

# **WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Dear Parents,

**We have had a busy week, with two coffee mornings, a Year 1 school trip and a fully interactive 'Picture News Day', celebrating the work of Piet Mondrian. To finish off the week, pupils are very excited about WOA Fest which is happening this weekend. The weather is going to be gorgeous, so it is sure to be a huge success!**

## **Daily Mile Track**

We are delighted that our 'Daily Mile' track has been completed on our playground. The track runs around the perimeter of the school playground and pupils need to walk or run, as well as a little hopping and skipping, five times around the circuit to complete one mile. A huge thankyou to FOWS for providing the funding for this project, which can be enjoyed by all the pupils throughout the school, the whole year round.

## **Picture News Day -Looking at the work of Piet Mondrian**

Today, we have taken part in 'The Picture News Day'. This is an online event, open to all classes with two sessions fully led by 'Picture News' teachers. The day included a range of activities and learning opportunities, as well as interacting with primary school from around the UK. The theme was a creative one, looking at the work of Piet Mondrian. Pupils looked at, explored and created abstract art, they planned their own art exhibition and there was also a chance to talk with artist Jill Eagle and chat to her about her work.

**YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

## **First Mathematics Challenge**

Year 3 and Year 4 have completed the 'First Mathematics Challenge' this week.

The First Mathematics Challenge (FMC) has been specifically created to give all pupils, UK and worldwide, aged between 7 and 9, the opportunity to take part in a fun Mathematical challenge.

## **Year 1**

Year 1 had a very successful trip to Hidcote Manor Park this week. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the trip.

## **Class Theme Days**

Nursery had a 'Bee Theme' day this week. They dressed as bees and a bee keeper came to visit to talk about how he works with the bees, to produce beautiful golden honey. All the children received a small pot of honey to take home and sample. Reception have been enjoying their 'Have an

Adventure' - pirates theme. They have been writing messages in bottles, ran a pirate café and enjoyed lots of pirate themed stories.

### **Transition Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who has attended a transition meeting this week. We hope you found this meeting useful regarding progress and attainment this year, as well as meeting your child's new class teacher. The Year 1 meeting takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and the Year 6 meeting will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Forest School @Welford**

Another lovely sunny week at Forest School. Year 6 tried to make their own natural paints and used them to create designs, Year 2 and 3 focussed on instructions and communication, whilst using the blindfolds and Year 4 created some fantastic natural bridges.

Mr Deeley

### **SCHOOL ECO WARRIERS**

#### **MEMBERS WOULD LIKE JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO BE A NO CAR - WALK TO SCHOOL- PARK AND WALK DAY**

We will be holding a mini eco day on Friday 15th July. Eco Council members are encouraging you to scoot, cycle or walk to school. If we could significantly limit cars and traffic on Headland Road for drop off and collection, we will be making a significant impact on our carbon footprint and clean air levels for the day.

#### **Recycled Book Stall**

The eco council will also be running a re-cycled book stall after school. Please could your child donate **no more than two children's books** (either a book they have grown out of or read and want to pass on) to stock our stall.

Children can then buy a new book for 50p. That way we are giving books a new life and raising funds for our school compost bins (we need to raise about £120). Please bring books into school by Thursday 14th July.

Many thanks Eco Warriors - let's make a difference on the 15th!

### **Nursery and Year 3 Coffee Morning Assembly**

We had our final two assemblies this week, Nursery shared lots of learning and had made beautiful caterpillar headbands for the occasion. It was their first big assembly and they did a splendid job.

Year 3 also shared a broad range of their learning, including their sixties jive (from their jubilee celebrations), lots of piano solos, as well as a very emotional and heartfelt song

about war and peace, sung by Anastasiia and Kseniia, who joined our school at Easter after leaving Ukraine. A bleak reminder of the experiences of those around us!

A big thank you as well to the parents who provided and served the refreshments.

I hope you have enjoyed our Summer assemblies as much as the pupils and teachers have, organising, rehearsing and performing them.

### **Current Affairs Class Assembly**

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

Requests to join the Scouts and Girl Guiding groups have reached the highest levels for over 80 years, with the Scout Association reporting 90,000 young people currently on waiting lists.

#### **The question under discussion was:**

Is it important for everyone to have a hobby?

#### **Virtual Assembly: Found here: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)**

Pupils were reminded about the British value, 'Individual Liberty' and we all have the right to choose our hobbies. Some of our hobbies may even have a positive impact on the world. Pupils reflected on the many ways they can choose to use their spare time, either playing sport as part of a team, or working with others to improve the world. We have many examples of how we do this at Welford, including the wide variety of clubs that the school offers, as well as the many clubs and societies we have, such as our ECO council.

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/>

**Picture News have produced a special story next week. Pupils will be discussing the recent resignation of our Prime Minister and the question**

**'Are there times when giving up is the right thing to do?'**

#### **Welford Wrigglers Playgroup**

Welford Wrigglers continues to grow in popularity, they had another lovely session this week. The group will meet again on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July between 9.15am and 11.15am, their final meeting of the term will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## **After School Clubs for September**

The after-school club lists for September will be sent at the end of our school day. We have a broad range of clubs for pupils to choose from. New for 2022, will be our long-awaited girls' football club and a brand-new Fencing Club, as well as a wonderful opportunity to join our Young Voices choir.

### **Young Voices Choir After School Club**

Next term our choir will be focusing on rehearsing for the 'Young Voices Concert'.

#### **'An unforgettable journey for your child.'**

Children taking part in YV have the opportunity to perform alongside other choirs from around the area, to a full capacity audience at The Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. The children will rehearse songs every week at our after-school club and can practise them at home as well. The songs are amazing and your child will have a lot of fun preparing. Online resources are available so that children can practise at home to support the rehearsals they are doing in school. Songs are selected from a wide range of music styles to give the children the widest learning experience possible.

They will travel to Birmingham in January (date to be confirmed) and spend the day in full rehearsal with the other schools taking part. Then in the evening, a performance will take place which all parents, family and friends can attend. It is an amazing event and highly recommended.

The concert is the culmination of a lot of hard work from the choir teachers and children and most importantly a really fun day.

Children will need to sign up for the after-school club if they wish to take part in the final concert in Birmingham. The event will be open for children from Year 3 to Year 6 but numbers are limited so book your place soon to avoid disappointment.

### **Move up Day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Next Thursday will be our whole school transition day and pupils will spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers and teaching assistants. We are also hoping that some of our new School Direct trainees can join. Start and end of day procedures are a little different, so please read the 'Move Up Day' information that has been sent out along with the Newsletter.

### **Wellbeing @ Welford**

#### **Family Information Newsletter**

In this week's Family Information Service Newsletter, find out about this Summer's Holiday Activity and Food programme, a SEND webinar and how to go plastic-free in July and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=0553ca4cbd>

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://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

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

Link for parents to book onto workshops and programmes:

Finally

### **Open Evening**

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm-5.30pm**

We will be having an Open Evening at school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. This is a chance for parents and children to come into school and see the work they have completed over the year. You can also visit your child's new classroom and have a walk around the school. A lovely way to celebrate all the great learning your child has done over the year.

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Hope and Kindness Stall**

Mrs May is going to have a Hope and Kindness stall on the afternoon of the open day. Please come along and support this charity that is based in rural Kenya.

Handmade bags, glass cases, baskets etc to buy. All proceeds will go directly to help support the 'hope and kindness' school and children's home.

#### **A Message from FOWS**

##### **SUMMER FAIR**

Thank you again to everyone who bought raffle tickets and attended/ supported the summer fair. It was wonderful to see the school community coming together again. The raffle and the takings from the stalls combined made an amazing profit of over £2,700! This money has paid for the new daily mile track which was painted on the playground this week (and is already being used by all classes).

##### **WOA!FEST**

To the 300+ of you attending WOA!FEST this weekend, please check your email inboxes for the FAQs, WOA!FEST guidance and map/timetable of events which was sent out to attendees on Wednesday evening.

NB: For those of you who have pre-ordered food, please print off your food vouchers in advance (there will be limited additional BBQ food available on the day for those who have not pre-ordered). PLEASE BRING CASH, there are no credit card machines at WOA!FEST.

Finally, the weather is looking great, it's set to be a really good weekend!!

##### **Special thanks from FOWS**

A special thanks to EVERYONE who has volunteered for FOWS events this year and those helping out at WOA!FEST too. Another thanks goes to all the class reps who have worked hard to support FOWS in all the fundraising efforts this year.

##### **Mrs Leeman and Staff**

**Dates for the Diary**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	WOA!FEST
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)	Year 6 Play – 6.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Open Evening
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Welford's Got Talent
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Leavers' Assembly 6.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Term Ends @ 1.30pm Ice Cream Van shall be visiting at the end of the day.