

Welsh House Farm News

Autumn 1 edition

Head Teachers Welcome

Welcome to our NEW half termly newsletter. At Welsh House Farm we pack so many exciting activities, trips and curriculum tasks into everyday life, we thought it was about time we shared it all with you. We hope you can spend some time catching up on what the children have been up to this half term. It's a bumper edition – so I suggest you put your feet up, grab a cup of tea and read it together as a family. Happy reading everyone!

Kind Regards
Mrs Jay



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Nursery



During this Autumn term the children in Nursery have been getting to know each other and making friends. We had a visit from Little Dots Play Village and the children had lots of fun dressing up and role playing in all the different areas. The children especially enjoyed playing in the Bakery and pretending to make cup cakes.

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Reception

This half term the children have settled well into the routines of classroom life. They have had lots of fun getting to know each other and building relationships and forming new friendships. They have also been getting to know their environment.



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Year 1

Year 1 have settled well into Key Stage 1 and have really enjoyed exploring new subjects and learning lots of new information. We now have a book for each lesson and have been very mature and independent whilst doing our work. In our Science lessons, we have been using magnets and conducting experiments with different materials. We have tried new instruments in Music and in Geography we have created trails and used a compass! We have loved learning and innovating our story of the little Brown Squirrel and in Maths we have started using Rekenreks and Hungarian dice frames to further explore our number and place value. On Fridays, we find out about our mind and how team HAP helps us with our learning in our 'My Happy Mind' sessions. If you haven't already, please sign up to the parent app so you can help us with our neuro-

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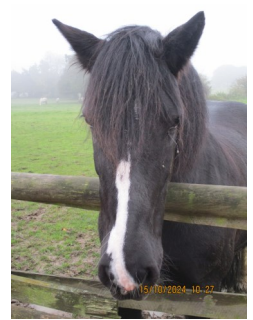
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Year 2



Year 2's Geography topic was 'Fieldwork Skills'. Year 2 practised these around school first and enjoyed particularly looking at a compass. Then we went to Woodgate Valley to continue practising these skills. We really enjoyed walking along the paths and seeing the area and who uses it. We saw horses, who were very friendly and came very close to us, as well as dog walkers, joggers, a river and walkers. It was a great trip.

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Year 3

Year 3 have transitioned really smoothly into KS2 this half term and have made a good start. They have really enjoyed French with Madame Taylor, who is very pleased with their progress. They can all say hello, how are you and the correct response as well as count to 10 in French. Now, they are progressing onto general vocabulary such as boy and girl. There are some lovely French accents developing.

Year 3 also enjoyed writing poetry. We initially made some list poems and then, when the poet visited our class, we made a rhyming poem about a new animal.

Our animal was called a duckaroo.

This is the poem we composed as a class:

Duckaroo is my new strange pet.
He loves to jump in puddles and get wet.
I've never seen anything like it before.
I bought him at the crazy pet store.

Duckaroo loves to eat fish.

He comes from the Land of Pish.

We all made our own poems about our new pet which was great fun and made a lot of us laugh out loud.

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Year 4



During the Autumn term, Year 4 went on a residential trip to PGL at Tregoyd House in Wales. The children had so much fun working together on different activities and even enjoyed a campfire in the evening, with marshmallows and hot chocolate! They have also visited Woodgate Valley Country Park to study the Bourne Brook River as part of their Geography topic.

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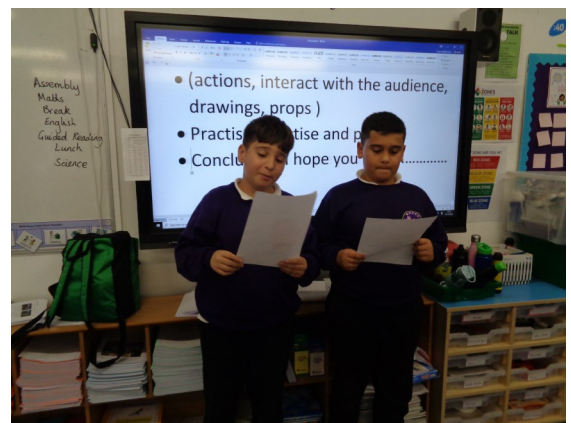
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Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy this half term.

- It was great to see so many parents enjoying our Reading Inspire Workshop. The children enjoyed playing reading games, completing crosswords and creating their own book mark.
- In English, the children have enjoyed writing spine- tingling suspense stories.
- We also enjoyed the Fencing Workshop, where they learned the skills involved in fencing and played against each other.
- In Science, we have learnt how to give an engaging presentation about the different planets—just like Brian Cox!



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Year 6



Year 6 have been learning about mountains in their geography lessons. We experienced a mountain environment on our residential trip to Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre in Wales at the start of the term. This wonderful opportunity also allowed us to strengthen our resilience, learn team work skills and begin building positive relationships with each other and our teachers.

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Year RB



During Autumn 1, the children in RB have enjoyed learning new and interesting skills in our Geography lessons.

Learning how to use a compass, and applying our navigating skills both on the playground and in Woodgate Valley Park have been particular highlights. We have also had the opportunity to overcome our fear of horses, enjoying a wonderful morning of riding at Hole Farm Trekking Centre. We love being outside in RB, so when we were invited to learn how to press apples, and make apple juice in Worcestershire, we jumped at the chance. It was a muddy, surprisingly dry and very fun day!

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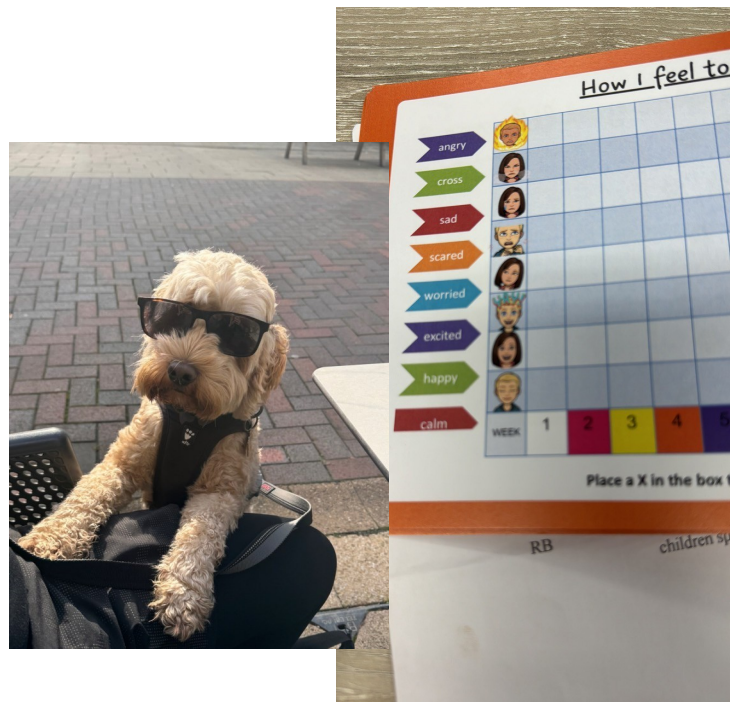
Ted's page

We have had such a busy half-term and loved every minute of it! I have been coming to school every Tuesday morning and spending time with lots of different children. Together, we have been making each other happy. Sometimes, I just pop into classes to say hello and I am so pleased when the children make sure that the classroom is ready for me. Year 3 are brilliant at this! Their classroom is always tidy, they always make sure that the floor is clean and practice their Ted breathing to create a calm environment. I love it when children have earned their time with me. This is usually because they have been listening well or working hard. When they come to see me, we have great fun together; we play games, talk about our week and the children teach me tricks. I have been helping some of the children at school to understand their emotions better and to learn how to manage how they feel. This is so important so that, as we grow, we can feel much

better in ourselves. We loved the artwork that some of the children have produced for our display but we would really like to have more. If you would like to draw a picture of yourself with me, please also include a sentence explaining how I make you feel when you see me in school and bring it in.

We look forward to working with you all again next half term.

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PE and Sport



The under 11s football team played two games this half term and played really well in both games. They are improving with every game.



Year 3 and Year 5 had an excellent work shop with Sprint Active learning about Fencing. Both classes really enjoyed the sessions. Lots more exciting opportunities and competitions to come in the next half term.

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Science



This half term we celebrated International Space Week by launching our first competition of the year. Children had the opportunity to use any form of Art to show Space and Earth. We had approximately 85 entries, which is fantastic and we received a range of pictures and models from every class in the school. We had paintings, pictures, 3D models of the solar system, 3D models of a planet, rockets and mobiles. The standard was phenomenal. The art pieces will be displayed around the school and the winners will be announced soon. Thank you to everybody who participated.

Our next competition will be in the Spring Term.

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Festive events at Welsh House Farm



Monday 16th December pm
Y5/Y6 Movie Afternoon

Tuesday 17th pm
Y4 Christingle Service With Parents

Wednesday 18th December am
Nativity with Parents and KS1 Audience

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December pm
Y1/Y2 Movie afternoon

Thursday 19th December pm
Y3/Y4 Movie afternoon

Thursday 19th December Santa Visits

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