

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday to you all (and happy Red Nose Day too!),

This week at the Wyche

In an eventful week at the Wyche, Green class tell me they thoroughly enjoyed their relay maths event using their bodies and their minds to think differently and challenge themselves. Orange class were thrilled and enthused about their science and the study of the anatomy of the human body. "I took a liver out" reported one young scientist. Parents should be reassured that the liver was removed from a full-size anatomical model; no surgery was performed. Blue class have been deconstructing the Famous Five, writing summaries of the text and identifying the key components of a good mystery. Yellow class learned all about the wonderfully humane and intelligent Jane Goodall and her life among the great apes. Red Class had a visit from a genuine food entrepreneur who told them all about display, marketing and customer service when running a market stall and selling your own wares.

Our collective worship assemblies looked at the Parable of the Sower (and how sometimes advice can fall on stony ground) and the value of education, looking at some children's truly hair-raising journeys to school and counting our blessings here in the wonderful Wyche.

Covid and Parents' Evening

Thanks for bearing with us as we took the difficult decision to cancel parents' evening appointments this week due to staff illness and rising rates of Coronavirus in the community. Working around the calendar, Parents Evening will now move until after Easter and will take place during the week beginning 2nd May. We will clarify times and dates after the holiday.

The only exception to this is Green class as Year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests after Easter (w/b 9th May). Mrs Charles will make arrangements with Year 6 parents to have a brief online meeting over Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March to have conversations about preparation for this important week.

Year 2 also sit tests provided by the government but this will be later that month and form part of a Teacher Assessment which is reported. In Year 6 the test is the test and it is crucial we ensure children are emotionally and academically ready to give their best and that parents have had a chance to discuss this with the class teacher earlier rather than later.

We discourage absence off during school time unless it absolutely necessary but especially during May as SATs are taking place. Thank you for your understanding.

Online safety

You know that here at The Wyche online safety is a passion of ours and a priority, explored in lessons and assemblies to help children stay safe. The government published its Online Harms Bill this week which we welcome as a step towards making the internet a safer place for our children. We will of course respond to statutory guidance arising from this legislation and continue to promote caution, care and conscious choices for young people online. Watch this space.

Fundraising for Red, Blue and Yellow

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations to Ukraine this week. Together we raised a magnificent £146.20 which will be given to a disaster relief charity to provide clothing, medicine and care for those affected. It was delightful to see children putting their contributions on the map, physically giving to Ukraine. In addition, it was lovely to see a sea of red today as we raised funds for Red Nose Day which we will donate to Comic Relief. Many thanks for your generosity. We will let you know the count next week.

Uniform

To keep warm in school over the winter months whilst maintaining enhanced ventilation in our classrooms, many children have needed to wear extra layers or coats in class. Now that Spring is on its way, we would politely request that children revert to wearing their uniform as specified in our uniform policy (you will find a copy of this in your child's book bag this afternoon and it is on our website). This means that children will be asked to remove their coats and outer clothing whilst in the school building, children will not need to wear leggings/jogging bottoms underneath their shorts, t-shirts or skirts and everyone should revert to wearing polo shirts and school jumper/ cardigan for everyday wear (PE t-shirts should only be worn during PE lessons). Obviously, children can still wear vests under their uniform to keep warm and it is everyone's decision whether to wear long or short trousers, a skirt or a dress etc. for warmth and comfort. As has always been the case, trainers, platforms and boots are not school uniform and comfortable and supportive black shoes need to be provided.

<u>Mon 21st Mar</u>	Guitar lessons Netball club and Kurling club.
<u>Tues 22nd Mar</u>	Violin lessons. Musical drama club Netball tournament at the Chase 7.45 pm Friends meeting at the Railway Inn. Everyone welcome.
<u>Wed 23rd Mar</u>	Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons Tennis tournament at Manor Park
<u>Thurs 24th Mar</u>	Card and board games club
<u>Fri 25th Mar</u>	Eighth swim for Orange Class Film Society and girl's football club Netball tournament at the Chase

Friends

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 22nd March @ 19:45 - Wine & Summer Fete Planning.

Join the Friends at the Railway Inn for an informal Summer Fete planning discussion.

Friday 8th April - The Big Sale! A Tuck Shop, Jumble and Preloved Uniform sale straight after school. Stick around for a rummage and chat before the holiday.

Easter Holidays - Easter Word Hunt (around the Fruitlands)

EVENT APPEAL

Please get in touch if you would be happy to put a letter up in your window for the children to find.

Adult learning

Worcestershire County Council is offering FREE courses to help guide adult learners onto the right path to becoming a hairdresser or beautician. The Level 1 Award - Introduction to Hairdressing and Level 1 Award - Introduction to Beauty aims to provide learners an insight into the Hair and Beauty sector, such as basic techniques and treatments done in the salon. Upon completing these courses, learners can seek out employment as an assistant or pursue further learning at Level 2. These courses will start on Monday 11th April at the Fairfield Centre, which is open for anyone to join, regardless of previous qualification, with those meeting the criteria able to sign up for free. If you are interested in booking onto the course, please go to: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/adultlearning>

I hope this warm weather abides. Have great weekends and stay healthy,

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher