

Newsletter 25th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope you have had a lovely week. Hard to believe that we have completed a half term already.

School reopens on Monday 4th November at **8.55am**, please note this means your child should be in their classroom by this time.

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN- Message to Parents from Road Safety Team

If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.

When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a streetlight, so that traffic can see you more easily.

Poppies

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by selling poppies and various related items after half term. Suggested donations are:

- . Paper Poppy – 50p
- . Zip Puller – 50p
- . Slap Band - £1.00
- . Wristlet - £1.00

Fireworks and Bonfire Night Celebrations

As we approach Bonfire Night, we want to remind everyone about the importance of staying safe around fireworks. Fireworks can be exciting, but they can also be dangerous if not handled properly. Please ensure that all fireworks are bought from licensed sellers, follow the Firework Code, and always supervise children closely. Let's all enjoy the festivities safely!

School Council Needs You!

The School Council Needs You! In order to raise funds, the School Council are organising a 'Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale'. This will take place after school on Friday 29th November. We need donations of clean preloved **Christmas / Winter themed** jumpers, T-shirts, tops, trousers, hats, gloves, scarves, boppers / head bands. We will be accepting donations into school from Monday 4th November to Monday 25th November.

We hope that this event will support everyone with having something to wear on the traditional Christmas jumper day.

Mrs Bird School Council Lead

Year 1 Trip to Avoncroft

Year 1 had a fabulous time at Avoncroft Museum last week. On our visit, we saw a post mill. The post mill is the earliest type of European windmill. The whole windmill is mounted on a central vertical post. The body of the windmill can be turned around the central post, to bring the sails into the wind. We will be using this learning to inform our DT unit on Windmills after the holiday. The children also learned how wheat is harvested and flour made. In addition, the children got to make their own bread rolls. They particularly enjoyed kneading the dough.

Mrs Cowley Class Teacher

Welford Wellbeing Day

Thank you to everybody who helped us deliver the power of positivity today. Every child and staff member wore a positive word or phrase to school which was very empowering. Our 'Wellbeing' Council met for the first-time last week and are looking forward to working together as ambassadors of 'Wellbeing' in our school. Their next meeting is during the first week back after half term and they will be joined by Kirsty Lister' from the Mental Health Schools Team who will talk to them about her role to promote wellbeing in our school.

Mrs Cowley and Mrs Leeman (Wellbeing Council Leads)

Year One Road Safety

This week, during PSHE sessions, Year 1 have been completing 'Road Safety Spies' activities. This is part of the Warwickshire Safe and Active Schools Programme. First, the children were invited to put on their thinking hats, find their magnifying glasses and turn on their listening ears in preparation for being road safety spies. So far, they have been learning how to stay safe near roads with their adults. They have been exploring the Road Safety Code and safer places to cross the road.

Mrs Cowley Class Teacher

Black History Month:

Last Tuesday, Year 1 and 2 came together to enjoy the Picture News Black History Month Assembly. We learned about how history can be told from different viewpoints and the importance of us all having the right to use our chosen name and that other people should respect this. During the Assembly, we heard from Swarzy the Radio and TV presenter. She talked in depth about her cultural heritage. Sharing stories about her family links to Guyana in South America, Mauritius and Zimbabwe. She emphasised how important it is for people to tell their own story to ensure that the story is accurate. She also shared with the children the value of learning about different cultures by trying different foods and talking to others about their cultural and family traditions.

Mrs Cowley Year 1 Teacher

Cake Sale – Year 4 Thursday 24th October

A lovely treat to finish this half term. Thank you to everyone who bought and consumed a cake and to Year 4 parents for providing them. The money raised will go towards FOWS upcoming school projects.

Year 2 Trip to the Heart of England Forest

Last Friday Year 2 went on a trip to the Heart of England Forest, consolidating their Science topic of growth and survival. As part of this the children made their own nature exercise circuits in groups and completed an experiment looking at the most effective materials to use when creating a shelter for a 'mouse'. Each group was given a bottle of warm water (their mouse) to create a shelter for. After a period of time the children then collected their 'mouse' and tested the temperature of their 'mouse' which then determined whether their shelter had been effective enough at keeping their 'mouse' alive. The children worked incredibly hard and really enjoyed themselves.

Mr Deeley Year 2 Class Teacher

Forest School

A wonderful week out in the Forest School Area. Nursery went on a nature walk looking for different signs of Autumn around the area. To celebrate the upcoming Halloween festivities each year group has been creating different temporary natural art using the colourful leaves around the area. Year 5 and 6 made some incredible leaf pumpkins whilst Year 4 focussed on building some great skeletons.

Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead

Conkers

Our Conkers competition has now been completed and our pupils had great fun playing this traditional game. Our winners are:

Nursery -Livia

Reception- Toby and Alina

Year 1- George

Year 2- Tom

Year 3- Archer

Year 4-Matilda

Year 5- Josh

Year 6-Esme

Congratulations to our Conker Champions

Welford Wrigglers

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place on Wednesday 6th November from 9.15am-11.15am.

Harvest Collection

Donations will be collected from school just after half term, for Birmingham City Mission. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause.

Nursery and Reception Harvest Assembly

In the final autumn harvest assembly, our Nursery and Reception classes gave a wonderful performance, sharing songs, beautiful artwork, and fascinating insights into how harvest is celebrated across different faiths. It was a joyous occasion, full of enthusiasm and reflection, showcasing the children's hard work and creativity. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported.

Our next assembly is:

Thursday 7th November	Reception Wright Assembly
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Upcoming Assemblies

Thursday 14th November	Year 1/ Year 4 Wright
Thursday 21st November	Year 2/Year 5 Wright
Thursday 28th November	Year 3/ Year 6 Wright
Friday 6th December	Breakfast with Father Christmas AM Children's Christmas Fair- PM

Christmas Concerts (Save the Date)

Christmas Performances	
Monday 9th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 10th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 11th December <i>No Parent and Toddlers Group</i>	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15pm and 2.15pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Assembly @ 9.15am
Friday 13th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am

Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents' Evening this week. We greatly appreciate your time and support in discussing your child's progress.

Please note - Reception Parents' Evenings will take place on the 11th and 18th November, bookings originally made for the 14th October were transferred to the 11th and bookings for the 21st October, transferred to the 18th.

Have a lovely half term holiday

Mrs Leeman and Staff

Picture News:

This week's story: Following a ten-year campaign, the music exam accreditor Music Teachers' Board has announced it will now include Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on its syllabus

Question: What impact can music have on our lives?

Reflection: Music is a Powerful Tool. It can unite people in both joy and sadness. It can bring back powerful memories and be an importance part of faiths or rituals.

British Value connected to this story: Democracy

We all have a voice and can use it to bring about change. After ten years of campaigning, exam boards will now formally recognise Sikh sacred music.

Protected Characteristics- Religion or Belief

For some people, music plays a part in their religion. It may be used to celebrate or mark festivals and special times of the year. Music could also form part of someone's spiritual journey. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion.

UN Rights of a Child: 30 Minority Culture, Language and Religion

Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion, even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.

A picture news newsletter is sent home every week so that you can continue this discussion at home.

TAKEHOME

9:30 - 2:30
October



What impact can music have on our lives?

Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gumat Sangeet Academy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument? Would you like to?
- What type of music do you like listening to? Ask others at home what they like to listen to. Is it the same as or different from what you like?
- Can you think of times when we listen to music or make music with others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Wellness @ Welford Information

Information and links find advice and get help with Warwickshire

Warwickshire Family Information Service

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=9ea2711165>

This week's Family Information Service newsletter includes information about:

- October half term holiday activities
- Nuneaton's free Together with Autism conference
- Supporting young people with wellbeing

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, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies.

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.

Signing up for the Warwickshire Family Information Newsletter

You can subscribe to receive the newsletter by signing up via the following link

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/familyinfoservice>

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/>