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Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



It may seem that things start to wind down towards the end of the term, but that could not be further from the truth! To start with, there is so much going on around the school in terms of the building, which you will have seen. The chimneys needed attention but will hopefully be completed in the next couple of weeks when we can finally say goodbye to the scaffolding! We are also having work done to our windows which involves replacing the blown double glazing and adding secondary glazing to our single pane windows in the hope that it will insulate the school more for those cold winter months.

There is still lots for the children to look forward to. As I write this, there is excitement in the Robins classroom as they head off for their day out at Cholderton Farm. Puffins are looking forward to their trip to the seaside as part of their learning about beaches in Geography. Kingfishers will have a great time orienteering at The Gordon Brown Centre and Sparrowhawks will enjoy learning about rivers when they complete their Geography fieldwork at the Cow Common. The sounds of wonderful singing are booming out of the hall whilst Sparrowhawks and House Martins rehearse for their performance of *The Amazing Adventures of Superstan*. I am really looking forward to that; it promises to be a lot of fun! Tickets will be on sale soon for the families of the children involved. Sparrowhawks will also be entertaining us with their ukulele performance on 18th July. The lines have been painted on the field ready for Sports Day and children are busy practicing their events. Parents will be welcome to arrive from 12:30 on Thursday 11th July. We will of course also be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children with a special assembly on 22nd July as well as there being other traditional fun leaving events like our parents versus children rounders match, leaver's lunch and waterfight (I will be hiding for this one!).

I feel exhausted just thinking about fitting this all in during the remaining 16 days but I am sure it will be a fun challenge!

Finally, I would like to say a massive well done to all of our children who sung or played an instrument at our musical performance. I was so proud of you all and it is clear how much effort you put into practicing. Thank you to Mrs Elmslie for organising this and for supporting children to develop their skills along with our peripatetic teachers. We are very lucky to have a music specialist amongst our staff team and so many motivated musicians amongst our children.



100km Walk For Jess



Hey everyone! I'm Adam Faye. If we've not met I'm Alice's Dad (Kingfishers) I'm one of the co-founders of Wherwell Royals the Village men's football team and current league champions!

In January this year one of our players broke the news to us that his partner had been diagnosed with a Brain tumour.

They set up a just giving page and myself, another player and his partner agreed to take on the CWC a continuous 100km walk which we completed Sunday morning in just over 31 hrs!

We are amazed to have raised just over £2,500 towards their target so far but they are still a little short. If you can spare any change and would like to show your support please follow the link for their story and how to donate. Thanks for your time!

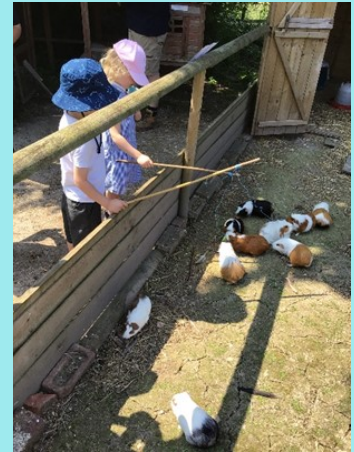


<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/keepfightingJess>



ROBINS

Robins Class had a wonderful trip to Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm this week! It was a very sunny and warm day but the children were fantastic and we had a great time. We met a Shetland pony called Cookie, went guinea pig fishing (unfortunately we couldn't bring any back to school) and enjoyed meeting the very friendly goats. A big thank you to our parent helpers and to all parents who helped to get their child ready for the trip. We look forward to sharing lots of photos with you when we welcome parents into class on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July.



PUFFINS

Puffins are currently looking at Poetry for their English Learning Unit so we have been busy generating beach-related vocabulary to help write our own poems.

In computing, we have been using the programme Scratch Junior, the children have been changing backgrounds, adding sprites and developing their own algorithms.

For art, we have been looking at shells, the children did some large scale work on sugar paper using chalks to create concentric circles. They have also had a go at recreating Matisse's famous artwork 'The Snail' using collage techniques.





KINGFISHERS

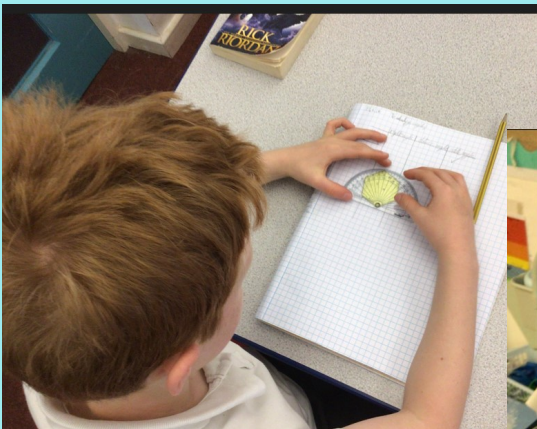
Kingfishers have been making the most of the good weather and using the building works happening around the school as a good opportunity to take their learning outside. We had a maths lesson in the playground where we learned about pictograms and two-way tables. Eventually, it got too windy so we took our learning into the hall instead which we all really enjoyed. It was much quieter there which was appreciated by all!



SPARROWHAWKS

In maths, we have begun to look at shapes and their angles. Sparrowhawks had to identify the different types of angles a shape has.

In science, we have looked at gasses and whether they are weightless. To do this we used lemonade and tried to stir the carbon dioxide out of it. Although the weight change was minimal we were still able to answer our hypothesis.





HOUSE MARTINS

House Martins have been making the most of the sunshine this week by learning about angles outside. We've been instructing our friends to turn through 90, 180, 270 and 360 degree turns clockwise and anti-clockwise.



Sports Day - Cake Donations

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Sports Day on Thursday 11th July. The playing fields school gate will be open from 12:30pm for a 1pm start (gate will be locked at 13:05pm).

Our wonderful *Friends of Wherwell* will be selling refreshments from 12:30pm until the start and would be grateful for donations of cakes, which can be dropped off in the morning at the office or brought along with you at 12.30pm.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Our *Friends of Wherwell* will be selling second-hand uniform after school on Wednesday 3rd July.

They would be very grateful for donations of school uniform, waterproof trousers and wellies for Forest School. Please only donate items which are clean with no stains or holes.

Sports

It has been a very busy few weeks with PE competitions.

We have participated in tag rugby, rounders and athletics cluster competitions and although we may not have won medals, Wherwell showed great teamwork, determination and resilience in all games.

Thank you to all parents who have helped with transporting children to and from the events.



Sports For Schools Update

Well done to everyone for raising an amazing £1,218.96 for our school. We will be using the money to purchase equipment to keep everyone busy at lunchtime.

Thank you, we are very grateful for your support.

Diary Dates

Activity	Date (New Dates)
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 1st , Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July
Parents evening	Tuesday 2nd July 3:30 - 5:30pm
Kingfishers visit to Gordon Brown Centre	Tuesday 2nd July
New YR intake Stay & Play Session	Wednesday 3rd July 1:30 - 2:30pm
Parents evening (including SENDCo Appointments)	Wednesday 3rd July 3:30 - 7:00pm
Whole school moving on session	Wednesday 3rd July
Puffins visit to Lee-on-the-Solent - details to follow	Monday 8th July
Sparrowhawks visit to Chilbolton Cow Common - details to follow	Tuesday 9th July
Robins parent sharing session	Wednesday 10th July 2:50pm
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 Listen to Me Concert - in the hall	Thursday 18th July 11:00am
Sparrowhawks learning outcome to parents	Thursday 18th July 11:40am
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 18th July
Year 6 Leavers assembly	Monday 22nd July 2:15pm
Year 6 Rounder's with Parents	Tuesday 23rd July 1:30pm
Last day of term	Tuesday 23rd July