

# Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## Class News

### Penguins and Puffins

Thank you to all our parents for a great first Parents' Evening. We are so proud of all the children's achievements this term. They have done so well.

We have started our new topic - all about Celebrations. We have begun this week with Bonfire Night and have made some great firework pictures. We have explored wax resist and then done a large group splatter painting and the children enjoyed added lots of sparkle with stars and glitter! We will introduce Remembrance Day today and begin making a wreath.

In Literacy we have been thinking of describing words for fireworks. We then helped each other to write words using our phonics. In maths we have been exploring 'One less'. We have used objects, number rhymes and five frames to talk through the story using, "First we have..... Then one more comes along.....Now we have ....." Have a go at home.

### Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week, KS1 have settled back into routine really quickly. We have begun a new story, Room on the Broom, which the children have loved reading and retelling. We have looked at the characters and how they each help the witch throughout the story. From this story, the children have been creating some lovely art work.

In maths, we have continued to look at addition and subtraction. The children have really enjoyed tackling trickier sums with some of them using objects and number lines to help and others using column addition and subtraction. We also had a lovely woodland session this week. With the children being in their class bubbles during this time, they have found some lovely, imaginative games and activities to do in the woods, from artwork to den building.

It has been really great catching up with parents this week during our parents evening calls. If you have any further questions or things you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Waterbirds have been extremely busy this week, continuing their Magical World work. In Literacy, the children have been identifying features of non-chronological reports including language and structure of the text. Also, the children have been learning about apostrophes for singular and plural possession which they found tricky!

In Maths, the children have been practising their multiplication using arrays and repeated addition to show their workings. Waterbirds have learnt how to multiply by 10 and 100 and some have applied their knowledge to tricky word problems.

In Community, the children have discussed and learnt about Remembrance Day and why it is important, before creating their own Remembrance Day artwork. Swans celebrated their differences and created a beautiful piece of art to celebrate their class. Sandpipers have discussed Anti-Bullying and came up with ways they could be a good friend and how friendship concerns should be addressed. Kingfishers have had the opportunity to listen to different pieces of music and share their likes and dislikes. Another fantastic week!

### Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

We have had a great first week back in year 5 and 6. The children have come back really settled and ready to get back to their learning. We have started our new Literacy topic based on the story 'The trouble with dragons'. The children quickly discovered that the story had a hidden message about global warming and how humans can make a change. The children will continue their research on this topic and begin writing a non-chronological report next week. Linking to this, the children have been learning about different climate zones around the world and plotting them on a map. Next week, they will be discussing climate change.

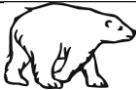
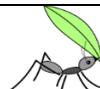
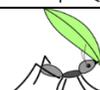
In mathematics, we have finished our unit on multiplication, learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 and multiplying with decimals. Next week, the children will be moving on to division in mathematics, so keep working on those times tables in preparation!

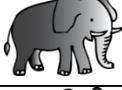
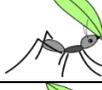
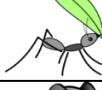
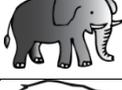
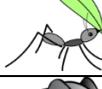
### House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
<b>555</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>630</b>

### Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Eleanor		Fantastic blending and reading simple sentences this week
Puffins	Harley		For being brave when having his Fluenza vaccine
Robins	Alys		For working hard with her phonics
	Evie		For working hard with her handwriting

Woodpeckers	Finley		For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class
	Quinn		For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class
Owls	Louie		For showing a great attitude to learning
	Luis		For being thoughtful and kind and a fab talk partner
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Eddie		For outstanding focus and improvement in his work all week
Kingfishers Children's choice	Daniel		For being a thoughtful, kind and caring friend to everyone in our class
Swans Teacher's choice	James		For fantastic creative choices of words in his writing
Swans Children's choice	Sophia		For trying extra hard in maths
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Isla		For persevering with her work and gaining self-confidence
Sandpipers Children's choice	Jemima		For being a caring and thoughtful friend
Eagles Teacher's choice	Iona and Chloe		For having a fantastic attitude to learning in their morning maths groups
Eagles Children's choice	Oliver		For an improvement in his overall focus and effort in lessons
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Bailey		For rising to the challenge of using the grid method in maths
	Noah		For working with such great determination all week
Kestrels Children's choice	Amy		For being a wonderful friend and always cheering people up
Hawks Teacher's choice	Lauren		For really trying hard and having the confidence to join in class discussions
	Jessica		For coming back with a great attitude and trying her best
Hawks Children's choice	Charlie		For cheering the class up and making people laugh

## Whole School News

### News from the Hive

It is that blustery time of year again: the time when the sun hangs low in the sky and the children run, climb and hunt under excited clouds. Football, skipping and hide and seek have been very popular this week and in addition to that, the wonky squares of a hopscotch game appeared! Inside, we have adorned aprons and got stuck into clay modelling, with some squishing and squashing The Hive is now full of little bowls and delicate pendants, all ready for painting.



### News from FOWS

Here at FOWS HQ, we are working on some plans to help get us all in the Christmas spirit and to make sure the children feel the magic Christmas should bring. In the coming weeks, we'll share more about our festive class mugs which will be available to purchase, a Socially distanced Christmas Hamper Raffle, decorating the school, a Christmas film night and our Christmas Wonderland Grotto.

We know this year has been difficult for so many of us. Normally there would be a charge for events like the film night and a visit to the grotto. However, as a little Christmas gift to the children, the FOWS would like to cover the cost of these events this year to ensure all children can attend and enjoy.

We are still doing a few little fundraisers too. Selling mugs designed by the children and also a Christmas raffle with many hampers to be won. (More info to follow next week, keep an eye on our Facebook page).

We hope you can help us bring in a little Christmas sparkle over the next few months.

#### WHEELLOCK-OF-FORTUNE

Congratulations to November winners.....

1st- 70 Mrs French £25

2nd - 89 Mrs Pickles £15

3rd - 47 Jane Hesketh £10

The cheques will be with you shortly.

### Covid Test Centre Art Work

Cheshire East council are asking for help from local children to make the new Covid test centre in Crewe more welcoming and friendly by creating pieces of art to be displayed on the walls. To find out more or get involved, please visit:

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/media\\_hub/media\\_releases/schools-invited-to-get-creative-and-put-their-mark-on-the-crewe-covid-19-local-testing-site.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2Ax4MEIT-Nv508ESPUsHO8eRC2czqQySA3Ar\\_WQsPt5-cgB9vvzAyNK6s](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/media_hub/media_releases/schools-invited-to-get-creative-and-put-their-mark-on-the-crewe-covid-19-local-testing-site.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2Ax4MEIT-Nv508ESPUsHO8eRC2czqQySA3Ar_WQsPt5-cgB9vvzAyNK6s)

## **Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant. Please see the school website for full details.

## **Covid Update**

We are continuously reviewing our procedures and risk assessment for Covid 19. Where a child, family member or member of staff has had symptoms of Covid 19, we are asking to see a copy of a negative test result if the child or staff member wishes to return to school before the 14 days of their isolation. We will not take a copy of this result but will keep a record of results that have been seen. If a child's parents do not wish to share their test result, the child will need to stay at home for the full 14 days of their isolation from the start of symptoms and work will be provided for them to complete at home. Our full Covid risk assessment is available on the school website.

If your child or a member of your family has a positive Covid test result during the half-term break, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing the office: [office@wheelock.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@wheelock.cheshire.sch.uk)