

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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This week at the Wyche

Porridge, Pride, Poetry, Preparation and Painting!

It's been a creative and rather therapeutic week at the Wyche. Children have told me about how they cooked and tasted porridge in Red class and how some was yummy (jam) and some not so good (marmite!); there was some really interesting and in-depth reading analysis going on in this class too which impressed me mightily. Yellow Class have been expertly bringing together all of their interactive learning about wolves into journalistic articles and were proudly showing me the fruits of their labours. Blue Class had prepared, presented and partaken of Greek salads, trying onions, tomatoes and olives and sharing their views on these ancient delicacies. Orange Class have been preparing a performance poem as a dramatic reading for their Orange Class Olympiad and were very excited about the creative use of their voices, and Green class spent an afternoon of sheer creative calm painting exquisitely detailed backgrounds for their retellings of The Highwayman. Peace broke out and all was well.

Online Safety

Screen Time. We often wonder "how much is too much", is there a bad time of day and are screens bad for our health and our children's wellbeing? The truth is hard to establish but the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, (RCPCH) takes a balanced view and is worth reading if you are trying to get the proportion just right. Have a look on the link below.

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/health-impacts-screen-time-guide-clinicians-parents>

Covid-19 testing

Thank you to parents who are working with us in getting children PCR tested when they have Coronavirus symptoms. We know this is inconvenient and not always pleasant but it is all part of fighting the spread of this disease so thanks. May I reiterate some points?

1 Lateral Flow tests in the home are to identify people who may be Covid-19 positive but have no symptoms. An LFD is likely to pick this up and allows self-isolation to stop the spread. A positive Lateral Flow must be followed up by a PCR test to confirm. Lateral flow tests are not for checking if symptoms are Covid-related as they are not reliable enough to diagnose fully, they are a screening tool. Lateral flow tests should be reported here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. We encourage adults and secondary age children to LFD twice weekly to catch asymptomatic cases early.

2 PCR tests are available from walk or drive in testing sites (such as County Hall in Worcester) and must be booked online or on the 119 number. If you or your child have any of the three COVID symptoms (new, persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) that person must self-isolate and book a PCR test. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

3 If your child has any of the Covid symptoms, please do not send them in to school but book a test and let us know what is happening. Thank you.

Mon 29th

Nov

Guitar lessons

Forest School is on this week, but Netball is cancelled as Mrs Baylis has a course. We apologise for any inconvenience

Tues 30th Nov

Violin lessons
Choir is on this afternoon, but Chess Club is cancelled as Mr Murphy has a meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Wed 1st Dec

Woodwind and drum lessons are on today
FAME clarinet lesson for Blue Class
4 Front Theatre Group puppet show for the entire school this afternoon, kindly funded by All Saints Church.

Thurs 2nd Dec

Brass and piano lessons
Cricket club is on this evening.

Fri 3rd Dec

7th swim for Green Class
Crazy Hair day in exchange for a donation of a prize suitable for the Christmas Fayre Tombola.
3.30 – 5.30 Christmas Fayre on the playground.
Multiskills club is cancelled this afternoon due to the Christmas Fayre.
Due to the setting up of the Christmas Fayre on the playgrounds this afternoon please can all children be collected from the Main School Gates (by Reception) .

Friends

Advance notice that 3rd December will be:

Christmas Crazy Hair Day at school (in exchange for a Fayre Tombola prize).

THE WYCHE CHRISTMAS FAYRE: 15:30 - 17:30

- STORY TIME WITH SANTA plus a gift (time slots will be designated for specific classes) for £2.50
- Tuck shop. Mulled wine, hot cider and hot chocolate for sale
- TOMBOLA
- SANTA BEAN BAG THROW
- HOOK A BAUBLE
- BOTTLE IN A BAG
- GOODY BAG SPINNER
- PASS THE PARCEL (with an Elf!)
- LUCKY DIP
- FLASHING NOVELTIES Stall
- WHITE ELEPHANT Stall (Preloved goods sale)

THE WYCHE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW (£1 a ticket): 16:45

TOP TICKET SELLING PUPIL PRIZE, 40 FAB PRIZES to win including: a Family Ticket to the June 2022 Mello Festival, Entry for 4 to Hatton's Adventure World, a Waitrose Goody bag (incl. wine), a £185 Family Portrait package with Sub Studio Photography, a Night Off From The Kids (dinner for 2 & a bottle of wine) at Brown's at the Quay, plus 35 more fabulous prizes!

Fostering

Could you foster? Would you like to find out how you can provide a family home to children in your area? Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucester, who are urgently seeking full-time foster carers willing

to foster older children and siblings. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them. To find out more about becoming a foster carer in Worcestershire and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.

Enjoy the last weekend of Autumn – next time I write it will be December and Advent will be underway...

My best,

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher