

26th April, 2024

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Welcome Back!

As always, it was a pleasure to welcome back all our children following the Easter break. The children were full of their usual enthusiasm and excitement for what, I am sure, will be yet another hugely positive term. I had a proud moment on the first day back, when during breakfast club, a child said that he couldn't wait to find out what he would be learning about this term. This is testament that our new learning units are engaging and interesting.

As always there is much to look forward to: Residential trips, day trips, sports day, KS2 performance and of course our School Fete to name a few. Thank you to those who have offered help for either the Harewood run (6<sup>th</sup> May) or the fete (9<sup>th</sup> June), or both! As you can imagine, these events take a huge amount of organisation from the Friends of Wherwell, so if you are able to help we would love to hear from you. You can contact the Friends of Wherwell by emailing [wherwellprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:wherwellprimarypta@gmail.com) or collect a form from the school office.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mandy Ovenden

Head Teacher

## Music Lessons

It's the time of year we think about instrumental lessons for the next academic year.

Currently we offer violin, cello, guitar, flute, clarinet, keyboard and brass lessons. The lessons cost £110 per term for a minimum of 10 lessons (averaged over the year).

We book the peripatetic music teachers for the whole year and would expect the children to commit for the whole year.

If your child is interested in starting or continuing music lessons please email [adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk).



## ROBINS

Linking with our continued learning about the parts of a plant, Robins Class have enjoyed observing the changes in white flowers that were placed in coloured water (food colouring and water). We were very excited to see that the flowers changed colours. We also discovered that the blue food colouring worked the best!

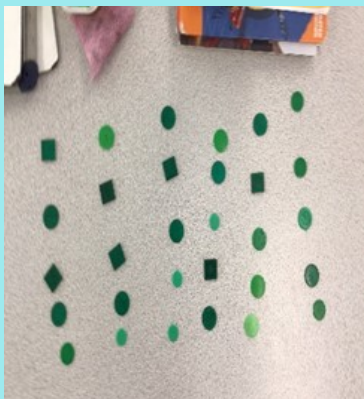
We are also looking after some very exciting visitors in our classroom at the moment. We have five tiny caterpillars that are very busy eating lots and getting bigger. We're very excited to be able to observe the changes in these caterpillars over the next few weeks as they become butterflies!



## PUFFINS

It has been a very busy start to the new term for Puffins! We have been finding out about endangered animals across the globe, particularly tigers. This has then linked into our Art work as we have been exploring colour mixing and will be working towards creating a mixed media tiger.

In Maths we have been looking at Multiplication and Division. The children have had lots of opportunities to work practically with the resources as we have created arrays and have been looking at the difference between columns and rows.





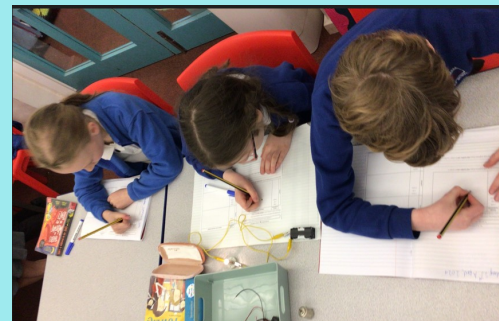
## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers left school last Friday very excited having watched the cracks form in a couple of their eggs. On Monday, they came in to find 3 chicks called Henny, Edith and Mabel. They have watched the hatching process of Henny's egg and have written a diary from the point of view of the chicks hatching.



## SPARROWHAWKS

We have started our science learning journey about electricity. We have explored the different ways appliances can be powered and created our own circuits. We problem solved why bulbs were not shining brightly.



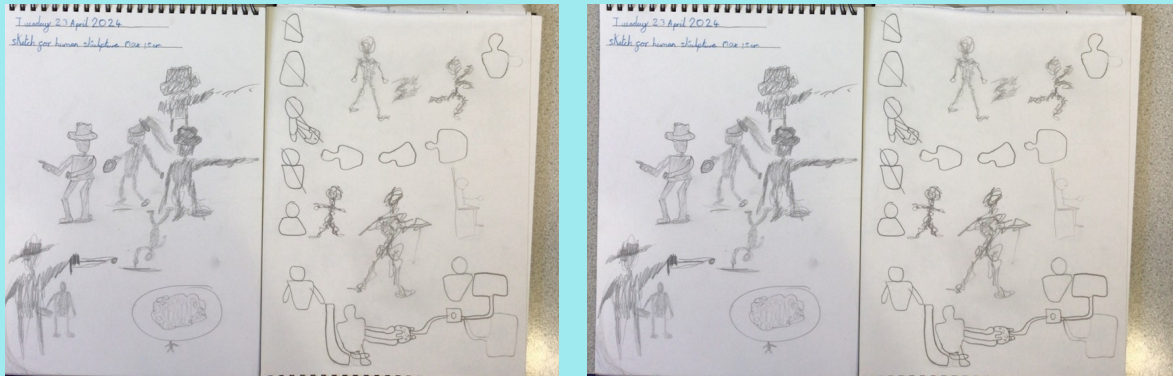
Year 4s have started their swimming lessons and are all confident in the water. They have enjoyed splashing about and practising their breathing techniques!





## HOUSE MARTINS

In art this half term, House Martins are working towards creating a sculpture out of wire. This week, they have drawn their designs, in preparation to make these out of wire.



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& PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

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# Diary Dates

Activity	Date (New Dates)
Sparrowhawks visit to Winchester Cathedral	Monday 29th April
Harewood Run	Monday 6th May
Year 3 visit to Tile Barn - details to follow	Tuesday 7th May
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13th—16th May
Year 4/5 residential to Liddington	Monday 13th—Friday 17th May
Walk to School Week - details to follow	Monday 20th May—Friday 24th May
Last day of school	Friday 24th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th May—31st May
INSET DAY	Monday 3rd June
Sports for Schools visitor	Friday 7th June
School Fete	Sunday 9th June
Year 6 residential to Runways End	Monday 10th—14th June
Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June
Parents evening	Tuesday 2nd July 3:30 - 5:30
Parents evening (including SENDCo Appointments)	Wednesday 3rd July 3:30 - 7:00
Sports Day	Thursday 11th July
INSET DAY	Monday 15th July
KS2 Performance	Tuesday 16th July 6pm
KS2 Performance	Wednesday 17th July 6pm
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 18th July
Year 6 Leavers assembly	Monday 22nd July 2:15
Year 6 Rounder's with Parents	Tuesday 23rd July 1:30
Last day of term	Tuesday 23rd July