



Good to talk even better to listen

Respect myself, school and the community

Enjoy and achieve safely

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18th April 2016

We have had a lovely first week back at school in Foundation Stage, hearing all about what the children have been up to over Easter. The children have WOWED us this week with their writing about their Easter holidays!

To kick start our new topic 'Space', next week we will be focusing all of our learning on 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be working together to think of different ways to catch a star so that we can share our ideas with the little boy in the story.

We will also be making junk model space rockets over the next few weeks so if you have any boxes or bottles please send them into school with your child.

We still have our read a story sessions each Wednesday 3.00-3.15pm for you to come along to share a story with your child. As the children are still young there are still a few accidents, so if you have any old clothing you no longer need please could you send this into school. Thank you.

What a GREAT first week back Year One have had. The children have been writing stories about a turtle's journey through the big, blue ocean.. we've had stories involving shark attacks, mermaid lagoons, and a stingray battle. Mr Christie and Mrs Eley are extremely proud of how hard the children have worked this week, and the GREAT attitude they have shown coming back after Easter. The children can't wait to read their own stories to the Foundation Stage children next week during Story Time.

We are very excited for our trip to the Birmingham Sea Life Centre next week. We can't wait to see our learning come alive in front of our own eyes. Please can parents make sure their child has arrived at school on time on Wednesday, as the bus will be departing at 9am.

It was so lovely hearing all the wonderful things the children have done over the Easter holidays. They seemed to have had a great, well deserved holiday. We have had a brilliant first week back in year 2 learning all about the vicious Vikings and what they got up to.

The children produced some really interesting work and helped King Alfred learn how to be an excellent soldier to defend his land.

We're all very much looking forward to our trip to Warwick Castle, on Thursday 28th April, to further our learning about important historical events.

This new term we are reading our new golden book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We are going to be writing predictions for the story, persuasive adverts and biographies! We will be making our writing even more interesting to read by learning about speech, fronted adverbials and using commas accurately throughout our SPaG lessons.

We are hoping to get a visit from someone who works in an actual chocolate factory and maybe, if we continue to show everyone our GREAT behaviour, we will make our own chocolate bars!

We've had a fantastic start to our summer term and have enjoyed exploring our new class book 'Window'. This half term we will be focusing on geography, we will be arranging a class trip related to this and will let you know of the date as soon as it has been confirmed. You are invited in on Thursday 12th May, from 2.30 - 3.15, to join in with some maths activities so that you can see how your children are being taught.

Reminder: PE is on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We will be outdoors playing rounders, so please make sure that your child has their PE kit with them.

It has been a fantastic start to the half term in Year 5. We have started the half term by reading the first chapter of the Iron Man and writing poems and stories retelling the opening chapter. We have also learnt how to use semi colons and are starting to put them into our work! In maths we have worked really hard this week reading and writing decimals. Everyone has been extremely determined to succeed and have explained and proved their answers to each other!

In science we have been looking at pulleys, gears and levers and went on a walk around school to see them in action! We also went to the Brilliant Derby trip to help us adjust our mindset and think positive!

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Year 6s who attended Easter School during the holidays. This was a fantastic success and really helped the children to feel more confident about arriving back to school in preparation for their SATs this half term. It really showed the dedication and efforts of the children so well done!

We have had a GREAT start back and hit the ground running with revision this week with a huge focus on reading. The children have made so much progress since September and it is fantastic to see all their hard work and skills coming together as they prepare for their exams. Please remember that it is also Year 6 buddy meetings this Tuesday (19th) and will be a chance for children to get further 1:1 support in their areas for development. Well done once again Year 6 and remember....

You're braver
than you believe,
stronger than you
seem, and smarter
than you think.

Winnie the Pooh



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Active Kids

We are continuing to collect Active Kids vouchers again from Sainsbury's. Please tell all your friends and family and bring your vouchers in to school. The collection box is situated near the fish tank in the reception area, or you can hand them over to the office staff. We have been able to get some great resources from Active Kids in the past and hope to get even more this year!

Stay and Play Group

We have started our Stay and Play group again on a Wednesday morning. If you have a pre-school child and would like to come along we would love to see you. The cost is 50p per child and it starts at 9am - 11am

The group is open to everyone, so if you have any friends or neighbours who have pre-school children but do not have any children currently at Wyndham they are still very welcome!

Mr Barker's epic cycle ride!!

Mr Barker is raising money for Cancer Research UK with his Dad by cycling 1000 miles across the country. His trip will start at Land's End on 6th August. His 2 week trip will take him through England and into Scotland finally finishing at John O'Groats at the tip of the UK. If you would like to sponsor him please scan the QR code or search "Just Giving Shaun Barker Coast to Coast." Any amount would be appreciated!



This half term we will be hosting a Family Fun Quiz afternoon on 28th April 2016. There will be prizes to be won and loads of fun to be had. Teams will be asked questions ranging from Foundation stage age related questions through to adult knowledge questions. To enter the quiz afternoon, you will need to gather a team of 6 people (children and adults), put your name on the list in the office and arrive at 4.00pm to start the quiz. It promises to be fun and may even teach you a thing or two....

On Friday 22 April (this Friday) we will be having a non uniform day, where we are asking for a donation of either chocolates, sweets or 50 pence which will be used for prizes in both the quiz evening as well as the disco evening so please be generous!

We will be having a Disco afternoon/evening again this half term and will give notice for the date as soon as we clarify it.

Thank you to everyone who raised money for Barnado's Eggciting Challenge. We raised just under £500 - an amazing effort!

If your child has lost an clothing please check in lost property as there are many items, mostly unnamed in there. Please ask the office for more information.

I'm extremely proud of the GREAT start to this term, all classes are showing positive attitudes to learning and some wonderful work is being produced!

Thank you to the Year 6 pupils who attended Easter school, your hard work, and dedication is an asset to you. I would also like to thank Miss Rickett, Mr Jones and Miss Thistleton who gave their time to allow Easter school to happen. The SATs are soon approaching, week beginning 9th May and we are confident that our pupils will try their best, which is all that we ask. If you do have any questions regarding the SATs please see either your child's class teacher or myself.

Congratulations to Mrs Marvill! Mrs Marvill has been shortlisted as a finalist for 'Teaching Assistant of the year' with Pearson Awards. This is wonderful recognition for all the hard work and commitment that she has given to Wyndham, particularly with regards to the Woodland Warriors and Early Years work.