



Newsletter



25th June 2021

Message from Miss Gawn

This morning we were informed of a positive case of Covid within our school community. It has been a few months since we have had to close a 'bubble' due to close contact of someone with Covid and I would like to thank all the staff at the school and the parents we contacted for their support and understanding. The message that some staff and children needed to isolate was provided to all parents within a few minutes of receiving the notification this morning. It's never easy when plans have to change last minute but your cooperation hasn't gone unnoticed. Thankyou. Please continue to be vigilant and avoid sending your child to school if they have a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell.

Amy Dunn

After 7 years at the school Amy is leaving on Wednesday 21st July to do her teacher training. I'm sure you would like to join us in wishing her well. Everyone at Wheelock will miss her but she is really looking forward to the next step in career.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

We have had a busy week in Puffins and Penguins. We started the week with the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have used pictures to sequence the story and have been very creative this week, making paper chain caterpillars, handprint caterpillars and collage butterflies. The children also loved watching a time-lapse film about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been thinking about our favourite fruit in our writing tasks this week and recapping on using the tricky word 'like'.

In maths this week we have continued our work on numerical patterns and began to explore the concept of half. We have done this practically using fruit and paper shapes and also sharing quantities with two people having half each. We have been very impressed how the children have seen that halving a quantity is the opposite of doubling a quantity. Well done Puffins and Penguins. A great number game linked to this can be found at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

The woodland birds have had a great time this week developing their understanding of deforestation and its impact on the world around them. The children have great ideas on how we can all contribute to saving the rainforests and look after our planet. We definitely have some future eco warriors at Wheelock! We have continued to explore the text Troll Swap. On Monday, we showed off our dramatic side and retold the story of Timothy and Tabitha through a gossipy telephone conversation. They acted out different scenes from the story. We have also looked at different adverbs used in the story and how they are used to add additional detail alongside adjectives. In maths, year 1 have been looking at arrays and how they can be used to solve multiplication problems. They have also been using different strategies to solve word problems. Year 2 have continued to develop problem solving strategies, using part-whole models, 100 squares and solving missing number problems. The children have also created some incredible, Picasso inspired art work ready to display around the school.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

It has been a great week in Waterbirds. The children have been busy planning and writing their non-chronological report in literacy. They chose a religion to write about and made notes, then they used all their knowledge to write their report. In maths, the year 3 children have been focusing on capacity. They have read and compared different scales and begun to problem solve using amounts. The year 4 children have been learning about position and direction. They have also translated shapes on a grid. They have become increasingly confident with their knowledge of shape. In Individuality, the children have learnt about Ellie Simmonds and how she has achieved and continues to achieve so much. The children also identified different disabilities and if they were visible or hidden. The children in Waterbirds are very excited for their Sports Day next week. They have enjoyed practising their races today. Well done on a great week!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Year 5 and 6 have had their musician hats on this week. Each class have enjoyed learning all about African Music. Within these lessons, the children have learnt about the history, instruments, vocal pieces and made links between songs used as coded messages in the Underground Railroad by former slaves such as Harriet Tubman. The children took part in a range of workshops, which included body percussion and creating rhythms on a range of instruments. The children created their own body percussion sequences, which they performed to the class. Following these workshops, the children applied their learning on polyrhythmic textures, the pentatonic scale, improvisation, call and response and all the key elements of music to compose and perform their own piece of percussion music in the African-inspired style. The children impressed in how they combined all these elements. They displayed great ensemble skills such as listening, counting and eye-contact. As a class challenge, the children also learnt 'Jambo Bwana' (a Swahili greeting song) to sing as a class with some children arranging parts, dance moves and an instrumental accompaniment. As we have heard this song down the corridor all week, it is fair to say this catchy song is now forever stuck in the year 5/6 children's (and teachers') heads!

The Hive

The children have enjoyed a bug hunt this week and we have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the weird and wonderful creatures that inhabit our outside space. The sun has hidden her golden smile at times but the children have been too busy to notice. Inspired by the wonderful UEFA EURO 2020 games, our football net has never seen so much action and we definitely have some football stars in the making. Playing outside is a wonderful way for the children to share their talents with the group. Inside, the children have built soaring construction creations from the magnetic blocks and modelling straws. We have marvelled at their imaginative gravity defying skyscrapers! It has been such an action packed week!

FOWS

RAFFLE TIME!

As you all made our Christmas raffle such a roaring success, we have decided to continue to run our annual summer raffle 😊

This time, we are trying something new. Instead of asking for an item donation for non-uniform day, we are trying to keep it simple and are just asking for a minimum donation of £1 per child instead. (Non-uniform day Friday 2nd July)

The FOW's team will be creating some wonderful sweet treats to win as well as our amazing NEW CASH PRIZES!!!!

Please return completed raffle tickets with the correct money to the collection bags at your classroom doors.

More raffle tickets are available from the school office, please email office@wheelock.cheshire.sch.uk and the ladies will put some in your child's bag.

Dates for your diary

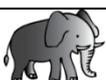
Thursday 1st July - FOW's AGM 8pm Sandbach Cricket Club

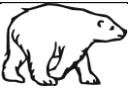
Friday 2nd July - Non-Uniform day (minimum suggested donation £1 per child)

Thursday 15th July - last day to hand in raffle tickets

Friday 16th July - summer raffle draw!!!

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Marley & Eleanor		for showing lots of creativity this week.
Puffins	Jessica & Mason		for showing lots of kindness to everyone in the class
Robins	Lowen & Marco		for amazing hard work in phonics.
Owls	Izabelle		for showing determination when practising handwriting
Woodpeckers	Isla		for amazing progress in phonics

Swans Teachers Award	Matilda & Kayleigh		Amazing progress in maths- really shining this week with positivity and confidence
Swans Children's Award	Lucas		showing a great understanding of how to make everyone feel welcome
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	Harry		For increasing his confidence in literacy lessons by taking his time and adding more detail to his sentences.
Sandpipers Children's Award	Evie		For always supporting her table in maths and asking people to play with her on the playground.
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Daniel		For super science work in his best handwriting
Kingfishers Children's Award	Eva		For being a kind, thoughtful and supportive talk partner

Kestrels Teacher's Award	Eoghan, Joseph, Lucas, Jacob, Adam, Brody, Louie		For being so creative and confident when creating African music and singing 'Hakuna Matata' (Jambo Bwana).
Hawks Teacher's Award	Charlie H		for working hard and making great progress.
Hawks Children's Award	Kaiden		for working hard to become a more independent learner and for pushing himself this week.
Eagles Teacher's Award	Max		for showing caring and thoughtful choices in his decisions on who joins him a group
Eagles Teacher's Award	Rory, Jacob, Alex		for showing great leadership and skill in this week's African music lessons



FOW'S SUMMER RAFFLE

*****NEW*** CASH PRIZES!!!!**

**First prize of a minimum £150
to be won!**



Plus lots of sweet treat prizes too!



The more tickets sold, the bigger the cash prizes!!!!

