

Newsletter



1st October 2021

Message from Mrs Whitehead

Worm Charming

Last night the Friends of Wheelock held their first after school event in a VERY long time. The event was for reception and year 1 parents and it did have to take place outside as we are still not allowed to have large groups of adults inside school, but it was a fantastic success. The rain managed to stop just in time, and to stay away for just long enough to ensure that the event could go ahead.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the FOW for organising and running this event. I would also like to thank all of the parents who came along, despite the uncertainty of the weather. I was very impressed with how prepared some of you were and with the thought that had gone into some of your worm charming techniques. Lots of children and parents have commented upon how much fun everybody had to me today. I do hope that it is something that we can do again in the future.

Nut Free Request

I would like to ask all parents for support in keeping all children at Wheelock safe. We do have a few children in school with allergies to nuts and one case in particular could present a serious risk if the child comes into contact with nuts, resulting in the child going into anaphylactic shock. We would like to ask that parents do not send any food into school which is known to contain nuts. If the label states 'may contain nuts' then we understand that the risk is reduced, and this food is allowed.

Staff Absences

Some of you may be aware that we have a few members of staff who are absent at the moment. If any parent has a question or query in their child's teacher's absence, you can present them to the adult on duty at the door or email the school office who will forward them to the relevant member of staff. We will get back to you as quickly as we can with a response although with less staff this may take a little longer than usual (we really do thank you for your understanding about this). We do have robust plans in place to cover any absence in as consistent a way as possible. All schools are finding the current situation challenging when there are positive cases in school coupled with the normal sickness bugs that are prevalent at this time of year, but the staff at Wheelock have really pulled together to make sure that children's learning is unaffected.

Requesting Absence during Term Time

All absence requests need to be made in writing using the Absence request form which can be located in the school office. Requests will not be accepted via email.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Puffins and Penguins have had a great week. We have used the story of 'The Something' to look at how a story is structured. Using visual clues, we have retold the story in our own words using a fun structure. Try asking your child about:

1. Octopus opening
2. Build up Bear
3. Problem Penguin
4. Elephant ending.

Our rainbow challenges this week have included drawing their family and having a go at writing familiar names. We have been very impressed at how the children are beginning to hear the initial sounds of new words and are having a go at writing the letter shape. Well done Puffins and Penguins.

In Maths this week we have focused on the number '4'. It is important that the children begin to recognise the quantity of 4 without counting. - a 4 pattern on a dice, a dog has 4 legs, a square has 4 sides. We have also introduced a five frame and placed objects onto it to represent a number up to and including 4.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week the children have started to write their very own story based on a piece of writing called Albert's Discovery. The children have created a main character and thought of an old-fashioned toy that their character can mysteriously find. The children's ideas have been fabulous, and they have tried so hard to get their thoughts down on paper. In Maths the children have started their second unit. This week we have covered the part whole model and addition and subtraction. These areas of maths can be quite tricky, but the children have shown huge amounts of perseverance and resilience and so have the Teachers! Thank you to all the hard work that is going on at home. It is very much appreciated. During the afternoon the children have added to their L.S Lowry masterpiece. This week they have created the buildings and looked at adding detail using a black marker pen. In Science the children have learnt all about the suitability of materials used for different purposes. Well done kids, another fantastic week.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

This week Waterbirds have completed their independent write on a setting narrative. They have worked tirelessly to learn a range of descriptive techniques to paint a picture for the reader all to do with sailing into a storm. We are very proud of all the new vocabulary the children have been using. In maths, we have had a week of addition, using a range of methods to including star bursting, partitioning and column addition. The children have then applied this to some tricky

worded problems and missing number calculations. In science, the children have used their learning on the names of bones, to start thinking about the purpose of some of them. The children have correctly identified bones that provide protection and support. The children enjoyed trying lots of different physical activity to identify which joints they needed to use. As an additional challenge, the children had to identify gliding, hinge and ball and socket joints. In topic, Waterbirds have been reminding themselves about the key aspects of the Christian faith, and in music, we have all enjoyed learning a song about Anglo-Saxons, which has helped the children to learn about rhythm and pitch.

Sandpipers have also won the weekly TT Rock Stars Tournament

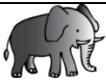
Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

It has been a whirlwind kind of week in birds of prey! The children have worked really well on so many tricky tasks. In literacy, we have started work on our formal reports. We have considered language that is informal and how to change this into formal. In maths, year 6 have consolidated their use of bus stop division and even began to use long division- well done! In year 5, the maths focus of rounding and place value up to 100,000 has continued. Science this week has been mixed. Hawks and Eagles have completed their exercise investigations linked to heart rates, whereas Kestrels have been learning about how nutrients are transferred around their body. The children across all three classes have enjoyed our history work this week which has included creating an Instagram page for Henry VIII, as well as learning the Horrible History's Henry VIII wives' song. We apologise in advance if your child sings this all weekend- it is very catchy! Children have seen much improvement in their circuit training and were really enthusiastic to take part this week- we will continue to complete this extra session throughout autumn term.

Next week see's the start of young voices practise. Children who will be attending the event should meet Mrs Byrne in her classroom on Tuesday lunchtimes for our new Young Voices club.

Praise

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Iris		For using her phonic knowledge in her reading and writing
Puffins	Amber		For showing lots of independence in the classroom
Robins	Edward		For being a great role model
Robins	Rufus		For working hard on improving his handwriting and challenging himself in his writing

Owls	Ruth		For showing progress and increased confidence in Maths
Owls	Rowan		For being an excellent role model to the other Owls
Woodpeckers	Finley		For being a great role model
Woodpeckers	Jessica		For showing creativity when writing a fabulous story

Swans Teachers Award	Luis		For showing lots of confidence in always participating in class discussion
Swans Children's Award	Wendy		For being a super supportive swan
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	Megan		For being a pro active role model and always speaking to children and teachers respectfully
Sandpipers Children's Award	Poppy		For being 'a ray of sunshine' to her friends
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Daniel		For being kind, considerate & helpful to everyone with a happy smile
Kingfishers Children's Award	Francesca		For amazing column addition in her maths lessons
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Rebecca		For persevering with the bus stop method for division
Kestrels Children's Award	Ethan T		For being a kind friend to all
Hawks Teacher's Award	Brogan		For always trying his best. This week he has produced a fantastic Henry VII diary about The Battle of Bosworth
Hawks Children's Award	Jessica		For being really helpful when children are finding it difficult. She also helped out everyone (including Mr Jones in Computing this week!)
Eagles Teacher's Award	Ava		For continuously working hard and always listening to advice with a smile in her face – Keep it up!
Eagles Children's Award	Lola		For being a great role model and ensuring everyone feels welcome in her games

The Hive

This week at the Hive we have been busy with preparing for autumn. The children have been cutting out and colouring leaves using autumn colours. They are really going to stand out on our wall display.

In the Acorns Room, some of the children have been playing with farm animals and building farm yards. They have been very creative. Meanwhile there have been some fun games with the plastic cups building small towers and working out how quickly they can collapse the tower before their opponent. The excitement on their faces was fun to see.

Outside we have enjoyed playing a game of skittles. Fun on the climbing frame and a few games of "What's the time Mr Wolf".

Film night this week was The Bee Movie. Thoroughly enjoyed by many. A chance to relax and unwind.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

Thank you so much to everyone who ventured out yesterday to come and support the FOWS at our first Wheelock Worm Charming competition.

It was lovely to see so many people there despite the wind and rain.

Huge thanks to all the FOWS volunteers & Dave the site manager who soldiered on through the heavy down pours to get everything set up. Also, a special mention goes to Steph & Tom Mellor who kindly designed, made and donated the wonderful wooden keepsakes and winners' trophies, they were a massive hit! We rely 100% on volunteers and we can't put on these fabulous fundraising events without them. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, thank you.

This event raised £300, which will all go towards items and equipment to help enrich the children's time at Wheelock.





If you would like to get involved in any future events, please email fowscontact@gmail.com for further information. Everyone is welcome!

Dates for your diaries

FOWS meeting - 6th Oct Sandbach Cricket Club 8pm

Wednesday 20th* October KS2 DISCO - details to be sent out next week.

Thursday 21th* October KS1 DISCO - details to be sent out next week.

Enjoy your weekend Wheelock.

Middlewich Victoria Hall COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

If you are eligible for a COVID vaccination you are welcome to book or *walk in at Middlewich Victoria Hall, CW10 1AS

To book email
smash.bookings@nhs.net

You will need to include in your email:

- Your full name
- Your date of birth
- Your postcode
- Your NHS number

Clinic times

Date	Time
<u>Sunday 3rd October</u> Pfizer BioNTech ONLY	09:00 – 12:00

*Walk in available for 1st, 2nd dose (8weeks after 1st)

*High risk 12-15 year olds and 3rd dose immunosuppressed patients booked appointments only

Healthy 12-15 year olds cannot be vaccinated at this clinic

