

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday everyone!

This week at the Wyche

Despite the fog and the frost, we have been busy as ever here at the wonderful Wyche. Mrs Baylis gave us an inspiring assembly about the civil rights movement and the hope it gave her. Meanwhile, in lessons, there has been a whole lot of learning going on...

Red class had a tremendous time exploring movement in the style of animals in their exploration of farming. Yellow class have been multiplication superstars this week and have been knocking those calculations out of the park! Blue class began work on symbolism and the language of flowers and really enjoyed exploring what symbols we have in our lives and what figurative language can mean. Orange class are completely caught up in their Daily Mile and have been running the playground every day for physical, mental and spiritual health and wealth, and Green class enjoyed a hugely absorbing practical science investigation into the variety, purpose and design of bird's beaks. There has been a sense of warmth and inclusion here at the Wyche that makes us proud and a commitment to learning which fills my heart with joy.

We will be publishing our curriculum maps for the term over the weekend. They will all be in place by Monday and we'll send out a link to view them and give some sneak peeks into the delights teachers have in store for your children this spring term.

Covid Testing Update

As of Monday 17th January, positive cases may Lateral Flow Test on day 5 of isolation. If they are negative, they may take another test 24hrs later, on the day 6 day of isolation. If this is negative and they do not have a temperature, they may return to work or school.

We have had some isolated and unconnected positive cases in school, all of which you have been informed about and none of which have gone on to spread internally. Our numbers are very low compared with local schools and the national picture and I must praise the extraordinary dedication of staff and your commitment as parents for everything being done to stop the spread of the virus.

If you're informed that your child is a contact of a positive case, by us or by anyone else, they may continue to attend school but are strongly advised to lateral flow test each day for 7 days after contact. Supplies of lateral flow tests were low nationally but have now replenished and can be collected with a code from pharmacies here <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits> or ordered for delivery to your home here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> Please let's continue to work together to protect the children and staff in school, ensure we can keep up face-to-face education, and slow the spread of the virus. Thank you.

Mental Health

A new mental health website for children has been launched in Worcestershire. Designed in collaboration with mental health professionals from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and young people, the site acts as a one stop shop for children, young people, families and professionals who are seeking advice and support about mental health. The new site can be accessed at <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk>

<u>Mon 17th Jan</u>	Guitar lessons Kurling club begins today, but netball club is cancelled as Mrs Baylis has a meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience.
<u>Tues 18th Jan</u>	Violin Lessons. Musical drama club begins this afternoon.
<u>Wed 19th Jan</u>	Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons
<u>Thurs 20th Jan</u>	Brass and piano lessons Card and board games club begins this afternoon
<u>Fri 21st Jan</u>	First swim for Orange Class Both Film Society and girl's football club begin this afternoon.
<u>Friends</u>	UNWANTED GIFT AMNESTY - please donate your unwanted Christmas gifts to future Friends' fundraisers. You can drop donations in a box at Reception. February Fundraisers: Friday 11th February - Rags2Riches. Please drop good quality, reusable clothes in any bag into school at morning drop off. This is a great opportunity to help clothe less fortunate people around the world and also raise funds for the school. Monday 14th February - Valentine's Bake Off. Can you bake your way to victory? A Wyche baking contest with KS1, KS2 and Adult categories under the theme of Springtime & Love. Entries will also be sold off at school pick up. More details to follow.
<u>Messy Church</u>	January Messy Church will take place at All Saints Church on Thursday 20 th January 3.45 pm for 4.00 pm start, ending at 5.00 p.m. Places will be limited and families will need to book by emailing Helen at helen@standrewsandallsaints.org . They look forward to seeing you.
<u>Some Support</u>	Do you know anyone who is struggling to pay their energy bills due to low income, job losses, reduced pay or higher usage? Act on Energy, a local charity, provides FREE support to any resident living in Birmingham, Solihull, Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Act on Energy offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A specialist helpline for residents or professionals, offering support and advice on keeping warm and ways to help reduce your energy bills: 0800 988 2881 • Support with reading and understanding fuel bills, and discussing issues with energy supplier • Support for accessing funding for emergency heating replacements (subject to eligibility) • Home visits to support the most vulnerable households – these may be booked in for the future or carried out remotely • Opportunities to strengthen the pathways between local support services and Act on Energy and to raise awareness with professionals and residents of the health implications of living in a cold and damp home They also offer free energy awareness sessions for professionals and community groups. For more details or to make a referral, telephone

0800 988 2881 or complete the Enquiry Form online
<https://actonenergy.org.uk/home/professionals/>.

On Monday 10 January, the Department of Health and Social Care launched a multimedia Better Health campaign to encourage families to eat better. The campaign includes a new 'scan, swipe and swap' feature on the NHS Food Scanner App, to help families maintain a healthier diet. Families can scan the product barcodes from their shop and the app will suggest healthier alternatives to help them make an easy swap next time they shop. The app uses a "Good Choice" badge to help signpost people to healthier food and drinks in line with the government's dietary recommendations for added sugar, saturated fat and salt. The campaign follows a record rise in obesity amongst children since the start of the pandemic, with latest data highlighting that one in four (27.7%) children of reception school age are overweight or obese; this rises to four in 10 (40.9%) in year six (ages 10-11).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-launched-to-help-parents-improve-childrens-diet>

I wish you a lovely, safe weekend – see you on Monday,

Stephen Murphy
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