



Wootton Community Primary School

18th March 2022

Dates for your diary:

Tues 29th March—Year 2 to Classic Boat Museum

Weds 30th March—Parents Evening (Face to face in school)

Thurs 31st March—Parents Evening (Face to face in school)

Fri 1st April—PTA Easter Mufti Event (more details tbc)

Monday 11th—Friday 22nd April—Easter Break

Fri 29th April—PJs and Popcorn

Week of 9th May - Year 6 SATS

Mon 30th May—Fri 3rd June—Half Term

Fri 10th June—PTA Event—Royal Disco (more details to follow)

Tues 21st June—Hat and Sunglasses Day (more info to follow)

Tues 5th-Fri 8th July—Year 6 Residential (see Google Form)

Sat 9th July—Mardi Gras

Tues 12th & Weds 13th July 2022 - Transition days

Fri 15th July—PTA Summer Event (more details tbc)

Thurs 21st July—Year 6 leavers service, family picnic with Year 6 presentation @ noon, day finishing at 1:30pm for the term.

Fri 22nd July—Development Day (school closed to children)

Dates for 2022-2023:

Thurs 1st Sept—

Development Day

Fri 2nd Sept—Development Day

Monday 5th Sept—Children in years 1-6 return

Weds 7th Sept—Year R start

Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for supporting our School Council today in providing all your donations for us to be able to play our part in supporting the people in Ukraine. We have many items to send along with over £300 which we will be presenting to the Charity Mad Aid, who are raising funds to drive a truck to Ukraine with all the donations in assembly next Friday. If you still want to donate you can do so before next Friday, thank you.

I cannot believe even after two years I am still having to write about Covid! Sadly we seem to have a rise in cases yet again in school. Despite all our efforts with heightened cleaning, good ventilation etc. cases are creeping back in. Please ensure you do not send your child into school if they have any of the three main symptoms. If your child does have a positive LFT result they should not return to school until they have two negative results which can be taken on day 5 and day 6 and not before. It is important that we work together again to try and minimise the impact that the next strain seems to be having on our school community. Thank you for your on-going support with this.

I had the pleasure of supporting the girls Year 5 and 6 football team on Monday when they played in the quarter final. They played incredibly well and won taking them through to the semi-final. Thank you to Gabrielle in Year 6's dad who gave some super tips to guide the team. We look forward to hearing what happens next!

In assembly today we congratulated our Star Pupils as well as our Numbots winners for this week - 1st place Daisy in Year 2, 2nd place Sophie in Year 1, 3rd place Teddy in Year 1, 4th place Harry M also in Year 1 and 5th place Travis in Year 2 - well done to you all. Our top 5 TTRS, the children who have earned the most coins over the last 7 days are - 1st place Koby, 2nd place Spencer, 3rd place Edinburgh, 4th place Huxley all from Year 4 and 5th place Scarlett in Year 6 - great work, keep it up!

We had another exciting assembly today - Arya in Year 4 showed us her dad's tunic which he exchanged for his own with a member of the Ukrainian team whilst he was touring. It was great for the children to see the colours and symbol of Ukraine, so thank you Arya for bringing this in today. We also congratulated Oliver in Year 2 for another swimming award, Caleb in Year 2 for a swimming certificate and to Hayley also in Year 2 for taking her Brownie Promise this week. Ayla in Year 4 shared her news from her great achievements at her first swimming gala last weekend - well done everyone!

You may recall I wrote in the newsletter about the PTA's plans for the Easter event on Friday 1st April. Sadly the PTA have received very little support with planning this and unless they receive help, the event will not be able to go ahead. They will need support from 1.30pm on Friday 1st April to set up the activities in the hall and then volunteers to run a stall and help serve refreshments. Please let the PTA know asap if you are able to help via their Facebook page or leave your details at the school office for us to pass them on. As part of the event the children will have an opportunity to win a prize by decorating an egg or making an Easter bonnet/hat at home and bringing them to school. We will still go ahead with this even if we cannot run the Easter fayre.

It has been so lovely to see the sun shine over the last few days however the weather is still so unpredictable, please ensure your child still has a coat in school everyday, thank you.

We were so pleased that the Bike workshop was full on Monday. We are hoping this will be a yearly service now and that children will be enthused to use their bikes. Talking of which, for the next two weeks we are engaging with Sustrans 'Big Wheel and Walk' event which encourages children to wheel and walk to school. Children will have the chance to win some individual prizes as well as prizes for the school, so we are hoping as many children can get involved as possible. We are aware that many families do not live locally so are unable to walk from home, so we are encouraging families to park a little further away from school to take part in the activity. When the children arrive into class they will complete a survey of how they have travelled to school with the results going into a national competition too, lets see if we can win some more prizes for the school!

We are still looking for some budding gardener volunteers and we have a potential very exciting project on the horizon too so we will be looking for a group to join us one Saturday soon - please look out for the exciting news coming out soon!

Thank you to all the children who sent through a reading for pleasure photograph - we received 27 in total. Over the next week we will get these printed to put up in the library and present some prizes before the end of term.

In the meantime have a wonderful weekend - I hope this time the sun will stay!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had another exciting week in Year 1 this week! On Monday, a dragon laid some eggs in the sensory garden so we went to find them all before they hatched! We counted them to make sure we had found them all, and then wrote some instructions for Mrs Wilford to find the dragon eggs in case she needed our help. In maths, we have progressed our learning on from halves and have moved on to quarters. I was so impressed with how quickly the children understood how to split a shape into quarters so we moved on to finding a quarter of an amount, working with concrete resources to help us. The children also challenged their own learning by giving each other trickier questions to try. In music, we listened to a number of different pieces in different genres, and the children drew what it made them think of. We then had a go at composing and performing a piece in small groups, using our steel pans.



WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week have been jammed packed with learning. We have been focussing on fractions in our maths lessons. We have looked at not only fractions in shapes but also fractions in quantities. We have really pushed our learning and demonstrated what we know through problem solving and independent work. In English we have continued to apply our knowledge of the first part of our story to feelings. We have considered what feelings Samson at different points and tried to write sentences which showing an understanding of what our face and body does when feeling different things. Year 2 are loving their History unit and are picking up so much great information. This week, we have continued to look at life on the Titanic and have compared 1st Class accommodation to 3rd Class accommodation. In Music, pupils have started to think about improvisation and in PE they have learnt about the importance of watching the ball to increase accuracy.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we practised using inverted commas when writing a conversation between the two main characters in the book. In Maths we continued to work on fractions. We found equivalent fractions and then added and subtracted fractions with the same denominator. We also solved problems involving fractions. In Science this week we recapped the parts of a plant and investigated how seeds are dispersed. In Music we continued to practise short tunes on the recorder and some of us performed to the class. We learnt the layers of the earth in Geography and thought about why volcanoes erupt.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week, we have been working on translating shapes in maths (moving shapes across a grid), which has been tricky but we have persevered and have made great progress! The children have produced some beautiful narratives in English, applying lots of their learning about figurative language and paragraphing as well as practising our use of the present perfect tense. We have looked in more detail at the water cycle in geography and we await the results of a water cycle experiment!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year 5 has been working on diary writing in response to the book we are reading in class, Journey to Jo'Burg. The main character, Naledi, has travelled through South Africa during the time of Apartheid to get help for her baby sister. The children have been very surprised to learn of the racial inequalities in South Africa that only ended recently in 1994. In maths we have been revisiting decimals to practice rounding them and to recognize their fraction equivalents. In art the children are very excited to be creating a realistic sculpture of a South African animal. We've nearly finished building our armatures and are getting ready to cover them with Modroc!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in maths year 6 have really persevered with percentages. It's great to see the children applying the skills independently and developing confidence in their work. The children have been using a range of pictorial and abstract methods to solve complicated multi-step problems. This week we focused on finding percentages of an amount. In English, year 6 have continued to learn about explanatory texts, they produced super non-fiction texts about cyclones applying all the taught elements. Today the children produced amazing diary entries in role.



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been thinking what the characters from the 3 little pigs might be saying and have planned some sentences and have wrote these into speech bubbles. In maths we continue to explore the composition of numbers to 10 and have used gems to carry out this task. The children were very independent at recording their own findings. We have been busy planting carrot and bean seeds in our garden and planted some new plants in our tyres. We also gained some scaffold boards this week (that were kindly donated by a parents in class) which the children can lift themselves and can create their own climbing course.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, with a Biscuit for pudding.

TUESDAY— Chinese Chicken Noodles, with a Muffin for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Pork, with Ice Cream for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef Meatballs, with Chocolate Cake for pudding.

FRIDAY — Fish Fingers and Chips, with Crispy Snow Bar for pudding.

Star Pupils

Carisbrooke

Bembridge

Newchurch

Newtown

Freshwater

Appley

Queenie

Levi

Alfie A

Rocco

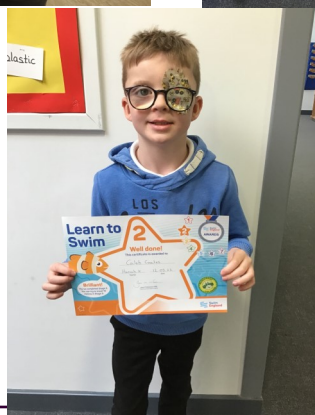
Tommy

Charlotte

Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.

Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.

Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.



	Attendance This Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Yaverland	96.3%	93.1%
Carisbrooke	91.6%	92.7%
Bembridge	95.3%	95.3%
Newchurch	97%	94.5%
Newtown	97%	97.2%
Freshwater	94.9%	92.2%
Appley	94%	95%
Whole School	95.3%	94.4%

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Newchurch and Newtown

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	26
Carisbrooke	1	37
Bembridge	0	48
Newchurch	2	17
Newtown	2	10
Freshwater	1	20
Appley	1	9
Whole School	7	68
Total Minutes	68	2992

Our school target is 96.5%.

We are currently BELOW target, and aim for our children to be in school 100% of the time!



The success of our football teams has meant a very busy couple of weeks, with every team playing in the last 8 days. All matches were either a quarter-final or semi-final with the opportunity to progress to a Finals Day held at Queensgate Primary. For Wootton to have all 4 teams reach this stage is a huge achievement in itself and everyone who has played for school over the last 6 months should feel proud of their success.

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Yr5/6 Open team vs Bembridge:

Last week our Yr5/6 Open team played away at Bembridge Primary School. Very cold and windy conditions, coupled with a small pitch and a very good Bembridge side meant for a very tough afternoon. Two early goals put Wootton on the back foot as we took a little too long to assess our opposition and create a tactic to handle them. But adapt Wootton did and it wasn't long before we were creating chances of our own. A very well placed shot by Katie that flicked the inside of the post before going in brought us back to 1-2.

At half-time the game could have gone either way, the next goal would prove decisive.

Unfortunately a change of tactics for Bembridge gave them the opportunity they needed. Wootton battled hard to stay in the game but Bembridge eventually proved too strong and won 4-1. We wish them luck in the semi-final.

Well done to Theo L, Theo R, Ethan P, Eli L and Owen D in Year 5 and Jack Mc, Jimi L, Katie A and Oliver Mc in Year 6.

Wootton's Player of the Match: Katie A for grabbing a goal in a tough fixture.

Yr 5/6 Girls vs St Thomas:

On Monday Mrs Wilford very kindly looked after our U11 Girls team during their quarter final game against St Thomas. St Thomas we're very accommodating and kindly offered to travel to us rather than us to them. This means the girls are yet to experience an away fixture this season!

Mrs Wilford reported that the girls were fantastic and played incredibly well together. A particular highlight was how well Katie and Poppy linked up in midfield to create so many opportunities. Katie scored again to keep her good scoring record continuing. However, Poppy must certainly be hot on heels as she managed to score 4 goals in this game alone!

Imogen in Yr 6 did report she was disappointed to concede a goal, however she later admitted that it was only because she was pulling her trousers up!

Wootton won 5-1 to progress through to the semi-final against either Brighstone or St Blassius. This will be hopefully be arranged for next week.

Well played to Poppy P in Year 5 and Katie A, Ava H, Lily-Mae T, Violet S, Jasmine W, Gabrielle R, Charlotte B and Amelie C in Year 6.

Wootton's Player of the Match: Poppy P for scoring four times in a game, an amazing effort, well done!

Yr 3/4 Girls vs Holy Cross:

On the wettest day of the month (or so it felt), our U9 girls team travelled to Holy Cross to play in the semi-final. If there had been any other days that the game could have been rearranged for, we would have. However, when it to playing in monsoon conditions the girls were very excited. There were more squeals and cries of laughter than ever in a normal game. Imogen L took great pleasure in drenching me with the umbrella at any given opportunity!

As soon as we started the girls knew they were going to be in for a tough match. One person doesn't make a team, however one particular opposition player was incredibly talented and she made the vital difference. So

much so that when she was substituted for part of the second half Wootton became the stronger side and even managed to score.

Holy Cross won 6-1 to progress to the final in two weeks time. We wish Holy Cross luck for the final.

I am incredibly proud of our U9 Girls team. In September they had hardly played football at all, let alone competitively for their school. The progress they have made is incredible and I know they have enjoyed playing a new sport together as a team. I really hope you choose to carry on in the future.

A special mention also has to be for Maddison in Year 4. Playing in goal is hard. Especially when you're being peppered with accurate, hard shots from a future star. She made at least a dozen saves and was always brave and fearless in her efforts. Despite being winded at one point she refused to give up and wanted to finish the match. She was recognised by the opposition's teacher for her incredible effort and he says "Your team played with great spirit and determination and never let your heads drop. They were a credit to you and the school. A special mention for your keeper who was awesome!"

Well played Millie in Year 3 and Lexi G, Imogen L, Penny T, Chloe W, Maddison M, Florence C, Molly S and Phoenix R in Year 4.

Wootton's Player of the Match: Maddison M. You're a brave, heroic, fearless superstar - enough said!

Yr 3/4 Open team vs Shalfleet:

Our final game of week is our quarter final game against Shalfleet. Somewhat fortunate to make it through, due to another fixture not being played, meant that the team had a chance to show their skills once more.

The boys attacked the game with passion and tried to get as much time on the ball as possible. However, a combination of a small pitch and a very good opposition made getting a prolonged time in possession would be tricky. Jacob S showed some of the talent he possesses in goal saving multiple attempts, but unfortunately by half-time we found ourselves 4-0 down.

At half-time I set the boys the task of scoring two goals and trying to find space when possible. They listened and grew into the game. Chances came and we drew the second half 1-1 thanks to a deflected shot from Rocco S. At full time the score finished 5-1 to Shalfleet. We congratulated them on a good performance and wished them luck in the final.

After the game the boys said they'd had fun and enjoyed their quarter-final appearance. They immediately asked when they could next play a football match and were gutted to hear - September!

A great effort boys and you showed the same 'never-give-up' attitude the U9 girls had on Wednesday. Well done to Alfie A, Jacob S and Ollie L in Year 3 and Elliott W, Huxley W, Spencer GT, Koby H and Rocco S in Year 4.

Wootton's Player of the Match: Ollie L for constantly pressuring the defence as a striker and standing tall against much bigger opposition even after taking a football to the face!



Chartwells are the leading school meal providers, and we have an opportunity at a couple of Newport Primary Schools for kitchen assistants to join the teams. Full uniform and training will be provided.

Kitchen Assistant

16hr a week (3hr daily x4, 4hr x 1) – Wootton Primary – Daily start time to be arranged by School Cook

Job Type: Term Time only
Position availability: From now
Hourly rates: Upon application

If you are interested, please apply by ringing the IOW office 01983 550500
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EASTER EVENT



FREE EVENT
**Monkey
Haven**

Five Acres Farm, Staplers
Road, PO30 2NB

**April
20th
10:00**

RSVP: parentsvoice@peoplesmatteriw.org

Parents Voice IW invite you, parent carers of children with SEN and or disabilities, and your family, to come along to a day of Easter fun at Monkey Haven. We will pay for your children and Monkey Haven will let one accompanying carer in for FREE.

All children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them all day.

We have an Easter Trail ready for you and your family to explore and there will be an Easter Treat Bag for all children who take part. We will provide one FREE hot drink for each adult attending also.

Please book early as places will be limited and the closing date is the 31st March 2022.



Year 6 Parents

Notice to Parents/Carers about Applying for Secondary School Transport Starting from Academic Year 2022/23

Upcoming Deadline: **26th June 2022.**

Dear Parent/Carer

If you think your child is eligible for free Home to School Transport, please complete the relevant application form '*Application for Free Home to School Transport*' or '*Application for Free Home to School Transport - Low income*' in order to have transport in place for your child for the start of the new academic year 2022/23. Please complete your form by the deadline of **26th June 2022**. Should your application be received after this date, transport may not be in place for the start of the new year.

The forms are available online here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Tasks>. If you would like to check your eligibility or would prefer a paper application form to be posted to you, please telephone School Admissions on 01983 823455 or email school.admissions@iow.gov.uk. Please be aware that paper applications must also be received by School Admissions by the deadline of **26th June 2022**.

The Home to School Transport Policy is available to read at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

Did you or a family member / friend receive a food voucher direct from the Isle of Wight Council connect4communities team in January?

If the voucher hasn't yet been redeemed, there is help available.

Either:

- *Visit your local Isle of Wight Council library*
Contact Evouchers, the company who provide the vouchers on 01638 438095 or support@evouchers.com
- *Contact the Help Through Crisis Team on 01983 823859*

Contact the connect4communities team at connect4communities@iow.gov.uk

If you have mislaid your voucher, please contact Help Through Crisis or connect4communities using the phone number and email address above.

SEND Friendly Spaces

Sensory Swim— <https://www.sensoryswim.org>

Short Breaks— <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/care-and-Support/Short-Breaks/Short-Breaks I /Introduction>

Cineworld—<https://www.cineworld.co.uk/#/buy-tickets-by-cinema?in-cinema=045&at=2022-03-16&view-mode=list>

Cineworld Carers Card— <https://www.cineworld.co.uk/static/en/uk/disability-access>

Autism Inclusion Matters IOW— <https://www.autism.org.uk/directory/a/aim-autism-inclusion-matters>

Online Autism Courses for Parents and Carers

Below are a few course that we have found for parents to access and hopefully gain more understanding of their child's diagnosis. They are all free but you may need to create an account to access.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/autism>

<https://www.beyondautism.org.uk/courses/an-introduction-to-autism-a-course-for-parents-%20families-and-carers/>

<https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/online-courses-autism-parents/>



Easter holiday activities

Free places available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

A wide range of engaging activities with a nutritious meal are on offer for school ages (5 to 16) during the Easter holidays.

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

To find out more and book, visit: www.connect4communities.org