

# **WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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**Dear Parents,**

We have had a very welcome return of some fabulous weather - it has been glorious this week. Unfortunately, I have been unable to be in school as I tested positive for COVID and I am just completing my isolation period. I have been working remotely and keeping in touch with school. However, can I say a big thank you to all the staff for their support and in particular Mrs Wretham, for deputising and running the school during my absence.

## **Mrs Dyson and Star Club**

**Mrs Dyson has also been struck down with COVID, but will be back in school early next week. Thank you to Miss Wilkins for stepping in and managing Star Club in her absence.**

Mrs Dyson will be finishing her role as Star Club Manager at the end of the Spring term to take up another position, closer to where she lives. Our campaign to recruit a new club manager has started and the role is currently advertised via WM Jobs.

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/119339/lunchtime-and-after-school-club-manager/>

## **Year 4 School Trip**

This week Year 4 visited the British Motor Museum in Gaydon. It was very exciting for the children and enjoyed by all. The children learned about the history of the motor car, whilst also finding out more sustainable ways to fuel an engine. They created their own cars powered by salt! Thank you to all who attended, particularly our parent helpers.

## **Arden Forest School Direct Trainees returning to Welford**

We are looking forward to welcoming back our School Direct Trainees, Mr Murray, Mrs Barratt, Mr Rose, Mr King, Mr Williams and Miss Simcock on Monday, to complete their final placement at Welford. They will remain with us until they complete their training at the beginning of July.

## **Date for your Diary -Family Drop in Evening**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 3.15pm-5.00pm**

An opportunity for your child to show you their classroom, share their books and 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 like this and we are really looking forward to welcoming you after such a long absence. There is no need to make an appointment.

## **Forest School @Welford**

What a wonderfully sunny week at Forest School, the perfect conditions to be planting! We have had 103 saplings donated to the school from the Woodland Trust, every class has had has been out onto the field to plant them.

Mr Deeley

**It is really important that the donated saplings are given the best chance to grow. Can we remind our school community that the forest school area is out of bounds after school? Some of the saplings have already been snapped and broken, which is very disappointing.**

## **Knowledge and Learning Assembly**

### **Nursery**

The Nursery assembly focused on climate change and its effect on polar bears. The pupils wore polar bear ears and had a little black nose. A letter from the polar bears was read, asking for help to save their home from melting.

The big question was:

Can we save the polar bears, to which they all responded, yes we can!

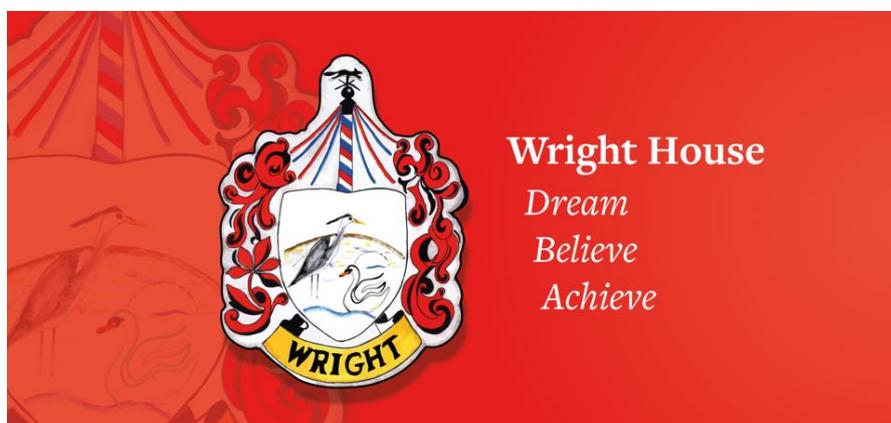
Nursery shared lots of changes that we can make, such as using muscle power to come to school, recycle, reduce, reuse, and plant more trees. They shared their ice floe and polar bear pictures before singing 'We've got the whole world in our hands'. They also explained about being a walrus detective from space, to help us understand more about the effect of climate change.

Well done Nursery- a splendid presentation.

**Our next assembly is the first of our Easter Assemblies, starting with Reception Class.**

### **House Cup winners**

**Congratulations to Wright House who won the House Cup this week**



<b>Assemblies Spring 2022</b>	
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Reception Easter Assembly @ 9.10am
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Key Stage 1 Easter Assembly @ 9.10am
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	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

### **Current Affairs Class Assembly**

#### **This week's story:**

Royal Mail has announced that both 1st and 2nd class stamp prices are to go up. The cost of a 1st class stamp will rise to 95p on the 4th April. The cost of a 2nd class stamp will rise to 68p.

The question under discussion was:

#### **Is there still a place for letters in today's world?**

Pupils were reminded about the British value 'Tolerance' and that we may not always agree with price increases on items such as stamps, but we can share how we feel about it and accept that not everyone feels the same.

Pupils were also reminded about the UN rights of a child:

'Keeping Families Together'

There are many ways we can stay in contact with family members we do not live with all the time. We can email, message, facetime or even write a letter!

Please read 'Picture News at Home' if you wish to continue the discussion. For more information on Picture News follow the links below

*Facebook:* [www.facebook.com/picturenewsprimary](http://www.facebook.com/picturenewsprimary)

*Twitter:* <https://twitter.com/HelpPicture>

The links below are great resources for your child to access at home to develop their knowledge of current affairs. Using current affairs helps develop your child's confidence, motivation and self-esteem.

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

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

<https://www.firstnews.co.uk/>

### **Peace and Reflection Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Today the school held a Peace and Reflection Day. This was opportunity to come together as a school community and devote our day to strengthening the ideals of peace.

**Pupils dressed in colourful clothes and the day was jam packed with reflective activities. Please take some time to read the messages of peace on the school fence and admire the art work completed in class, with local artist Rhian Jones. Children have also brought home a planted sunflower seed to look after and grow over the next few months. We would love to see some photos of how they are doing.**

**Thank you for your contributions to this very successful day.**

The day focused around Ukraine and the difficulties it is currently facing and we were asking for a suggested donation of £2.00 to provide urgently needed support.

You can still purchase a peace postcard (created by Mrs Sims) or a Rhian John card as well, which will be a lovely keepsake of the day.

We will be uploading photos on to the Teams platform of this amazing day.

### **School Community Council**

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

### **Welford Wrigglers Playgroup**

Our next Welford Wrigglers meeting will be on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 9.15am -11.15am.

### **Wellbeing @ Welford**

### **Family Information Newsletter**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter find out about Neurodiversity Celebration Week, the upcoming Warwickshire Youth Conference, a Ukrainian support helpline from Barnardo's, a SEND webinar and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=2505b0036a>

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](mailto: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. Therefore, it is important that you follow our procedures which are outlined below. We are waiting for additional guidance about what to do now that tests are more difficult to access.

### **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 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 in your household has COVID.

**Please contact the school office if you have any COVID queries**

**And finally**

### **Autism Acceptance Week -Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Autism Acceptance Week is an internationally recognised event based around Autism Awareness Day, which is supported by the National Autistic Society in the UK.

Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) is a lifelong condition that can affect a person's social skills, such as communication and the way they interact with other people. It is estimated that there are around 700,000 Autistic people in the UK. The aim of Autism Acceptance Week (formerly known as Autism Awareness Week), is to help more people understand what autism is, as well as the ways it can affect life for Autistic people. Autism Acceptance Week is also a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness and acceptance of autism both in and outside our school. Classes will be completing an Autism Acceptance lesson next week in class.

More information is in the link below

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2022>

Have a great weekend

**Mrs Leeman and Staff**