

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Summer Fete



Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fete on Sunday 9th June. It was a wonderful event (the weather was kind to us) and it was great to see the community coming together. We will spend the money we raise on improving resources and opportunities for all the children in our school. One of our current projects is to get the school pond back in use by purchasing a dipping platform. We are also in the process of improving our outdoor early year's area and we are installing new batteries into our laptops. Thank you once again to our amazing *Friends of Wherwell* team who are expertly led by Caroline Sharp. They work incredibly hard throughout the year but it's this event which takes the most preparation and coordination and it's an impressive achievement. Thank you. Well done to the children who bravely performed a Born to Move dance led by Miss Upton.



Athlete visit -Luke Delahunty

Last Friday, we welcomed Luke Delahunty to school. Luke is an Invictus Games Champion and specialises in rowing and hand cycling. The children spent an exciting, high energy afternoon, each taking turns to complete some short circuit activities with Luke. He spoke to the pupils about his challenges in life, being in a wheelchair and how he has never given up on his sporting career. The children were also captivated to hear about Luke's time in the RAF prior to his motorbike accident. Thank you for the money raised which will go towards sports equipment.



Class structure in September

I wrote to you previously about some changes to our team structure next year.

We are currently working on class lists which will be shared the week beginning 24th June, but in the meantime, I thought you would like to know the planned staffing structure for September.

Robins Year R: Monday, Tuesday and Friday- Miss Gilbody / Wednesday and Thursday- Mrs Robinson (see photo below)

Puffins Year 1/2: Mrs Gray

Kingfishers Year 2/3: Monday – Thursday Miss Upton/ Friday – Mrs Robinson

Sparrowhawks Year 3/4: Miss Ball

House Martins Year 5/6: Miss Cammack



Welcome to Mrs Robinson. She will join us for Robins second Stay and Play session and also for our 'Moving on session' for the whole school which is on the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd July. Mrs Robinson has lots of energy and is keen to get to know your children!



Congratulations to Miss Gilbody, who has been appointed as our Deputy Head and SENDco. Miss Gilbody is committed to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential and we are sure she will do well in these roles.



ROBINS

Last week, Robins Class had a letter from Supertato informing us that the Evil Pea had escaped and was running riot around Wherwell. We even had photos of him in our classroom! Robins Class were very eager to help Supertato to catch the Evil Pea, they started by making some wonderful WANTED posters which we stuck around school to let everyone know that we were looking out for the pea.

Robins Class then worked to make some fantastic Pea traps, using a mixture of junk modelling and construction resources. With the help of the traps, Supertato managed to catch the Evil Pea and march him back to the freezer.



PUFFINS

Last week, Puffins came across a very interesting discovery – an iguana on the school field! They made sure it was well looked after, and we phoned Marwell Zoo asking for their help. We used that exciting event to help us with our English learning journey and have been writing postcards and letters to recount the events.

In Maths we have started looking at fractions and have been focussing this week on recognising a half of a shape or a quantity. The children have been encouraged to use the appropriate vocabulary when describing what they can see such as, half, whole, equal and unequal.

Last Friday afternoon proved a lot of fun as the children tired themselves out with all of the activities that Luke Delahunty asked them to complete! We used his visit to link with our PSHE learning this week, about resilience and never giving up.





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been enjoying their new story - Charlotte's Web. We used the first chapter, highlighted the parts in speech marks and turned it into a script. Then we chose parts and acted them out.



SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have had a very dramatic week. We have acted out different states of matter looking at the particles within solids, liquids and gases.



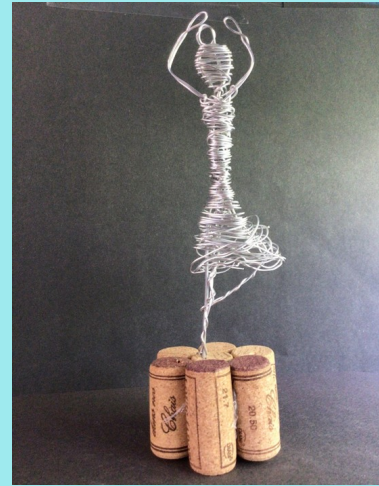
We have also been practising our intonation by reading poetry, and getting ready to write our own poems. Sparrowhawks are definitely a theatrical bunch.





HOUSE MARTINS

Last half term in Art, House Martins were looking at the work of artist Candice Bees. With the help of Mrs Hill, they worked incredibly hard and created fantastic wire sculptures. Below, are just a few examples of their amazing work!



Year 6 House Martins enjoying a well earned ice cream at Runway's End!



Reminder - Class Photos

The photographer will be in school next Wednesday to take class photos. Please can children arrive in full school uniform, including a school jumper, cardigan or fleece.

In addition, can Year 6 children please bring in their leavers hoodie.

Summer Fete Update

Our Summer Fete has raised an estimated 'profit' of circa £3250!

The money will be used for projects and resources to help support our children at Wherwell Primary School.

Thank you to our Friends of Wherwell and all of you for supporting this event.

Phonics Thank You

A special thank you to Mrs Leak, Mrs Cockram, Mrs Gibson and parents for all your hard work in helping support the KS1 children as they prepared for their mandatory phonics screening test. It is very much appreciated.

Diary Dates

Activity	Date (New Dates)
Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June
New YR intake Stay & Play Session	Thursday June 20th 1:30—2:30
Hampshire Library Service visit	Monday 24th June 10am
New YR intake Stay & Play Session	Tuesday June 25th 1:30—2:30
Robins visit to Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm	Wednesday 26th June 2024
Music performance - Orchestra, Choir, Recorders and instrumentalists	In- Wednesday 26th June 2024 2pm
Year 6 Bikeability - details to follow	Monday 1st - Friday 5th
Parents evening	Tuesday 2nd July 3:30 - 5:30
Kingfishers visit to Gordon Brown Centre - details to follow	Tuesday 2nd July
New YR intake Stay & Play Session	Wednesday 3rd July 1:30—2:30
Parents evening (including SENDCo Appointments)	Wednesday 3rd July 3:30 - 7:00
Whole school moving on session	Wednesday 3rd July
Puffins visit to Lee-on-the-Solent - details to follow	Monday 8th July
Sports Day	Thursday 11th July 12.30pm
INSET DAY	Monday 15th July
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance to school	Tuesday 16th July 1:15pm
Kingfishers learning outcome to parents	Tuesday 16th July 2:50pm
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance	Tuesday 16th July 6pm
Puffins learning outcome to parents—assembly in the hall	Wednesday 17th July 9:05am
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance	Wednesday 17th July 6pm
Sparrowhawks learning outcome to parents	Thursday 18th July 2:50pm
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