

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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This week at the Wyche

It's been a week of stunning Autumn weather and where else would you want to be than in the wonderful Wyche?

Green class were very enthusiastic about the deep mathematical reasoning they had been doing with prime and square numbers, (and I overheard some and it was truly remarkable) Orange Class have been transfixed by architecture this week, discovering how the Greeks built temples and engineering strong structures by reinforcing paper and constructing columns. Blue class enjoyed acting the story of *Theseus and the Minotaur* then storyboarding the myth with a view to becoming playwrights next week. Yellow Class have been working hard to become Big Bad Wolves in "Cunning College" and have been delightedly making their "Bad Badges"! Red class enjoyed a really absorbing investigation this week where they had to guess what substances and objects were inside a sealed bottle based only on the sound it made when shaken. They said it was the highlight of their week and every time I walked past, I saw busy scientists engaged in understanding the world.

Anti-Bullying Week

All week we have been promoting and celebrating our anti-bullying stance with assemblies and activities. We started with Odd Socks Day to say proudly "it's ok to be different!" The theme of "One Kind Word" let us discuss compliments, encouragement, concern, peace-making and forgiveness as ways in which to use words kindly as opposed to bullying where we might use words to hurt or control. Children have been designing anti-bullying posters, giving kindness advice, writing letters to an imaginary bully and paying compliments in writing to a classmate drawn at random. It's been a joy to see and hear.

Online Safety

Speaking of bullying, the internet is a place where children can be vulnerable. If your child has a phone or internet enabled device they can be connected to other people and could be victims of cyber-bullying by text, direct message, image, audio, video or on chat functions. It's worth asking ourselves if we know where our child's device is at all times and do we know if they have it unsupervised in their bedroom overnight? Do we have an agreement with our children to check and monitor what is happening in their communication apps or texts, and consider if we are confident that our children would tell us if someone was bullying them through these channels?

The NSPCC has useful advice <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Mon 22nd Nov

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

Tues 23rd Nov

School nurse to visit Reception for hearing tests
Violin lessons
Choir & Chess Clubs are on this afternoon

Wed 24^h Nov Flu Vaccinations taking place in school. Please can any remaining letters, even if they say no to the vaccination, be returned to the school office as soon as possible.
Woodwind and drum lessons are on today
FAME clarinet lesson for Blue Class

Thurs 25th Nov Brass and piano lessons
Cricket club is on this evening.

Fri 26th Nov 6th swim for Green Class
Multiskills club is cancelled this afternoon as Mrs Charles has a course.

Donations Thank you to everyone who donated a shoe box, or the wherewithal to fill a box, for the Amen trust or bought a poppy over the last couple of weeks. We continue to be staggered by your generosity and know that both charities are very grateful for your assistance.

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!

On a final note, your kind and committed giving raised an amazing £259.41 for the Royal British Legion to help in their work supporting the families of former and serving soldiers. Many thanks.

So have a gorgeous Autumn weekend, and we'll be back for more on Monday!

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher