

# Welford on Avon Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely half term break. The poor weather has not deterred us from having a wonderful week, packed with activities and interesting visitors, all building memories and knowledge.

## Junior History Society

The theme of our Junior History Society meeting this term, was 'What led to the decline of the Ancient Egyptians'? During the session, we created our own timelines of the Ancient Egyptian period and key events that happened during this time. This led us to the realisation that the Ancient Egyptian period 'overlapped' with other periods of history, including the Ancient Greeks and the Romans.

The children researched the last Ancient Egyptian monarch - Queen Cleopatra VII. They used different historical resources to draw their own conclusions about Cleopatra and the type of Queen she was. The children enjoyed finding out about Cleopatra's life and how the Ancient Egyptian period came to an end with her death.

The Junior History Society continues to grow and we are so excited to be welcoming new members with each and every session that we have. We are looking forward to welcoming even more new members to our next meeting in the Summer term, when we will be investigating the life and influence of John Lennon.

Mrs Bird History Subject Lead



## Indoor Athletics Competition Victory

On Wednesday 7th February, a team of 23 Year 5 and 6 children went to Stratford School, to compete in the South Warwickshire Sports Hall Athletics competition, against other local schools. We won the event and will now go on to represent South Warwickshire at the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire County, Small School Games Final on Thursday 21st March.

Huge congratulations to the whole team and good luck for the final

Mr Deeley PE Subject Lead

### Cross Country

Unfortunately, this weekend's cross country at The Croft had been cancelled, due to the adverse ground conditions!

Despite this disappointment, we are delighted to announce that four Welford pupils have qualified for the next round of the Cross-Country Competition. So, congratulations to Matilda, Luca, Henry and Eliza and good luck in the National Primary Cross-Country Final. An amazing achievement!

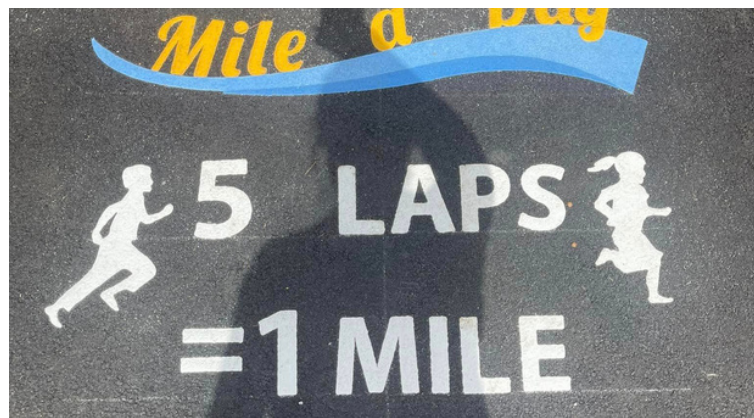
Mr Deeley PE Subject Lead

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### Forest School

A rather wet and damp week out at Forest School. Year 6 were challenged to complete Sheep and Shepherds, whilst Nursery explored the area looking for different textures. Year 2 and 3 attempted the Egg Tower Challenge and Year 4 played Reverse Hide and Seek. Please make sure that your child brings their Forest School kit on the correct day so that they can enjoy this outdoor experience.

Mr Deeley Forest School Lead



### Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop

On Thursday, Year 3 had the most amazing day participating in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop in school. The children helped Emit, who had been trapped inside a computer game, to complete his mission by carrying out different tasks to complete three levels: the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Whilst in the Stone Age level, the class had the opportunity to handle tools from this period, which helped to bring their learning to life. They learned that the foods eaten were either gathered like berries, farmed like sheep and wheat or hunted like elks. During the Bronze Age level, the children constructed a roundhouse and experienced what life was like living in one. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this, especially creating wattle and daub and sitting around the fire. Having completed the Stone Age and Bronze Age levels, the children had one final part to their mission on the Iron Age level. Here, the children visited an 'Iron Age market' to choose a present for the chief of the tribe. There was a jewellery stall that sold torcs, a food stall that sold the fattiest and yummiest of pigs and a wool stall that sold the prettiest of loom weights. The chief was very impressed with his gifts and granted that some trees could be cut down. Our mission drew to a close following some questions and answers about the three periods visited. Year 3 were brilliant and with their help Emit completed his mission.

Mrs Hobkirk Year 3 teacher

### Leave of Absence Information

Please read the information below which is a reminder that holidays will not be authorised during term time and a leave of absence only agreed in exceptional circumstances.

‘Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Headteachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.’

### Do you have a skill or knowledge to share?

To further develop the experiences for pupils and our links with our school community, we would like to find out if you or an adult member of your family, has a skill or knowledge in a particular area, which you would be able to share at school. Examples might include, sewing, design, author, performer etc. If you feel you could share your skill/knowledge, please contact the school office.

### School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is an important part of the identity of our school and is linked to our ethos and values, particularly one of equality and contributes to the behaviours and attitudes we want to see across our school. We do not expect children to wear uniform with our school logo, that is a personal choice. However, we do ask that your children wear our school colours of red tops / white polo shirts and grey/black trousers/ skirts and wear comfortable and practical school shoes. Children should not wear nail varnish and if they have long hair, it should be tied back. Pupils are only permitted to wear small stud earrings and smart watches are not permitted in school.

### “Back to the App” Online Safety Performance/Workshop

On Tuesday, Altru Drama visited school to deliver an online safety drama performance to KS2. This performance helped the children to develop their knowledge and understanding about internet safety and the negative ways the internet can be used, including the consequences for themselves and others. Year 5 and 6 then participated in a follow up workshop to explore these themes further. It was a fun and enjoyable way for the children to learn about these important issues and how they can keep themselves safe online.

Mrs Pote – Y6 teacher



# Events



PARENTS' EVENINGS: MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AND MONDAY 4TH MARCH - 3.40PM – 6.00PM

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING- MONDAY 18TH MARCH – 3.30PM- 5.30PM

We will be running parents evening on Monday 26th February from 3.40pm – 6.00pm and Monday 4th March from 3.40pm - 6.00pm. The meetings will be virtual but you will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom on Monday 18th March from 3.30pm until 5.30pm to have a look at their books and classroom environment.

## Year 5 Space Theme Day

During Year 5's space theme day the children were tasked with safely landing an alien's egg from orbit. During the day the children were challenged to build a capsule or landing pad for an egg that needed to drop from orbit (3 metres). The children had to problem solve, use team work and think critically about their designs in order to decide on a final, effective plan which was then carried out in teams of 3. These landing devices were then tested outside, with nearly all of the groups delivering the egg safely to the ground.

The children also created their own stomp rocket, made entirely out of paper. This involved several intricate steps to create an airtight tube which could be launched into the air. The children's designs varied, with some having 3, 4 or even 5 fins whilst also having a wide variety of nose cones. At the end of the day, we launched our rockets and we found that all of the rockets were successful, blasting off across the hall.

Throughout the day, the children were exposed to rich scientific and engineering vocabulary to deepen their knowledge. There were also points where we discussed the enormity of our solar system using scale models and practical examples.

Mr Mann Year 5 Class Teacher

FOR MORE VISIT: [www.welfordonavonschool.co.uk](http://www.welfordonavonschool.co.uk)

# Spring Term Knowledge Assemblies

## Year 3 and Year 6 Davenport Assembly

Year 3 and Year 6 shared their knowledge and learning yesterday. They did a wonderful job talking about the curriculum they have covered over the last few weeks. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

Our next assembly is:

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| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February @ 9.10am | Reception Owen Assembly |
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Please see the rest of the Spring assemblies below

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| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am       | Year 1 and Year 4 Owen Assembly                   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am      | Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly                   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March @ 2.45pm     | Nursery and Reception Spring Celebration Assembly |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 2.45pm | Year 1 and Year 2 Spring Celebration Assembly     |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 9.10am        | KS2 Spring Celebration Assembly                   |

# Monthly Updates

## Food Vouchers

We want to remind families that if you require help, you can contact the school to ask about food vouchers. Please get in touch if you need help. All enquiries we be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

## Welford Wrigglers

Our next session will take place on Wednesday 28th February starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15pm

## Parking

Please be respectful to residents on Headland Road by not parking or dropping off across their driveways. Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day, including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or on road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from the Barton Road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

## Welford (Binton) Bridge

The Binton Bridge remains closed. Please make sure you continue to make the necessary adjustments to your journey to and from school to deal with the possible delays. We have attached the most recent schedule about the closure for your information.

## Coats, hats and gloves

A reminder to make sure that your child brings a coat to school every day, to ensure they are ready for cold weather. We also encourage pupils to bring hats and gloves, so that they remain warm during break and lunchtime.

## School Playing Field

Our school field will not be available while after school football clubs are running on Monday and Tuesday, in line with our safeguarding policy and the gate will continue to be locked at 4pm on Wednesday and Thursdays The field be unlocked at the weekends for the time being. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and the school maintains its upkeep. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter as regards the safety procedures of the school.

# Wellness @ Welford Information

## Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=1347cf4fa7>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about training sessions on how to spot the signs of child exploitation, the school admission process, stopping smoking in pregnancy and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies). Head over to our Facebook to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week. If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an online FIS discovery session.

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## Discovery Webinars

These webinars are aimed at professionals and families within Warwickshire to inform them on the role of the Family Information Service and includes a guided tour through the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages. This session will highlight the broad range of information and support that can be found on these two websites. Included in this webinar will be information on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Please follow the link above to book

## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide young people who are in full-time education (Reception to Year 11) and eligible for benefits-related free school meals with access to enriching activities and meals, for free, during the three main school holidays: Winter, Spring and Summer. Follow the link above for more information.

COMING SOON - Spring HAF: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April 2024 (maximum of 4 sessions)

## **RISE**

Please follow the link below to Warwickshire RISE website.

They provide early support, information and guidance on many emerging mental health issues to children, young people, parents and carers. They can offer:

o consultations with a clinician

o training

o themed coffee mornings focusing on areas of requested support.

If you would like to know more please email [risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

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## Welcome to the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy.

‘The Academy offers a wide range of courses and workshops designed to empower your mental health and wellbeing provided by a number of Partner organisations working together. Courses are delivered face to face and online via Zoom. All Academy courses and workshops are completely FREE OF CHARGE and open to anyone over the age of 18 living in Coventry and Warwickshire who wants to better manage or understand their mental health and wellbeing. Friends, family, staff, and carers are encouraged to attend as we strongly believe in learning together to get the most out of the courses on offer.’

# Picture News

*This week's story: Coca-Cola has announced it will temporarily be removing labels from Sprite and Sprite Zero bottles to trial 'label-less' packaging in some areas of the UK.*

*Question: How important is packaging?*

*Reflection: Packaging and labels have an important role to play including information on some items we eat and drink. Advances in technology are changing how this information can be included.*

*British Value connected to this story: Individual Liberty*

*We have opportunities to choose our food and drink. It is important to consider how these choices may impact things such as our health, the environment or our beliefs*

*Protected Characteristics – Religion and Belief*

*There are many different reasons people choose food and drink they consume. For some, it will be part of their religion or belief, which affects their life choices and the way they live. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of their religion or belief.*

*UN Rights of a Child: 24. Health, Water, Food, Environment*

*We have the right to clean water to drink and healthy food. We should also all have information about how to stay healthy. Drink and food packaging can contain details to help us do this.*

*Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter so you can continue this conversation at home.*

## **Safer Internet Day**

**Before half term we celebrated Safer Internet Day on the Tuesday. Here is a reminder of the resources you can access.**

**<https://www.saferinternetday.org/home>**

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>**

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>**

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>**

**Vital information to read, before making any decision about allowing your child to have their first phone.**

**<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/nspcc-phone-safety-toolkit>**

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