

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*

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Dear families,

This week at The Wyche

We have kicked off our Journeys good and proper this week with a range of delightful learning events. Green class wrote letters in role to Earnest Shackleton asking to join his expedition and took turns interviewing each other, pretending to be the Great Man himself. Orange class began their exploration of Hindu life in the UK by learning about the ancient origins of Hinduism in India. Blue class simply could not decide between their hugely enjoyable Tag Rugby session or the work they did on De Stijl artist, Piet Mondrian. Spoilt for choice ... and only 2 weeks in! Yellow class got fully immersed in the TV and pop music of the 1950s and played us out of assembly with Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock", and Red class has been painting to music, creating Kandinsky-like images the way Kandinsky did himself.

Collective Worship Assemblies

This week's collective worship assemblies continued with the theme of Respect exploring "Thanks" as one of the magic words of Respect, and hearing the story from Luke's Gospel about the ten lepers who were healed, yet only one bothered to say thank you. We also heard about respect in sports, the sporting spirit and the true winners are those who play fair and accept the result.

Online Safety – YUBO Risk

We have received advice and warnings about the 13+ app "Yubo", with the Online Safety Centre stating that it had "flimsy age gates, inappropriate content, livestream risks, the potential for bullying, extensive access and a 'gateway' effect that could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps not intended for a younger audience" (The swipe left or right aspect is very similar to child-inappropriate apps like Tinder). This app is considered by some as risky for its target audience and if your children are using it the advice is you should discourage the use of this one and certainly checking the interactions and activity for risk or harm, seeking help if you need to.

House points

Midsummer House took the cup for the second week in a row, with a stunning 117 points. Thanks to all children who showed us that "together we soar". Can you make the hat-trick Midsummer house? Only time will tell.

Attendance (Really) Matters

There are colds and bugs around but unless your child is genuinely too unwell to come to school they are must be in school by law. The social and academic treats on offer are just too good to miss.

What's On?

Don't forget our interactive calendar at <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/calendar> which will keep you posted on up-and-coming events.

Mon 16th Jan

Guitar and brass lesson resume today
Netball club starts today

Tues 17th Jan

Choir is on today to continue preparations for Young Voices.

Wed 18th Jan

FAME for Blue Class. Please ensure that children in Blue Class bring their violins into school this morning, as we do not have any spare instruments in school.

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Woodwind and drum lessons.

The first session of Empower sports club starts this afternoon for children in years 3 and 4.

Thurs 19th Jan

Piano lessons

Dance club begins today

Friday 20th Jan

Second swimming lesson for Orange Class

There will be no meeting of the film society today as Mr Wilson has a course.

This club will commence on Friday 27th.

Friends

Save the date On the evening of Thursday 2nd February 2023, by popular demand we'll be holding a school Winter disco: 'The Snow Ball'. Dust off your dancing shoes and we'll be taking song requests. There will be separate sessions for KS1 / 2.

The next meeting of the Friends will be at 7.30pm on 26th January. Everyone welcome to attend and assist with the planning of activities for the coming year.

Free School Meals

Times are difficult financially for lots of families at the moment. If you are struggling it might be worth checking out the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

Activities

January Messy Church will take place at All Saints Church on Thursday 19th January, 3.45 pm for 4.00 pm start. They will be serving hot dogs! No need to book. They are looking forward to seeing you.

Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate competition has opened, inviting young people aged 10 – 18 from across the county to take part. The competition is jointly run by Severn Arts and Worcester Libraries, celebrating the talented voices of young local poets by inviting them to submit their written poetry for the opportunity to perform at the Young Poet Laureate final.

As Young Poet Laureate you could...

- Have your work published
- Receive mentoring from professional poets
- Gain opportunities to perform and share your work.

To enter the competition, submit one poem on the theme of Time. Poems might be inspired by a memorable experience, a point in history, what the future looks like to you or times of change. The competition will be judged across 3 age categories: School Years 6–8, 9–11 and 12–13.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to perform two poems at the Young Poet Laureate final in March. Application deadline: 5pm on Monday 20 February For more information, and to apply, please visit: www.severnarts.org.uk/young-poet-laureate

The January/February issue of Families magazine can be found at the following link. With information about activities in the local area.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famhwjanfeb23digital?fr=sOTUwMTU2OTMxOTk>

Let's hope this bright sunshine has replaced the rain, and have a great weekend together

Best wishes,
Stephen Murphy
Headteacher

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