



Whaddon Wheatsheaf

Welcome!

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Whaddon Wheatsheaf!

This half term has been extremely cold but very exciting!

The New Year commenced with a trip to Milton Keynes theatre to see the fantastic pantomime, Snow White! The children had a wonderful time.

The children have been fully immersed in their learning and through the magic of mantle they have visited the Amazon rainforest, interviewed mountain rescue and ...

In readiness for the installation of the new playground equipment, we have undertaken a big tidy-up and filled a skip, right to the top!

We have been keenly monitoring the progress of our new play equipment, as it is installed, and the children can't wait to play on it!

We have been busy!

Polite reminders

- Please be mindful of where you park at drop off and pick up times.
- Please ensure that your child's forest school clothing is washed and ready for the next half term
- Please check that all clothing is named
- Don't forget to order school lunches!



Wrap around care

Premier Sports: every day

3.00-4.00 or 3.00-5.00

Book with their team, directly!

Breakfast club is under review.

Endurance

In this recent cold snap, we and the nature around us have had to endure the extreme freezing temperatures. With compassion in our hearts, we made sure our feathered friends were well catered for and made a variety of bird feeders, which were very popular!

Upcoming Events

- Half term starts 20th February 2023 08.50am
- Comic Relief 17th March 2023
- Mothers' Day 17th March 2023
- World book day 2nd March 2023
- Easter extravaganza 31st March 2023
- Last day of half term Friday 31st March 2023

Visit our Class pages, on the school website, for more information on what we have been learning.

<http://www.whaddon.bucks.sch.uk/>





Hedgehogs



Alma- Excellent listening and effort in class

Arwen- Great work with numbers

Beatrix- Determination to complete all work

Blake- Great knowledge and love of our world

Elodie- working with endurance in Maths

Emily- Great work in maths

Evie- Super progress in reading and writing

George- Improving in listening skills

Harper- Great reading and improving in writing

Indie- Impressive progress in reading and writing

Izzy- Determination to improve in Maths

Jake- Great curiosity and knowledge about the world

James- Working hard to learn letters and numbers

Macy- Brilliant effort to write independently

Matthew- Wonderful attitude to work

Minha- Super contributions to class discussion

Olivia C- Great work and effort in Maths

Olivia M- Super work and explaining in Maths

Sadie- Brilliant use of phonics to read and write

Theo- Great understanding and explaining in Maths



Squirrels

Shout
outs!

Aaliyah – For writing and writing until her heart's content.

Arlo – Trying out new Learning approaches with a smart learning attitude.

Arthur – Writing creative sentences with interesting vocabulary.

Artur – Written ability to express his imagination.

Beau – Consistent contributions in maths during class input.

Dhwani – Being Daphne's guardian.

Elena – Making great progress in all areas of Learning.

Ewan – For teaching the class facts you would not usually know about animals.

Erica – Recognising and celebrating good in others.

Emily – Articulating ideas with mutual respect

Flynn – Taking pride in his presentation.

Greta – Being a considerate classroom helper.

Nyah – Responding positively to feedback and implementing it in her work.

Olivia – Making literacy connections across the curriculum.

Reece – The range of punctuation he puts into his writing.

Rene – Smart thinking in R.E.

Rosie – Role play and forest school extraordinaire.

Sienna – Contributions during carpet input when creating stories as a class.

Tori – Being a kind, caring and considerate member of the class.

William – Taking pride in his work.

Zara – Making great progress in her Learning.

Badgers



Archie - For awesome work in Mantle

Arrany - For brilliant editing skills

Bernie - For excellent attitude in PE

Callie - For perseverance in your Maths

Elizabeth - For continued perseverance in her writing

Elwyna - For settling straight in to life in Badgers class

Henry H - For extra enthusiasm in Mantle

Henry W - For being a kind and compassionate member of the class

Indy - For her brilliant ideas in Mantle

Isla - For incredible can do attitude towards writing

Izzy - For continuing to show great compassion and friendship

Maisey - For her super efforts in Maths

Mari - For her resilience in writing

Martin - For great progress in reading

Teddy - For brilliant effort in all areas

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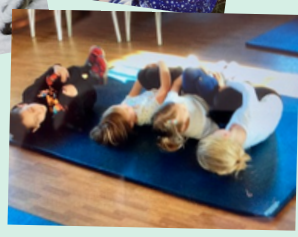
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We ended the term with a wonderful visit to St. Mary's church in Whaddon where we were warmly greeted by Reverend Dove. In R.E., Squirrels have been exploring the question, how do Christians show they belong? This encouraged us to look at Holy Communion, places of worship, the 10 Commandments, bible verses, baptism and the behaviours of Christians. We had some great discussions in class during R.E.

Mrs Wheeler, Daphne and I very much look forward to the next chapter of the Spring term where we will have a new climbing frame to encounter.

The fun we have had...



Hedgehog Learning Highlights

What a fabulous few weeks of learning!

Exploring the wonders of winter provided us with real life science as we investigated how to best melt huge lumps of ice found outside our classroom! What worked best, Hedgehogs?

The story of One Snowy Night inspired snowy artwork and creating Percy the Parkeeper's hut to act it out.

We also read two tales of penguins on long journeys: Lost and Found, and Penguin Small. Our writing has involved penguin facts for the whole class and also letter writing by Year 1.

These stories have helped Year 1 learn about/locate the hot and cold places in our world on maps and globes in Geography. We have all learnt LOTS of facts about penguins and have worked hard to create boats for little model penguins too (using our Science and Design Skills).

In Maths Year 1 have been working on understanding the numbers to 20 as tens and ones, with ordering/calculations too. Reception have been reading and ordering numbers past 5, including find the number that is 1 more. The whole class also did a week of measuring by comparing and using non-standard units.

Our daily phonics sessions have helped every hedgehog improve their reading and spelling skills with a focus this term on using these in sentences.

we've worked brilliantly as a class in PE Dance lessons too.

Haven't we been busy? So much to be proud of! Let's keep up the great work!

Squirrel Class Autumn 2

It has been a great half-term in Squirrels Class!

We have completed our unit of work on multiplication and we have begun to explore division which we shall continue with, next term.

Literacy has been most enjoyable and Squirrels have really shone in this particular area this term. The children have been using direct and indirect speech, interesting vocabulary and have not been afraid to try using newly learned punctuation and grammar. The children completed a phenomenal newspaper report, loosely based on Little Red Riding Hood. Their report was about a boy and a bear.

Towards the end of term, the children have been learning to write blogs on a topic of their choice. You will shortly receive a link on Parentmail which will allow you to access their published blog.

Our Mantle of the Expert topic this term was Guy Fawkes. We looked at the period in history when the gunpowder plot took place; what life and times were like; what jobs people would have done; the types of houses people lived in and how life back in the 17th century differed from the current day. During Mantle, the children became tradespeople until one day when the mean catholic king, King James I of England closed down protestant businesses. The children completed their Mantle as members of a jury at the trial of Guy Fawkes to decide whether he should be found guilty or not of treason.

Our Mantle topic around the gunpowder plot led us nicely to explore science and look at 'light and dark'; what produces light and dark and why we need both.

Finally, blessed with snow to end the term, the school field and forest school were a beautiful picture of a white winter. Squirrels have celebrated Christmas the last few days in class by making Christmas cards, decorations reindeer food, gingerbread men, and snowflakes, and singing Christmas carols like the sound of angels. A wonderful time of year!

Badgers class

This half term, we have continued to work as researchers for the BBC, exploring how to write scripts effectively.

Alongside this, we have also explored the story of Romeo and Juliet and the way that the script and stage directions were written.

In French lessons we have been describing foods and drinks and we created a menu of French foods that we would be interested to try!

Whilst learning about the Vikings, we have used Lego and iPads to create stop motion films showing our knowledge of Viking life.

Music lessons, this term, have focussed on learning the recorder and also practicing the carols for our end of term carol service.

In PE, we have been learning about how to hit a variety of shots in Badminton, as well as looking at team skills across other sports.

Friends of Whaddon

The Friends of Whaddon have continued to drive the school's fundraising projects to: purchase more I-pads, provide access to many more experiences!

The donut sale was a welcome treat, at the end of last half term!

Without their support and relentless dedication, we would not have what we have, nor would we be in a position to plan our new project of developing the school library.

THANK YOU!

We look forward to working closely with The Friends to come up with some exciting and fun fund raising ideas.

We can't make our plans a reality without your support, so, if you can help at any events, please let us know.





Big thank you shout outs to those who have helped our school stay a safe and fantastic place to learn.

Mrs McKee- Music lessons

Nathan - repairs to school site

Reverend Dove- spiritual guidance

Forest School volunteers

Mme Lepelletier- French

Janet- volunteer readers

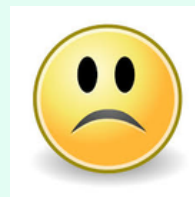
Paul- Guitar teacher

Miss Lawrence- lunchtime care

Pentagon play equipment

Mrs. Orr volunteer reader

All the staff who have run breakfast club sessions



Good bye...

Sadly, after 11 years of heart and tireless dedication to many, many children and families, we have to say goodbye to Mrs. Gyau-Awuah.

Mrs. Gyau-Awuah has taken on, an exciting opportunity with Macintyre college and although we are very sad to see her go, we wish her well with her next adventure. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for every kind word and warm smile and for ensuring the children of Whaddon C of E School had the best start to their schooling, possible.

I am sure you will join us in wishing her well and thanking her for all she has done for Whaddon School.

We will miss you!