



Wensum Junior School
An academy trust school



From the head

November

This is such a lovely time of year in school. The children (and adults) are working so hard on their Christmas performances, and we are really looking forward to seeing you at our shows. Please be reminded that these will take place at the Alive Church. If you have not yet signed up to book your places, please contact the school office.

I was so very proud of our KS2 choir who represented Wensum so well at our Trust event at Costessey last week. Mrs Campbell said everyone was fantastic and were a credit to our school. A huge well done to them.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our school disco tomorrow. Again, if you haven't booked a ticket please do so via School Money.



As you may be aware we are in the process of setting up a PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friend Association) and we will be holding our AGM meeting soon. Everyone is invited to come along. We hope to appoint a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer to enable to this group to begin.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our adults and children in school for all their efforts this term. I look forward to seeing continued improvements and successes in the new year.

I wish all our families well for the up and coming holidays and a happy Christmas and New year.

Mrs Peachment

Dates for your diary 23/24:

- School Christmas play - Tuesday 12th December
- Last day of term- Wednesday 20th December
- School starts - Thursday 4th January



**WENSUM JUNIOR
XMAS DISCO**

FT. DJ PINK FUSION

08.12.23

YEAR 3\4 : 4 - 5PM

YEAR 5\6 : 5:15 - 6:15PM

TICKETS: £3.50

ON SALE NOW

TICKETS INCLUDE DRINK & SNACK

To save any confusion you may have regarding school lunches and school trips, we will explain which app is used for what.

The Pantry:

The Pantry is used for ordering your child's lunches. You should have an account set up and simply order the lunches for your child yourself via the website, by logging into your account. You can order up to 6 weeks in advance. If your child is ill, you must cancel your meal before 9am, otherwise you will still be charged. If you are struggling with your account, please email the office at office@thepantrycatering.co.uk, or ring them on 020 8813 7040



School Money:

School Money is used for clubs and trips. This includes booking your child in for Breakfast Club or After School Club, booking school discos or school trips. You can also pay through school money. If you are having any issues paying through the app, please visit the school office. If you do not have an account on school money, please ring the school office on 01603 620877 or email us at office@wensumjunior.org.uk and we will create an account for you.



schoolmoney

Stars of the week! Well done 😊



Head Teachers Award – well done 5P



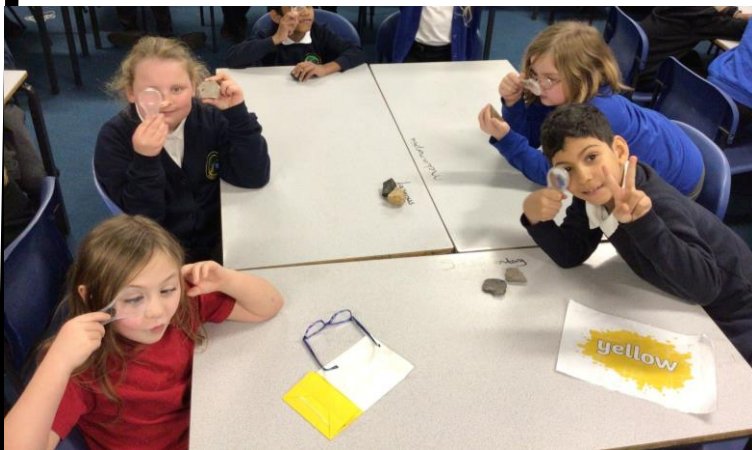
Stars of the week!



What we have been learning about this month!



In Year 4H, we created abstract art in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe. Famous for her close-up paintings of flowers, she wanted to 'fill a space in a beautiful way'. Using photos of flowers and a view finder, we focused on part of an image that we thought would make a good composition. Working with oil pastels enabled us to 'fill a space' with vibrant colours and marks.



The children in 3G have really enjoyed their geography lessons learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. Today we learnt about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We pretended to be geologists and investigated the features of the rocks to determine which kind they are.

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Here are a couple of photos of 5W doing science- we put bicarb of soda into vinegar to create carbon dioxide and used this to inflate balloons!



Year 5 had a visit from The Pantry, discussing the importance of healthy eating and sugar content in our foods.

What we have been learning about this month!



What a week for year 5! 5P and 5W took part in constructing their very own large scale installation piece. Their brief was 'Lost in space' and their material- tin foil! They worked in focused teams to transform a classroom into an empty void...We think they did a great job!

What we have been learning about this month!



In reading this week, 3/4A have looked at how metaphors are used in poetry. We drew pictures to explore the visuals that came to mind and then rehearsed and performed the poem in groups to the class. Take a look at some of the highlights



6C have been enjoying some time on the chrome books. They have been using 'Sumdog' and 'Spelling Shed' to improve their fluency in times tables and spellings, as well as enhancing their word processing skills by typing up their Hansel and Gretel themed Tanka poems.

What we have been learning about this month!

The Hive



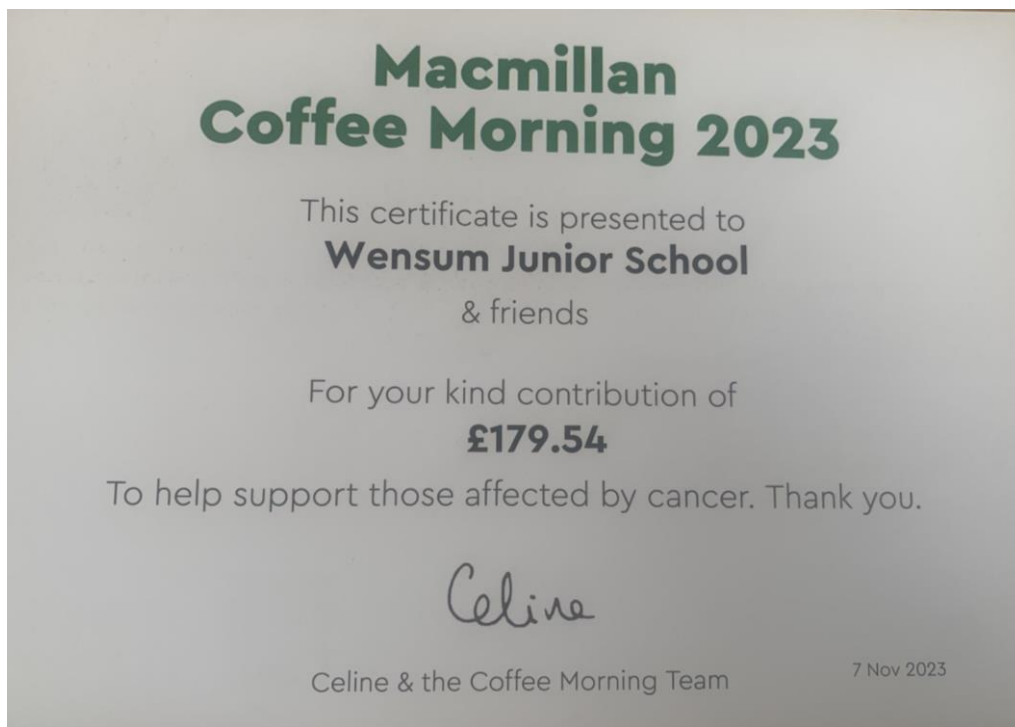
We have been busy in The Hive. We now have six children working with us, they have settled in and are getting to know one another. We do lots of different activities. In art we designed and painted a monster. We cook each week – our cheese straws were yummy and all tasted different as the children added different spices for flavour. Every Friday Miss Hart brings in her guinea pigs – we now have 2 new baby ones. We have named them Toffee and Fudge.



On Wednesday 29th November, 17 children from Wensum, joined other schools in our trust for a combined choir day. In the morning all the children learnt two songs to perform later in the day. In the afternoon, after performing the two new songs altogether, each individual school's choir took turns to perform one song to everyone. Our newly formed choir did really well, singing "What makes a family".

The choir meets every Wednesday lunchtime and is open to children in all years.

Thank you so much for the support shown at the THREE Macmillan Bake Sales that were held in September. We have finally received our certificate and are very pleased to tell you that we raised £179.54. Well done and thank you once again for your kind donations.



Supporting Parents



Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at www.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

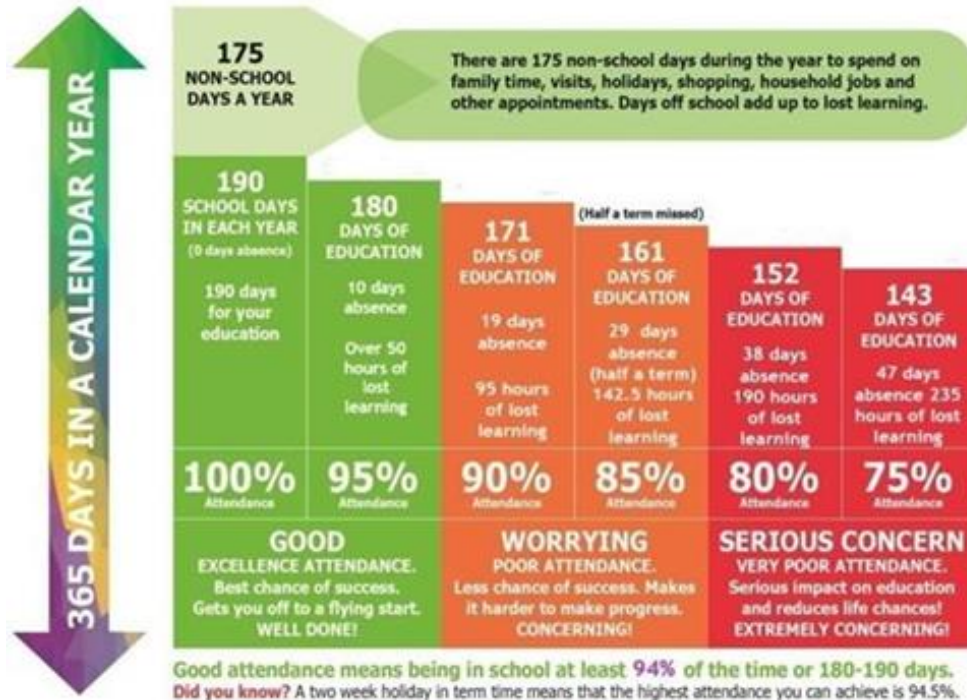
Winter 2023/24



Monthly Attendance chart

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Our school attendance target: 96%

Our attendance for November 2023: 93.82%

Unauthorised absence in November 2023: 1.34%

Minutes late in November 2023: 2012

Class Attendance results for November:

3G – 95.04%

3/4A – 88.61%

4H – 94.04%

5P – 98.03% - Above Target. Well done!

5W – 97.06% - Above Target. Well done!

6C – 89.66%

6SH – 94.41%



Well done to classes 5P, 5W and 3G, who have all won the Attendance Breakfast Award this month.



If you would like more updates on your children and what they are up to in school, please feel free to follow us on facebook or twitter, where we share information about clubs, lessons, school trips and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091397707725>

Polite reminders: Please ensure you are picking your child up at promptly 3:15 at hometime.

Please ensure to check your emails from the school, as this is our most used form of communication.

We are encouraging children to bring healthy snacks in for their break time. This includes any fruit or vegetables, as a way of promoting healthy eating and your children having their 5-a-day.

Please ensure your child is wearing their correct uniform to school. We expect all children to follow the school dress code at all times:

- Jumpers/cardigans - Royal blue. Children should wear plain items or featuring the school logo.
- Polo Shirts - Royal blue, light blue or white can be worn. These can be plain or with the school logo.
- Trousers/Skirts/Pinafore dresses/Shorts - children can wear plain black or grey. No cycling shorts or leggings are allowed.
- Summer dresses/ - blue or navy gingham can be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of earrings.
- Make- Up -Is not permitted at school.
- Shoes - We ask children to wear plain black outdoor shoes/trainers, a suitable style for everyday wear.
- Socks/Tights - White, black or grey.

PE kits can be worn to school on the day of PE lesson, the children should wear plain black shorts and a t-shirt that is the colour of their house. When the weather gets colder, children should wear plain, unbranded black or dark colour jogging/tracksuit bottoms and a plain, unbranded sweatshirt or hoodie. They are allowed to wear their school jumper or cardigan too.

If you change your telephone number or email address, please could you let the school office know without delay in case we need to contact you.

Do you have a safeguarding concern?

We have an amazing Safeguarding Team at Wensum who will be available to talk too regarding any safeguarding concerns.



*Mrs Peachment
Lead DSL*



*Miss Glen
DSL*



*Mr Hubery
DSL*



*Mrs Miller
ASC DSL*

Change to our catering provider.

Please be advised that after October half term school lunches will be provided by 'The Pantry'. Further details to follow.

