerie of colourful animals and birds. The children have delighted in their exotic creations; sharks, giraffes, chicks and penguins have disappeared out of the door, clutched in excited hands. The Hive is looking incredibly smart as our autumn wall displays take shape; crisp leaves and delicate pine cones look down in autumn splendour.

The Acorns room has a new banner! The children have used paper punches, glue and a good deal of imagination to produce an owl covered seasonal banner to be proud of. The Hama bead creations are flying off the production line: we are constantly amazed at the children and the level of concentration they achieve to make dinosaurs, flowers and many other varieties of dangly fair. In other news, we have had a humorous response to our 'Taste a New Food' activity! The children are all good sports and have tried Marmite, Paté, and Houmous. A great time has been had by all!

Just a reminder, please can parents and carers let The Hive know if your child is not coming to the club on a day they are booked in for, thank you.

News from FOWS

Normally, this is one of our busiest times of the year for the FOWS. Planning discos, film nights and of course our wonderful Christmas Merrie Market.

Sadly, we have had to put a pin in all of those plans for now. But we aren't giving up on helping raise money for the school!

The house hoodies and T-shirts have been a roaring success and are still available to buy throughout the year, just contact us on fowscontact@gmail.com

We also have our monthly draw which is another good little earner.

WHEELOCK-OF-FORTUNE!!!

For all parents and carers who are new to the school, we would like to 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 numbers 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 issue 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.

There are no limits as to how many members we have so everyone is welcome to join. (Remember, the more members the bigger the prize pot!!)

If you would like to buy a number for Wheelock-of-Fortune, help raise much needed funds for the school whilst being in with a chance of winning, just connect Lyndsey by email at fowscontact@gmail.com and she will be in touch to get you all set up ready for the next draw!

Good Luck 🍀