HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Active Bodies, Curious Minds

OUR VALUES — Inclusivity · Compassion · Empowerment · Respect

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

A message from our Head of School



Miss Doyle
Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fun and busy start to the academic term! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and are now well embedded in their routines.

Each week, children have enjoyed PE at Crewe Alexandra, animal care and Forest School at Higher Farm, sensory sessions at SPACE, and physical development and rebound therapy at Wingate. Whole-school enrichment has included Bikeability, an Anglo-Saxon day, African drumming, Popcats, a visit from the local police car and a trip to Reaseheath Zoo.

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, there is plenty more to look forward to. Keep an eye on the 'Dates for the Diary' and Class DOJO posts for more details.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Please get in touch if there is anything we can help with.

Warm wishes,
Miss Doyle

Dates for the diary

Friday 13th November
Children in Need (Own Clothes)

Monday 16th November
Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks)

Friday 4th December
Polar Express PJ Day

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December
Santa Experience Day

Friday 18th December
School closes at 2.30pm

LOOKING BACK

Reflections on last half term



PE at Crewe Alexandra



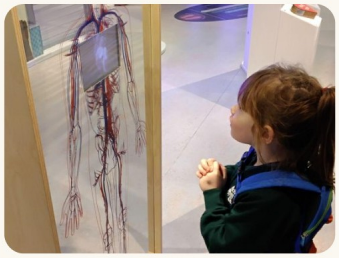
African drumming



Anglo-Saxon day



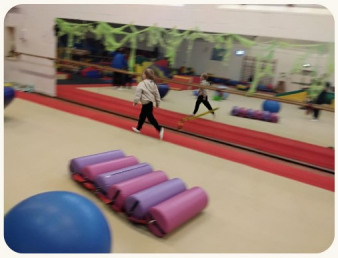
Our Dojo winners



Eureka! visit



Pumpkin fun in EYFS



Wingate

ACROSS OUR PATHWAYS

Messages from our pathway leads



EYFS Pathway

Miss Bond, Pathway Lead

It's been a lovely start in EYFS! We've set out our long-term curriculum plan and have been busy enhancing our classroom and outdoor area. The children are loving their daily phonics and early maths sessions using our school schemes.



Informal Pathway

Mrs Lambert, Pathway Lead

Our new classes have settled well into the EQUALS curriculum. With support from our occupational therapy and speech and language teams, we've been building reliable routines, and we're working towards EHCP outcomes by developing independence and communication through lots of choice-making.



Semi-formal Pathway

Mr Pearson, Pathway Lead

It's been a great start as our new classes settle into the EQUALS curriculum. We've been focusing on consistent routines that help the children feel safe and secure, and on supporting their emotional and sensory regulation so they're ready to learn.



Formal Pathway

Mrs Davies, Pathway Lead

This half term we've introduced new groupings across the pathway for maths, phonics and guided reading. Curriculum links are now embedded across our learning, and each child's IEP targets are built into the daily timetable so they're a focus throughout the day.

OUTDOORS, IN THE COMMUNITY AND WITH SPECIALISTS

Learning beyond the classroom



Specialist PE

Each week our children head to Crewe Alexandra for specialist PE. From balance trails to giant exercise balls, they've been building strength, coordination and confidence – and having lots of fun along the way!



Forest School with Wellness in the Wild

Our Forest School sessions with Wellness in the Wild give the children time to slow down and connect with nature – exploring the outdoors, gathering around the campfire safely and enjoying calm time together.



Bikeability

Bikeability has been a real highlight! With patient support from the instructors, the children have been building balance and control on their bikes and growing in confidence with every lap.



Higher Farm

Our weekly visits to Higher Farm have been brilliant for animal care. The children have been getting to know the alpacas, ponies and goats, learning how to look after them and enjoying plenty of fresh air.

☆ Celebrating success

DOJO STARS





Congratulations to our Bronze Dojo stars! As a special reward for all their hard work, they picked to have a cooked breakfast with Miss Doyle – a delicious way to celebrate. Well done, everyone!

Therapy and wellbeing

Speech and Language Therapy

It has been a busy half term! Our Speech and Language Therapist has been visiting classes to review and update children's SaLT targets with teachers, in line with their EHCPs. Snack-time communication groups have started, helping children use communication boards to request and comment on their favourite foods – and we hope to roll these out across school soon. Classes have also received new visual supports, such as emotion check-ins and turn-taking boards.

Occupational Therapy

Our Occupational Therapist has been getting to know our classes, spending time with children in the classroom, outdoors and at lunchtime, and talking with staff about what helps each child feel regulated and ready to take part.

Reminders

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Attendance

Every day counts! Regular attendance helps children feel settled and make the most of their learning. If your child is unwell, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Uniform & Wet Weather

Please send children in school uniform, with a spare change of clothes and wet-weather clothing so they can enjoy outdoor learning whatever the weather.

Health Information

Please keep us updated with any changes to your child's health, so we can make sure they are safe and well supported in school.

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Colley. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to her or contact the school office.

Healthy Lunches

Please make sure packed lunches and snacks are varied, with no more than one sweet treat or biscuit. We are a **nut-free school**, so please don't send in any foods containing nuts.

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