



Thursday 7th January 2021

RE: Primary Update

Dear WSO Primary Community,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone managed to have a safe and enjoyable winter break. It has been so great to see our school community back learning at WSO. Whether your child is on site or learning remotely, it has been fantastic to kick start Term 2 of this academic year so positively. The big changes you will be aware of is that we now have KS2 students in 100% of the time, and classes are now within one classroom, instead of two, in all year groups. As mentioned at the end of Term 1, we have been able to do this by further improving safety measures within the classroom so that the safety of all students continues to be our priority.

A look inside Primary . . .



FS1 Welcomed lots of new students this week and have seen lots of happy faces with children settling in so well! All classes are so happy to be in one classroom together in their two bubbles. They have been learning all about Winter, creating wonderful Winter crafts and exploring the story 'Owl Babies'.

FS2 have begun Term 2 with the Blue Planet theme. 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson is their first story to introduce the topic and they are looking forward to hearing each other's ideas of where they would like to take their learning next. Maybe ocean animals? Transport in the ocean? Or even habitats - they are excited to see where the topic will take them!



Year 1 have had a great first week back at school. In English they explored a new book, but they don't know the title of it yet! However they have described the character on the front cover and predicted what the book might be about. In Maths they recapped writing numbers 1-20 in numerals and words and partitioned numbers into tens and ones. In Science, they started to write questions about their new topic 'Seasons'.

Year 2 have been exploring their new topic 'Superheroes'. They have been focusing on the 'adventures of Supertato' during their English lessons as well creating their own Superhero, thinking about what special powers they would have. They have also been Explorers and Enquirers whilst measuring in their Maths lessons and have begun an experiment with seeds in Science.

Year 3 have started their exciting topic all about Dinosaurs. They have been writing descriptive sentences based on the book 'Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs,' and created their own class dinosaurs during Learning Enquiry. In Maths, they have started their Multiplication and Division unit and have been practicing different methods for the 4x and 8x tables. Their new Science and Outdoor Learning topic is 'Rocks and Soils' and have begun their own digital books using the Pages app to document all of their fantastic work that they will complete this term.

Year 4 came to school this week dressed up as Romans to begin their new topic for Term 2! They designed and made their own Roman coins from clay, made edible Roman roads using biscuits and cereal and learnt what it takes to become a Roman soldier.

Year 5 have started their new topic 'In Their Shoes'. This week, they have been learning about WW2 and the countries that were involved. The highlight of the week has been finding out about the famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh, and learning that some of his art work was destroyed in WW2. The students created an art appreciation page, analysing Vincent Van Gogh's work and recreating some of his lost art!

Year 6: have been learning about the life and works of William Shakespeare. Students have explored some of his most famous work through performance, music and art. A particular highlight was foam board printing with Mrs. James from Secondary and comparing Shakespeare's work to the modern-day hit musical Hamilton.

Key Messages/Updates

Remote Learners and students isolating: Even though we are now open for all students to be on site 100%, there are of course students who have remained being a remote learner for Term 2. We completely understand the complex reasons for this and we will continue to ensure your child progresses and is supported and cared for like every other child in the class. Additionally, there will be times when individuals or groups of students need to isolate. These students would then become a remote learner until they can return on-site. Our teachers have spent this week working out systems to bring on-site and remote learners together as much as possible, and there will be a combination of live and asynchronous learning activities taking place. Next week, I will be holding live zooms with all year group remote learners, named 'Lunch with Mr. Sadler!' As always, please do reach out to your teacher if you have any questions.



Health and Safety protocols: This is just a reminder that all protocols followed from Term 1 remain exactly the same for Term 2. These have been shared previously, however I want to reiterate the importance of a couple of them. If your child is unwell or has any symptoms of illness, please do not send them into school. Any child who comes to school slightly unwell, we will follow school policy and arrange for them to be collected. We have to do everything we can to keep the entire community safe and COVID free. Additionally, if your child is awaiting the results of a PCR test, again, please do not send them to school until the result has come back.

Virtual Meetings: we highly encourage all meetings between staff members and parents to be conducted virtually, as per KHDA guidance. For the first two weeks of school, we have made this compulsory due to the fact that members of the community travelled overseas during the winter holidays.

Year 3 and 4 collection time: with all classes being back in school, there are now more parents collecting years 3 and 4 from outside the front of the school. You will see there are signs for each class attached to the school gates. Please can I ask for your help by ensuring that you wait for your child close to their class sign, which is their designated collection area. The reason for this is to ensure the safety of our parents and students by spreading everyone out as much as possible. We cannot have overcrowding near the pedestrian exit gates therefore please do help us with this. The class teachers are responsible for your children until they have safely ensured you have collected them.

Upcoming Events and Dates

7th January – Parent Engagement (Setting the weather) – Mr Rowan’s parental engagement session will be shared on Seesaw.

14th January – Parent Engagement (Empowering Parents) – Mrs. Smith’s parental engagement session will be shared on Seesaw.

20th January – New Family Welcome from Leadership Team (4.30 – 5.00pm) – For new families to the Academy in Term 1, join the call to meet the senior leadership team! Information to be shared via email to new families.

11th February – End of Half Term

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a fantastic weekend and remember to stay safe!

Warm Regards

Nathan Sadler
Primary Principal

