



Whaddon Wheatsheaf

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the Whaddon Wheatsheaf!

This half term has been a fantastic start to the school year, filled with many exciting events and celebrations.

The children returned refreshed and ready to learn. Special mention must go out to the newest members of our school who have settled so well, are amazing ambassadors of our values and have already produced some fantastic work! Well done Hedgehogs!

During this first half term, we have: welcomed an amazing author, held a spectacular sports day, visited the super safety centre, held a fantastic phonic stay and play, introduced the terrific TTRS and held our heart-warming harvest celebration.

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!

After School Activities

Premier Sports: every day

3.00-4.00 or 3.00-5.00

Book with their team,
directly!

Our school meetings

Week 1: Football rules
Week 2: Junk modelling day
Week 3: Shoe wearing in class
Week 4: House names vote
Week 5: Break time activities
Week 6: Christian vision

Upcoming Events

- Parent consultations 8th 9th November- virtual meetings
- Remembrance service 11th November -St Mary's church
- 18th November Spotty Children In Need day!
- Nativity 14th and 15th of December -School hall
- 16th December Carols, winter drinks and mince pies 2.30pm -playground
- Last day of term 20th December

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

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





Hedgehogs

- Arwen- Working so hard at writing letters
Minha- Always ready with helpful ideas
Beatrix- Eager to answer any question
Matthew- Pushing hard to finish tasks
Theo- Master designer and builder
Macy- Quick and eager in all learning
Evie- Picking up new learning quickly
Alma- Creative and careful worker
James- Neat and determined in writing
Olivia C- Great work in Maths
Elodie- Fantastic independent writing
George- Kind and friendly classmate
Sadie- Brilliant helper at tidy time
Indie - Super work in Maths
Blake- Amazingly imaginative
Jake- Great friend and helper to all
Harper- Joining in with so much class work
Emily- Smiling and kind every day
Olivia M- Determination in writing
Izzy- Incredibly hardworking and focussed



Squirrels



- Aaliyah – Demonstrating excellent learning behaviours
- Arthur - Questions and curiosity about life
- Artur – Your help and care for the school pets
- Arlo – Helping me teach!
- Beau – Standing up in church, proudly!
- Dhwani – Sharing interests in life and everything living
- Emily – Being a role model, learner and friend
- Elena- Having a positive attitude, always!
- Erica – How you turn everything into a wonderful song
- Ewan – Caring for all creatures on the planet
- Flynn – Offering to help, voluntarily, in class
- Greta – Voicing her opinion, respectfully
- Nyah – For always giving 100% in class
- Olivia – Continuous contributions throughout the day
- Reece – Using impressive wow words in literacy
- Rene – Reflecting and making wise choices
- Rosie – Brightening up the classroom with her artwork
- Sienna – Developing endurance with challenging work
- Tori – Working with a constant smile and enthusiasm
- William – You amazingness at forest school
- Zara – Always having a can-do attitude



Badgers



Archie - Stepping up to extra responsibilities

Arrany - For always trying your best

Bernie - For working hard on your writing

Callie - Making a great effort in Maths

Elizabeth - Making great mature choices

Henry H - Showing composure and maturity

Henry W - Fantastic Mantle knowledge

Given - Always helping EVERYONE

Indy - Challenging yourself when writing

Isla - Making great choices with Learning

Izzy - Great effort with your writing

Maisey - Continuing to be a role model

Mari - Fantastic descriptive writing

Martin - Amazing calculating skills

Primrose - Settling in fantastically

Teddy - Great perseverance



The fun we have had...



This half term, we have:

- Been visited by the author, Alex Bellos
- Held sports day
- Visited Hazard Alley Safety Centre
- Celebrated Harvest Festival
- Created recycled robots
- Enjoyed stay and play phonics session
- Collected for the MK food bank-

Thank you, for your generous donations!



Hedgehog Learning Highlights

What an amazing first half-term!

We spent the first two weeks settling in and learning how to be a happy Hedgehog Class, as we welcomed our new Reception friends, who have settled in beautifully!

We have created wonderful self-portraits for a gallery wall in our room. Reception have worked on writing their names, while Year 1 wrote 'Who Am I?' clues and rules for keeping us happy and safe. We have explored feelings with The Colour Monster story, with even more fabulous artwork and writing to display!

Next, we experienced and investigated Autumn; starting with a glorious walk around the grounds enjoying the weather and collecting natural treasures. The story of Tattyboggle the scarecrow also reflected the changes seen in nature. Our artwork and collages show the colours of the season beautifully! We also made a scarecrow and leaf monsters in Forest School.

Our most recent learning has been about Harvest and Farming – the perfect way to prepare and celebrate at the wonderful Harvest Festival, this week. We've investigated where food comes from and many of you will heard our wonderful prayer of thanks at the church.

Creating small world farms and playing in our role play farm shop outside has been great fun. Retelling the story of Little Red Hen – all about how bread is made and also how we should help one another has completed our work. Year 1 wrote their own versions and Reception acted the story and wrote animal names.

Great Learning and great fun! Well done Hedgehogs!

Squirrel Class

Our first term as a new cohort has been somewhat busy and we have completed an awful lot of super learning!

The learning has been fun, in many ways.

Our Mantle topic, 'The Minpins', has sadly, yet safely, come to an end. The Minpins have been relocated into a suitable habitat, thanks to the research of 'Squirrel Estate Agents' and the Minpins are now safely living in various habitats/microhabitats around the world.

The Minpins were struggling with sourcing enough food but have been well fed from foraged blackberries baked in muffins. The Minpins now have new hand-sewn, bespoke clothing. I think it's fair to say, The Minpins are living their best life, thanks to the team at 'Squirrel Estate Agents'!

You will have seen the core subjects, that Squirrels have been learning each week, on the Squirrels' class page, on the school website. In addition to all of the above, we enjoyed a school trip to Hazard Alley, in Milton Keynes, which was very exciting and thoroughly informative.

All in all, it's been a great half-term!

Badgers class

This half term, in Badgers class, we were commissioned, by the BBC, to create a documentary series based around a Viking burial; recently unearthed.

For the harvest festival celebration, we wrote and performed Kenning poems which were a Viking poetry tradition.

Whilst writing the scripts for the documentary, we uncovered clues as to who may have been buried and their significance in their community.

Through researching runes, Viking daily life and how Vikings interacted with the Anglo Saxons, our research team are well on the way to becoming history detectives and amazing documentary makers!

Friends of Whaddon

The Friends of Whaddon have been very busy supporting the school's projects to purchase new playground equipment, support the school accessing more I-Pads, and many, many more projects which are enriching the experiences of our learners.

Without their support and tireless 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.

