



Good to talk even better to listen
Respect myself, school and the community
Enjoy and achieve safely

Able to make mistakes and learn from them

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A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Baines-Chambers:

We have seen yet another creative start to the final term of this year, and there are lots of fun filled learning opportunities coming up. Thank you to all the parents for the support you have given towards the homework projects - there have been some very impressive projects created!

We are a growing school... I am very excited to announce that in September, we will be increasing to three classes in Foundation Stage 2. This is due to Wyndham being the school of choice due to our outstanding reputation.

This half term has seen a significant rise in the number of requests that we are receiving for children to have time off school for family events. Any requests must be addressed to myself and each case is looked at on an individual basis. Research, however, has shown the detrimental impact that having time off school can have on pupils achievements - "at primary school level, where pupils missing up to just 14 days of school in key stage 2 (between the age of 7 to 11) are a quarter less likely to achieve the expected standard or above in reading, writing or maths tests than those with no absence."



FS 1 and FS 2

FS1

This week in FS1 we are continuing our learning all about 'Under the Sea'. We have loved creating some paintings of imaginary sea creatures, some of which are displayed in our classroom, and we are now moving onto thinking and speaking about some adjectives we could use to describe them. Also we will be using the iPads to create some 'beach blogs' and we will be keeping you up to date via the twitter page with recommendations of what to do at the sea side, how to be sun safe and will even be sharing some recipes for some yummy summer snacks that you can make at home.

FS2

In FS2, we have kicked off our learning theme of 'Under the Sea' with the story 'Commotion in the Ocean'. This story has introduced us to all of the sea creatures that live beneath the waves - from tiny little clown fish to humongous blue whales! We took a trip into our 4D room to immerse ourselves beneath the sea and this was SO exciting. We saw turtles, stingrays, sharks and even saw a scuba diver!! After this, we really aimed high in Literacy by using adjectives to describe the different sea creatures we had seen - tropical fish, slimy jellyfish and massive whales! Take a look at Riley's writing by scanning the QR code. We have a welly walk this Wednesday afternoon (14th June) so as always, if you would like to join us on our adventure please let a member of staff know.



On Friday 16th June we will be taking part in Den Day in order to raise money for 'Save The Children' charity. Thank you to everybody who has already brought in lots of big boxes and resources for the children to use to make lots of amazing shelters on the day! If you have any other materials to help us with this, such as old bed linens or large pieces of materials, please can you bring them in this week. We are looking forward to you joining us from 2pm onwards on the day so that we can showcase our dens and raise lots of money for the charity.

Year 1

Year One have had a fantastic first week back after half term. The children have got stuck straight into their work and are all so focused on their learning. We started the week with horrible rain, similar to that in our Cat in The Hat story, which inspired to use emotive language in excellent diary entries. We also used similes to help us describe what we could see, smell, hear and taste in the rain. As well as this, the children have been discussing and writing about what would go inside their magical, fun boxes to keep them entertained on days where the rain stops them from playing outside. We were so proud to see how hard the children had worked and how much they had challenged themselves to use subordinating conjunctions. Well done Year One!



Year 2

What a GREAT start Year 2 have had to the term! This week, the children have been becoming authors by writing their own version of the much loved story, "Matilda". The children used their knowledge on subordinating conjunctions, adverbs, adjectives, adverbial phrases to create some hilarious stories involving a child who has a secret power that is being kept a secret from their teacher. The imagination and language being produced was fantastic - Mr Christie and Miss Syson had a good giggle when they read about how some teachers liked to taste the soggy tears of children.



The children's P.E. skills have been put to the test this week with the children taking part in some competitive games of bench ball and netball. The team spirit and sportsmanship shown by all the children was GREAT, and we look forward to seeing this develop even further over the next few weeks.

We'd also like to thank the parents who have helped support their children with this term's homework. We've loved seeing all these amazing Bruce Bogtrotter cakes appearing in our classrooms (especially the ones we can eat!) Remember, you have until the end of term to bring in your homework to gain those dojo points.

Year 3

What a GREAT start we have had to the final half term. In Year 3, we have got stuck into Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children have written fantastic, emotion packed diary entries based on how they felt when they opened their Wonka envelope (check the QR code to read Cameron's super piece of writing!) In maths, the children have made a great start to our fractions topic - we are so impressed. In line with our chocolatey theme, we have started thinking about how to design the greatest chocolate bar by thinking about its appearance and taste. We are so excited for the next six weeks! We would really appreciate it if children could bring in used sweet/chocolate wrappers to use over the next few weeks.



Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent first week back! We have begun the term by looking at a picture book called Journey by Aaron Becker. The children have written some excellent diary entries from the perspective of the girl in the book. They have also been using their imagination to write some predictions about what will happen in the sequel which is called Quest. Miss Wareing and Mr Holden are extremely impressed with the children and the quality of their writing, they are really taking everything on board that they have been taught this year and are applying it to their writing.



In maths we have been looking at money and the children are proving to be excellent at this topic! We've got a very exciting last half term in year 4 with lots of exciting things lined up!

Year 5



This written by Milly Scothern:

In year 5, we were transported into a jungle in the 4D room. This was because of our new and exciting book by Bear Grylls: Survival Camp. We also researched about the different layers of the rainforest. We used these facts to write amazing non-chronological reports about rainforest layers using paragraphs, colons and semi-colons.

During Maths, we have learned about the volume of 3D shapes to find the capacity of Bear Grylls' bag. We used correct mathematical language and the Master Glasses to become professionals!

Year 6



Zoos are humane places for animals – do you agree or disagree? Year 6 were able to put their strong opinions aside so that they could write an informative newspaper report about the recent events in a Cumbrian zoo. In line with this, Year 6 explored the work of the RSPCA and questioned, "Can we help save the life of an innocent and helpless animal?" They wrote fantastic persuasive adverts on behalf of the RSPCA in the hope of putting a stop to animal cruelty. Scan the QR code to listen to Leah's advert.

Play rehearsals are well underway and so it is important that children are practising their lines and songs at home. Miss Hursey and Miss Walker would like to remind all children to bring their scripts into school each day as we are squeezing in play rehearsals in wherever possible.

Attendance/ Holidays

Class	% Attend
Walt Disney	88.2
Ant	91.8
Dec	92.5
Neil Armstrong	94.1
David Attenborough	94.4
Prince Harry	94.4
Victoria Beckham	95.8
JK Rowling	96.6
Roald Dahl	94.3
Martin Luther King	95.5
Jonah Lomu	95.9
Stevie Wonder	96.6
Jessica Ennis-Hill	95.9
Jesse Owens	95.4
Michael Jordan	97.5

Here is our current attendance to date from September.

We expect a minimum of 95% per child so as you can see some classes are not hitting that target.

The impact of term time holidays, lateness and absence for minor coughs and colds is having a huge effect on each class.

Please can we make a concerted effort over this last half term to ensure your child attends school each day on time.

Sports Day

As Sports Day is fast approaching, it is important that children have their PE kit. It has come to our attention that some children have taken these home after sports clubs. Could you please check at home to help us ensure all children have the PE kit they started the year with? Many thanks— Mr Barker.

Medical Appointments

We have had an influx of parents asking to take their children out for appointments in school time. We can only agree to this if the appointment is for the child and we have proof, either appointment card or text.

If you have an appointment and you are unsure that you'll be back in time to pick your child up, please make use of our WASP childcare provision. Children can stay in this until 5:30pm for £1.50.

Term Time Holidays

We have had a lot of holiday requests recently. Can we just reiterate our position on this matter.

ALL term time holidays are unauthorised and will incur a fine of £60 per child, per parent.

This is not our rule but the Local Authorities rule. Wyndham do not see any of this fine.

All notification of plans to take a holiday should be made in writing and addressed to Mrs Baines-Chambers. These can be handed in at the office or given to Mrs Baines-Chambers or Mrs Hemmings in the morning.

All children that are absent are followed up and if we believe that a holiday has been taken in term time without notification we still go ahead with the penalty notice.

Please look at term dates when planning your holiday. For future years you can get the term dates from www.derby.gov.uk. Our only additions to those dates are our 5 INSET days.

Cake Bake

A big well done to all of the children for the fantastic cakes that you have baked for the church fair at the weekend. There have been some truly amazing creations!

All cakes will be raffled off and proceeds will go towards the church.