



THE WHITCHURCH CE FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Learning to Love God and Love our neighbour as ourselves

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Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year.

What a fantastic start to 2025; have a look at what everyone has been doing...

Nursery Classroom News

Our new friends that joined us last week have settled into Nursery beautifully. Our older friends have been so kind and caring helping our new starters. We are very proud of you all!



We have also started P.E lessons which are very exciting!



Reception Classroom News

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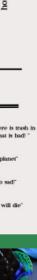
Reception News

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Courageous Changes

This week we have been inspired by Greta Thunberg and Sir David Attenborough. We have been discussing how we can follow in their footsteps and also make a difference. We have adopted a penguin and a sea turtle through the Wwf.



We have been talking about recycling at home maybe you could encourage recycling at home. 

Help us

"We must look after our animals. If there is trash in the sea they will get sick and that is bad!"
"Greta helps to change our planet!"
"Mia H."
"The poor poor turtle. It is so sad!"
"Loo"
"If we throw out plastic they will die!"
"Lacey"



Year One Classroom News

Year One have been working hard on their phonics, maths and learning about Agents of Change. They also had a fantastic worship.



Year Two Classroom News

We started this half term with a courageous advocacy focus. We looked at Helen Keller and Pele and explored their impacts on the world. We discussed how we could be agents for change in and outside of school. The children really enjoyed learning about these inspirational advocates.



Earlier this week we discovered mysterious eggs in the classroom. We investigated where they had come from and then all of a sudden...dragons appeared in the Year 2 building! We have enjoyed writing about what the dragons have been doing in our new story 'The Dragon Machine'.

In Maths we have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have also started Money and are working on our recognition of coins and understanding their value.



In Art, we began looking at the artists Marela Zacarias and Charlie French as part of our Expressive Paint unit. We made visual notes on their work and explored the use of different colours to express emotions.



In science we have started to explore plants, how they grow and what they need in order to grow sufficiently. In our first lesson we started to grow beans, as the weeks go on we will measure how tall they get and observe how they grow.

Little Explorers Classroom News

This week we have been exploring the sea and looking at the creatures that live beneath the water. The children have enjoyed exploring ice as part of their sensory play and they have continued to explore the learning opportunities within the environment.



We have made delicious pizza and have continued to enjoy our daily 'Bucket Time' sessions where we focus on building our attention and concentration.

Year Three Classroom News

In this Spring term, Year 3 are excited to dive into a range of fascinating topics! In English, we will read 'Stone Age Boy', which will take us on a thrilling journey back in time, and also explore 'The Iron Man', a captivating story about a mysterious giant. In history, we will learn all about the Ancient Egyptians, discovering the wonders of their incredible civilization. In science, our focus will be on plants, where we will explore how they grow and what they need to thrive. In art, we will get creative with cloth, thread, and paint, bringing our imaginations to life through different materials. Maths will focus on mastering multiplication tables, so it's important to practice them at home to help build confidence. It's going to be a term full of discovery, creativity, and fun!



Year Four Classroom News

In science, we have discussed electricity and how to use it safely 



In Art, we have been studying artist, Paul Cezanne, to inspire our still life paintings 



In PE, we have enjoyed our first hockey match 



Year Five Classroom News



In Year Five, we have been immersing ourselves into the realms of King Lear. The children have been exploring drama and through this have started to develop their confidence!

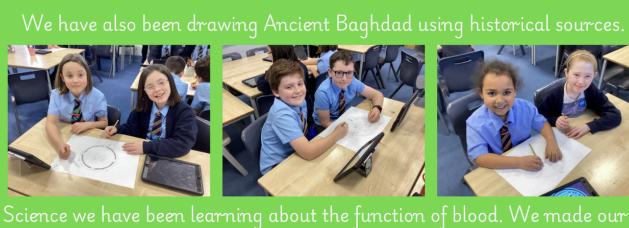


Year Six Classroom News

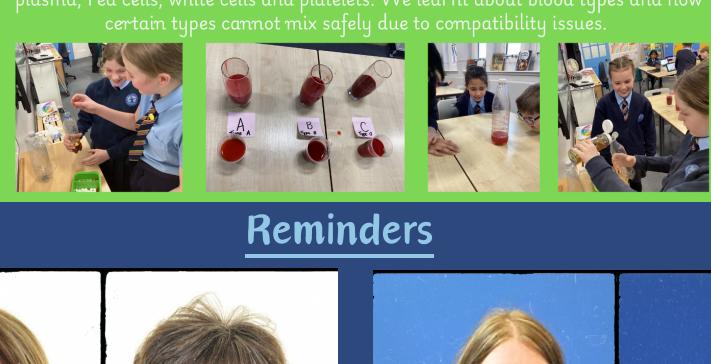


In PSHE we looked at and focused on setting New Year's resolutions for our year ahead. We thought carefully about how we can make our goals realistic and achievable by making totem poles which reflect our future hopes and dreams.

We have also been drawing Ancient Baghdad using historical sources.



In Science we have been learning about the function of blood. We made our own version of blood by using everyday items to represent the four main components: plasma, red cells, white cells and platelets. We learnt about blood types and how certain types cannot mix safely due to compatibility issues.



Reminders



Safeguarding

Pictured to the above are our Federation Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you need to report a safeguarding concern you will need to contact the NSPCC.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>

Admissions

As of January 2025 our nursery is full, we may have a small number of places from April 2025, places will be granted in line with our admissions policy.

Please visit our website for more information about admissions and how to add your child to our Nursery waiting list.

School Lunches

Next week will be on week one of the lunch menu. School lunches can be pre-ordered and paid for at home for up to three weeks via the ParentPay website. School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Meals for pupils in Nursery and Key Stage 2 have a small daily. If you currently pay for school meals but think you may be eligible for free school meals please visit the Shropshire Council website to apply.



The Treehouse

We are currently not accepting any new bookings for Treehouse as we are currently at capacity with a number of pupils on the waiting list for places. It is unlikely that sessions for new bookings will become available until September 2025.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the Academy office via telephone by 9:30am and leave a voicemail message to give the reason for the absence. Please do not email, text or dojo as these may not be checked until later in the day and we may still contact you.

Warm regards,
Mrs Camacho.

