

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter.

Maypole Dancing Delight

Despite the looming clouds, our determined staff, enthusiastic children and supportive families, came together to make it another memorable evening of Maypole dancing. The children showcased their talent, coordination and teamwork as Nursery, Reception and KS1 performed their country dances and KS2 weaved intricate patterns (without tangles) around the Maypole. Smiles and laughter filled the air, adding to the joyous day. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff and volunteers involved in ensuring that everything ran smoothly and that a fantastic time was had by all, which finished just in time before the rain started! Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

Staff News

Mrs Tuci has made the tough decision to leave Welford School to take up a new catering post. Although, Mrs Tuci has only been with us for a short time, she has very quickly become part of our team and she will be missed. We wish her the best of luck with her new venture, which starts after half term.

Summer Term Assemblies

Year 3 and 6 Higgs Learning Assembly

Parents and pupils enjoyed hearing from the Year 3 and 6 Higgs children about their current learning. Year 3 Higgs began by sharing the descriptive passages they have written in response to their class text 'Journey', a wordless picture book with a range of expanded noun phrases, similes and well-chosen vocabulary. They went on to explain the art they had created, inspired by their study of the Ancient Egyptians in history, where they have designed scrolls using symbols which represent themselves and have made their own paper to transfer these to. Finally, Year 3 shared their learning around friction in science, demonstrating their use of force meters and magnets.

Year 6 Higgs pupils shared their learning, beginning with their recent sleep workshop and included some top tips on ensuring a restful night, such as no screens for at least half an hour before bed, a warm bath or shower and reading a book. They are keeping a sleep diary over the next week to help them reflect on the strategies that support them. The pupils also recalled the facts they have learnt about Scandinavia and the differences between the countries of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Finally, we heard about the memory boxes that the pupils are busy creating to represent their time with us here at Welford, containing items that they have made to secure their memories of Primary School. Well done to everyone!

Our next assembly is on:

Thursday 6th June	Nursery and Reception Summer Assembly
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Second Half Term Summer Assemblies

Thursday 13th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Summer Assembly
Thursday 20th June	Year 3 and Year 4 Summer Assembly
Thursday 4th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Assembly
Wednesday 10th July	Whole School Swap
Thursday 11th July	Choir, Lamda and Music Performance (more details to follow)
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly PM

Junior FOWS Update

Junior FOWs have met regularly over a few weeks, to contribute to the organisation of the Summer Fair. They have led discussions and a democratic vote in their classrooms to gather pupil voice for the stalls their peers would like to see at the Fair. This information has been fed back to FOWS and Junior FOWS are busy planning and preparing their own stall to appear at the event

Mrs Wretham Junior FOWS Lead

Forest School

This week Year 6 were challenged to make miniature dens for some of Mr Deeley's cuddly friends. Year 3 built their own fairy tea parties, whilst Year 2 worked in teams to build giant nests. Year 4 practised their knot tying skills and Reception had a go at creating giant nature letters.

Please make sure that your child brings their Forest School kit on the correct day so that they can enjoy this outdoor experience. As the weather improves we advise that your child brings a sunhat and has applied sunscreen.

Mr Deeley Forest School Lead

Cricket Workshop

On Wednesday we had a visit from Nigel, who is part of the Cricket Dynamos initiative for Warwickshire Cricket. The initiative is all about fun and providing children with a more social option, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket. The children had great fun playing lots of different cricket games with him. The nearest session is at Welford Cricket Club @ Synder Meadow for more information please click on the link:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/bba46994-24a1-403f-a514-d6bb666cb0cd>

Mr Deeley -PE Subject Lead

School Council Update

The School Council met on Tuesday and have finalised their first fundraising idea of the Summer Term. They will be hosting a 'preloved beach goods' stall at the Fair. For this they will need donations of unwanted sand and water toys, sun hats, rubber rings etc. Please send donations into school from Monday 1st July, thank you.

Mrs Cowley School Council Lead

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 will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Guest Speaker in Year 3

On the afternoon of Friday 24th May, Year 3 had the privilege of having a guest speaker. Mrs Kodag kindly gave up her time, to come in and talk with the children about India and Indian culture. The children developed their understanding of some of the different religions found in India, Indian food and clothing. Mrs Kodag spoke about some of the languages used in India, including Hindi, Punjabi and Marathi. The children's knowledge has greatly been enriched by our guest speaker. Lots of enquiring questions were asked by the children, all of us in Year 3 would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Kodag.

Welford (Binton) Bridge

As far as we are aware Binton Bridge will be open after half term but please do check before you return to school after half term.

School Playing Field

Governors will be contacting parents today to provide further information about the school playing field.

Welford Wrigglers

This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents and their little ones to come together for fun, learning and socialisation right here at our primary school.

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE TODAY FOR HALF TERM AND WILL REOPEN FOR PUPILS ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE
(MONDAY 3RD JUNE IS A TEACHER TRAINING DAY)**

Have a wonderful half term break.

Mrs Leeman and staff

Picture News:

This week's story: An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season.

Question: Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?

Reflection: It can be easy to make assumptions or judge others based on our first impressions. It's important to remember that it takes time and effort to get to know and understand others and their circumstances.

British Value connected to this story: Democracy

We each have a voice that can be used to share our opinions and desires. It is important that we use our voice to stand up for the things we believe are important as this can lead to meaningful change

Protected Characteristics – Gender

People can be underestimated because of their sex. However, when given equal opportunity, we all have every chance of success

UN Rights of a Child: 12 Respect for Children's Views

We have the right to be heard and taken seriously. When making choices on our behalf, adults must ensure that they listen to us and take our views seriously

Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter so you can continue this conversation at home. Thank you to the pupils and families who contributed to last week's story. The pupils were presented with a 'Picture News Contributor' sticker.

Wellness @ Welford Information

Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=cfbb720d31>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about free child car seat checks, Walk to School week, May half-term activities at Warwickshire Country Parks and much more!

What is the Family Information Service?

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting to help with a wide range of family issues. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. Head over to their Facebook page to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

Special Edition of the Family Support Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=79354c54f9>

FIS provide a wide range of information and support to families with children and young people aged 0-25, including:

- Childcare
- Money and benefits
- Housing
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Health and wellbeing
- Workshops and programmes for parents and carers.

Please follow the link above for more information.

Discovery Webinars

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-county-council-31960567793>

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

RISE

Please follow the link below to Warwickshire RISE website.

<https://cwrise.com/for-parents>

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

- consultations with a clinician
- training
- themed coffee mornings focusing on areas of requested support.

If you would like to know more please email rise

risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Welcome to the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy

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

'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.'



Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is a free, confidential and impartial service providing information, advice and support for parents/carers, children and young people aged 0-25 who have or may have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Contact Warwickshire SENDIASS

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