



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 7th January 2022

Message to parents and carers

A very Happy New Year to all of you and your families! I hope you all had an excellent Christmas and are looking forward to 2022.

I would like to pay tribute to our wonderful staff who have endured one of the longest and most challenging terms ever, they are so dedicated, experienced and focused on developing every single pupil's full potential.

Our governors are a very supportive team and have been supporting us, in person all through the term. One such event was our 70th birthday celebrations on 10th December. Sadly, we had to scale down our plans due to Covid. However, driven by the Home School Association's Chair and committee, with support from governors, parents and staff we were able to put on a smaller event for the pupils. It was very important for us to mark the occasion and I am eternally grateful to every single person who contributed their time, their expertise, donated or gave us a prize to help us raise funds. The pupils absolutely loved it!

This year we have successfully started our accreditation with the National Autistic Society, a development that is very important as we continue to become as well-informed and up to date in our practice, as we can be.

Since September, we have operated our alternative provision called The Orchard. This takes place on 2 days per week, with the places available to vulnerable pupils from other schools. Thanks to the excellent work of Jenna Kendall (ATA in charge of Learning Outside the Classroom), this has been a huge success for the pupils and their parents. We will eventually expand to hosting 8 children at any one time.

This term we look forward to Spring and to new beginnings. The flowers usually start to appear on the driveway at the end of January and everything starts to blossom in our beautiful grounds.

We hope that we can all stay well and keep going through the next term without too much in the way of Covid disruption!

Marianne Best - Headteacher

Welcome back you lovely lot we missed you. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were wishing you all a lovely Christmas and now we are here again and we are finishing our first week of the new term. As this week has been focusing on getting the children and us staff back into a routine, one which includes getting up before 9am and going to bed at a reasonable hour (*sans boire de vin*) we do not have lots of photos for you to enjoy but we will make sure that there is plenty of information in next week's edition. Feel free to send us anything you wish to share.



Lower Formal from the Farm would like to raise awareness of how important it is to go around to the farm each week whatever the weather - rain, hail or shine, as the animals rely on people for their care. The class students were awarded a certificate of Appreciation by Jenna and Darren for their participation in farming related activities and their continued support each week. Our students mucked out the sheep and goats, broke the ice on the water butts and gave fresh water, refilled the hay for the Llamas and cleaned their area amongst lots of other things whilst it poured with rain! Well done boys!!



In Maths Mr Scott's class practised money recognition and making various amounts of money using different coins and notes. In the afternoon they then put it into practice when they went to the local cafe for a drink.





Sign of the Week

3rd – 9th January 2022

This week's sign is Cinema!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.

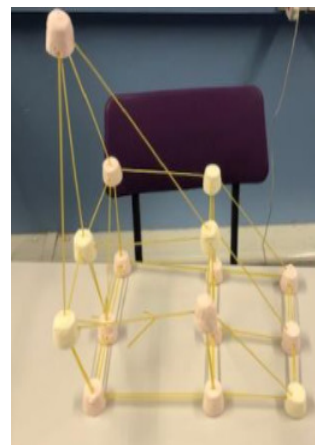


Cinema



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Cinema



This week has been a 'settling back in' kind of week in Nurture 2. We became engineers for the morning and created 3D structures using spaghetti and marshmallows. Needless to say, the children's creations were MUCH better than the adults!

THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND...

Spend a fascinating stargazing evening with us under the dark skies of the new Star Hub at Sutton Bank National Park Centre. The moon is absent which means the sparkling winter stars will be glittering at their best given clear weather. We'll use powerful telescopes to reveal some of the sky's wonders and take a close look at majestic constellations like Gemini, Orion and Taurus. Plus, we'll enjoy an interactive planetarium tour inside the warm Hub and get the chance to handle space rocks. If this is of interest and you would like more information then head to Eventbrite using:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--kirkbymoorside/events--this-weekend/>

There are also lots of other events going on if stargazing isn't quite your thing.

POLITE REMINDERS

Please could we remind all parents / carers that if your child is unwell or not attending school you must inform their teacher or reception. It is not the responsibility of the taxi drivers to relay information back as things can be misconstrued.

Please could all parents who pay for school lunches ensure that you check the balance on your child's account.

Please send in your child's menu choices for the term if you have not done so already.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.