

Headteacher's Update

Admissions Consultation for 2022

On Tuesday 17th November, the consultation to lower the published admission numbers for Reception for September 2022 from 45 to 30 was opened and will close on the 9th January. The link to the survey is on the website and below:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2PPPM7/>

The reason for the consultation is due to the decline in forecasted births in the local area.

Nursery Consultation Feedback

In January 2020, the school completed a consultation to lowering the age on entry from 4 to 2 years. The vision is to open a nursery class for children aged 3-4 years and longer term, a class for children aged 2-3 years. I have attached a letter from the Chair of Governors summarising the feedback from the consultation, which addresses a few concerns that were raised.

Anti-Bullying Week 16th – 20th November

On Monday 16th November, the school took part in the 'United against bullying' assembly. To mark the first day of the National Awareness campaign, the whole school wore odd socks. In Westlea we believe: We are all the same but different and difference should be celebrated.

Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. By channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying altogether. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

Attendance

The attendance this week was **97.1%**. Attendance at school is vitally important for every child in order that they can develop to their full potential. Well done to everyone because with the current challenging situation, our school attendance is above our school target and above national targets. Thank you for all you are doing to keep your children healthy and safe.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24th November—

Flu Immunisations

Friday 11th December—

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December—

CHRISTMAS PARTY & PANTO DAY

Children in Need

Thank you for all of your kind donations, We raised a total of **£277.96**.

And well done to Connie who auctioned this great picture she created. She has raised **£99** for BBC Children in Need!!



Stars of the Week

Ash Class Inaaya for practising lots of new skills this week.

Maple Class Tom for trying very hard to improve his writing.

Elm Class Hannah for good listening and manners

Rowan Class Noah for brilliant work in maths when working out equal groups

Cherry Class Tiia for her lovely attitude to all that she does.

Pine Class Layla For her huge improvement in her writing ability at home.

Willow Class Larysa for writing and excellent example of a non-chronological report.

Oak Class Tianna for working so hard at adding and subtracting fractions.

Sycamore Class Annabelle for an amazing non-chronological report on electricity! She has also really developed her resilience when facing a challenge this year - keep up the fantastic attitude to learning!

Hazel Class Leo H for writing a fantastic, detailed diary entry this week!

Beech Class Levi for making very good choices and displaying model behaviour in class this week.

Class News

Ash Class

We've had a fun week looking at Pumpkins, Witches and Potions this week...



Elm Class



Cherry Class

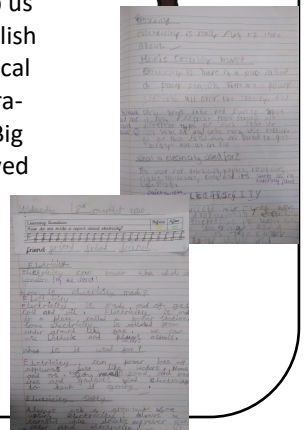
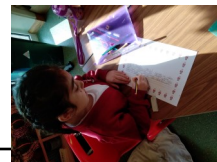
This week in Cherry class we have been subtracting by taking away objects and crossing out pictures to help us to find the answer. We have worked well together as a team and have been helping our friends if they find something difficult. We have been supporting anti bullying week by talking about what bullying means and what we would do if we thought we were being bullied.

We have also been looking at the difference between Fiction and Non Fiction texts. We have enjoyed creating our own captions, labels and pictures about space.



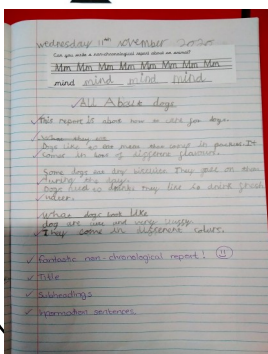
This week Sycamore class have been looking at money including how to count in pounds and pence and recognise all of the coins - next week something exciting is happening to the classroom to help us learn a bit more about money! In English we have been writing non-chronological reports about electricity and in Geography we have written reports on the 'Big 5' animals from Kenya! We also enjoyed writing Santa-gram letters to elderly people!

Sycamore Class



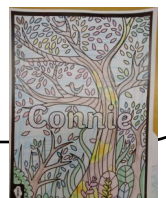
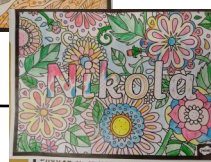
Willow Class

We have been writing non-chronological reports about how to look after animals and about electricity. In science we have been making sound travel through solid objects by making paper cup telephones!

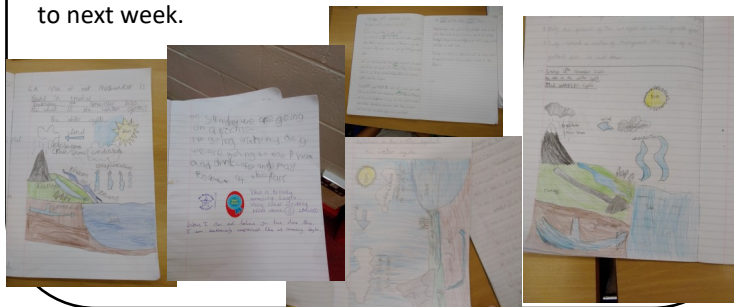


Maple Class

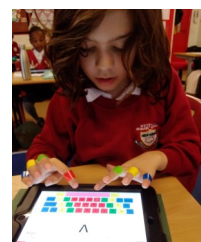
This week we've been taking a journey to the centre of the Earth while writing an explanation text about what we will find along the way. In maths we're learning our times tables and looking at the link with division. This term in art we're studying the artist Katsushika Hokusai, we've practiced some painting skills ready for producing our own painting in his style. In PE we're getting wet and muddy starting to play football. Here are some of our lovely children in need colouring pictures from last Friday



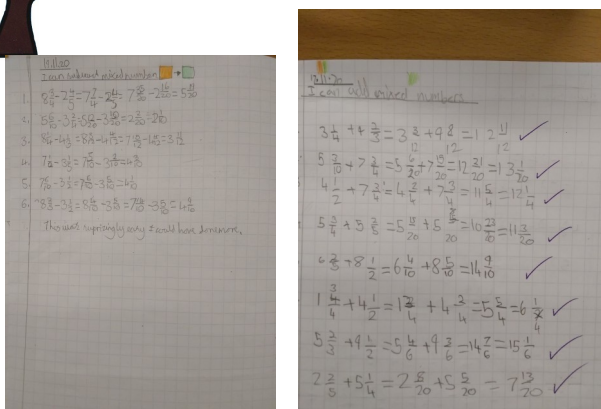
This week we have been working really hard in English. We have become story tellers like Christophe. We have been writing our very own story and editing it to make it as good as we possible could. This has been quite fun getting to tell others our stories. In topic we got to design the water cycle so we could understand how it all works. We have had a really good week and looking forward to next week.



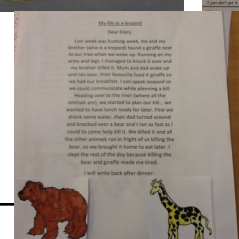
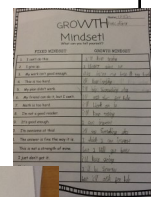
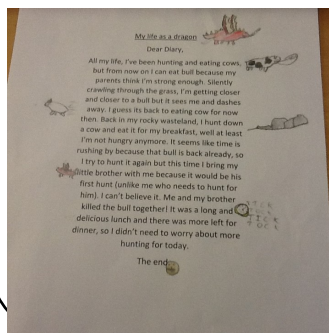
In Rowan class this week we've been looking at similes and verbs in English. In maths we've done some work on equal groups and the 3 times tables. We tried touch typing in computing instead of using just our index fingers on a keyboard. Our metacognition lesson this week was all about Butterflies for Kiri and how she struggles to make an origami butterfly. We practised every day, like Kiri, and we're doing a lot better than our first attempts! We just couldn't do it YET!



Oak Class have been working hard learning to add and subtract mixed numbers. It's been quite tricky but we've all tried so hard and have done so well!



Hazel class have been very busy this week. We have considered how we can take control of our learning through a growth mindset. We played a group game of noughts and crosses in PE. In English, we wrote a diary entry of our lives as an animal!



We have had a great week in Beech class and have been inspired by the War. We've also enjoyed making Monster Bookmarks.



And Finally...

Well done to Fiona & Cyrus who joined volunteers for Local Community work and planted over 1000 daffodil bulbs at Westlea Park.

