

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we have had at school this week. There has been lots of activities both on and off the school premises and a lot to celebrate. Please read on for further information.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 School Trips

We had three classes out on school trips this week, with Reception visiting the Think Tank in Birmingham and Year 1 and Year 2 staying more local, spending the day at 'All things Wild' (the weather certainly was wild). It was very exciting for all the children and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who attended, particularly our parent helpers.

Family Drop in Evening

Tuesday 5th April 3.15pm-5.00pm

This will be an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and share their books to see the progress they have made since the beginning of the year. It is such a long time since we have had parents in school and we are really looking forward to having the opportunity to welcome you into school after such a long absence.

Forest School @Welford

Mr Deeley has almost made a full recovery from his foot injury and Forest School will resume next week.

Knowledge and Learning Assembly

Year 4 Higgs

Year 4 shared work from English, Art, Science and Enquiry. In English, they have been looking at different types of poetry. They started by looking at Cinquain focussed on Roman life. They also been looking at the poem, 'Windrush Child' by John Agard, about a child who was the youngest on board the Empire Windrush that came to the UK in 1948. In Art, they have been experimenting with different formal elements of art and enjoyed creating the flower of life using a pencil and a compass. As part of their Science, Year 4 have been learning about the importance of our wildlife and how trees play an important part of our eco-system. They reminded us about how trees are important, as they give us oxygen and provide habitats for wildlife to live and grow and they are used for paper, buildings and food. Finally, Year 4 have just started learning about Anglo-Saxons. They have been investigating the findings at Sutton Hoo, which is where amateur archaeologist Basil Brown famously made the discovery of a lifetime back in 1939, when he brushed away the Suffolk soil and revealed the richest intact early medieval grave in Europe.

Year 1 Higgs

Year 1 have started a topic about 'Toys' and Year 1 Higgs explained that they have started the topic by bringing in their own toys and have been describing their properties. They have also been learning about list poetry and especially the work of William Thackeray and shared some examples of their work. In Science, Year 1 have been learning about Mae Jemison and explained to us that she was a Doctor before she became an astronaut. They have also been learning about materials and have started by looking at the properties of Lego,

Congratulations to Owen House who won the House Cup this week



Assemblies Spring 2022 All assemblies will be in school in the New Hall	
Thursday 24th March	Nursery Assembly @ 9.10am
Thursday 31st March	Reception Easter Assembly @9.10am
Tuesday 5th April	Key Stage 1 Easter Assembly @ 9.10am
Thursday 7th April	KS2 Easter Assembly @ 9.10am

Parents are invited back into assemblies.

- Assemblies will start at 9.10am
- Please drop your child off at the start of the day following the usual procedures
- Walk to Gate 1 and enter through the school field gate using the new path to the green gates at the back of the field.
- A member of staff will open the gates and you should make your way to the side door of the hall.
- Please take a seat immediately and wait for pupils to arrive.

- Once the assembly is finished you should leave the hall through the side door, turn right and exit the school through the green playing field gates. There is no requirement to wear a mask but please do not attend if you are feeling unwell

Dates For The Future	
Sunday 8th May	FOWS Table Top Sale 10am to 1pm on the school field
Saturday 2nd July	WOAFEST 2022 *DATE CHANGE*

Mrs Dyson and Star Club

Mrs Dyson will be finishing her role as Star Club Manager at the end of the Spring Term to take up another after school club position closer to home. This has been a very difficult decision for Mrs Dyson and we are very sorry to see her leave. Her dedication and commitment to Welford has been outstanding and she has built up a very successful after school care facility. We will miss her enormously. Our campaign to recruit a new club manager has started and the role is currently advertised via WM Jobs.

Congratulations to our four Year 4 pupils who won the Reading Celebration @ Stratford Library

The school selected a team of four pupils to attend the Final Celebration Reading Event at a Stratford upon Avon Library on Wednesday. Teams took part in activities, such as book-related quizzes in a fun atmosphere and competed against other schools in the County. We are delighted to announce that our Year 4 team won the quiz and were awarded a trophy to keep and display at school and a Star Reader medal and goody bag.

Fire Safety Awareness

Year 1 and Year 5 received a visit from the Stratford Fire Service on Tuesday and Thursday respectively to talk to them about the importance of Fire Safety in the home. A very important message for all.

Arden Forest School Direct Trainees

Congratulations to our 21-22 Arden Forest School Direct Trainees who completed their second school placements on Thursday. All the trainees will be moving back to their host schools on 28th March. Thank you to Miss Gregory in Year 1, Miss Adams in Year 2, Mrs Fox in Year 3 and

Miss Hall in Year 5 for being such dedicated trainees during your placement; we will miss you. It has been wonderful to see you develop in your journey to becoming a teacher.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mr Murray, Mrs Barratt, Mr Rose, Mr King, Mr Williams and Miss Simcock very soon.

Safeguarding

Please make sure that your children do not run ahead of you on your walk to and from the school but stay close by your side at all times.

Current Affairs Class Assembly

This week's story:

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is being called a hero by many as he remains in his country as it endures an attack by neighbouring Russia.

The question under discussion was:

How important is it to show bravery as a leader?

Pupils learned more about the President Zelenskyy, who has vowed to remain in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, despite the risk. In a recent speech he switched from Ukrainian to Russian, appealing directly to the Russian Government for peace.

He has shown his humility and commitment to the Ukrainian people before. Following his appointment as President he said:

'I do not want my picture in your offices, for the President is not an icon, an idol, or a portrait. Hang your kids' photos instead and look at them each time you make a decision'.

Pupils were reminded about the British Value 'Mutual Respect' and that bravery comes in many forms. A new or tricky situation may be challenging for one person but not another. We can respect our differences and support each other in difficult times.

Pupils were also reminded about the UN Rights a child:

All children have the right to be protected during war.

Please read 'Picture News at Home' if you wish to continue the discussion.

Ukraine Crisis

You will have received some information from the school about ways which to help the people of Ukraine. With the media fully focused on the crisis, your children may naturally have worries and questions. Please find below some resources which may help if your child has questions, which you may feel hard to answer.

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/ukraine>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Comic Relief Day / Friday 18th March

Funny is Power

Thank you to everyone who supported our Comic Relief fundraising day today. A special thank you to School Council for organising the events. We had lots of very interesting funny hair and hats!

All the classes have had a super fun day while raising funds for very special causes. Please follow our social media to see some of the photos for today.

All donations should be made via Parent Pay – [please click here](#)

Peace and Reflection Day – Friday 25th March

Next Friday the school will be holding a Peace and Reflection Day. This is an opportunity to come together as a school community and devote our day to strengthening the ideals of peace. We will be inspired through art, drama and acts of kindness and reflection, to think creatively and collectively about how the world can be a better peaceful place. **Pupils are asked to wear colourful clothes, or if they wish they can wear yellow and blue, which are the colours of the Ukraine flag.**

The day will focus around Ukraine and the difficulties it is currently facing and we will be asking for a suggested donations of £2.00 to provide urgently needed support.

[Please click here to donate](#)

Children will be carrying out various activities over the day linked to peace and reconciliation.

We have invited local Welford Artist, Rhian Jones, to work with each class to create their own sunflower pictures. Rhian has created a beautiful card to raise funds for Ukraine and we will be selling her cards on the school playground on Thursday and Friday next week. Artbase will also be contributing to the day, with a large art display and Mr Sheffield's printing company have produced peace postcards, for the pupils to write messages of peace and display around the school. The design of the peace card is an original idea created by Mrs Sims. You can purchase Mrs Sims' peace postcards on Thursday and Friday after school with 100% of the profits from the peace cards going to the Ukraine appeal.

School Community Council

The agenda will be shared with all parents ahead of our next meeting on Friday 1st April @ 10.00am.

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

Another great session on Wednesday. Please continue to share our group on your social media so as to spread the word. Our next session will be on Wednesday 23rd March from 9.15am -11.15am.

Wellbeing @ Welford

Family Information Newsletter

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter learn how to spot the signs of child exploitation for Child Exploitation Awareness Day 2022 and find out about Road Safety Month, Young Carers Actions Day, World Sleep Day and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=c2f40196aa>

The Family Information Service (FIS) is continuing to support families across Warwickshire in 2022 and beyond. As always, you can get in touch with the team for any advice and support by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

Free Parenting Programmes available free to Warwickshire families

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-253>

Link for parents to book onto workshops and programmes:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

COVID Update:

While we continue to relax COVID restrictions, please be aware that COVID cases are still being reported to the school. We have had three staff members in isolation after testing positive for COVID and while we are fortunate that all their teaching was covered if numbers continued to rise this would start to prove tricky. Therefore, it is important that you are follow our procedures which are outlined below.

Face Masks

There is no longer a requirement to wear a mask when coming on the school site. We will continue to operate our drop off and pick up procedures including our one-way system.

COVID Testing and Isolation Rules

You are no longer required to test your child regularly to check for COVID. However, if your child develops symptoms of COVID they you should complete either a LFT or a PCR (which are still available until the end of the month). If your child has COVID, then they should isolate for up to five days. If they test negative on day 5 and day 6 then they can return to the school settings.

If your child is a close household contact of a COVID case then they should regularly test for seven days. We ask that you continue to let the school know if someone your household has COVID.

Please contact the school office if you have any COVID queries

And finally

This term, we are focusing on dancing in PE. On Tuesday, Vivian Gayle, a professional dancer came into Welford to teach pupils about Irish dancing. We learnt different facts about Ireland and why Irish dancing is so popular across the world. The children had a go at Irish dancing, learning different routines and then applying them to Irish music. Everyone really enjoyed the day and we look forward to trying other different types of dancing in the future. A belated Happy St Patrick's Day to you all!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff