



Wootton Community Primary School

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents,

Well what an exciting week it has been - Year 4 had a wonderful time yesterday learning more about the Vikings with a live theatre group. The children asked some very thought provoking questions and were commended for their focus and engagement, well done Year 4. However, the excitement has been bubbling away in Year 5 following me sharing the news that the BBC are coming to film some of our children next week which will then be shown on South Today, BBC 1, next Friday at 6.30pm. Following our success with the writing festival which linked to the visit from Charles Dickens' Great-Great-Grandson Ian, the BBC are running a story about the links that the Isle of Wight has with Dickens and we have been asked to provide a few children to be interviewed about their work. We would have preferred for the whole class to have been able to be involved but sadly we were asked for just a few children so Mr Scurr chose at random and six children have been chosen. We will share with you next week how this has gone and will remind you when to watch the footage - wish us luck!

This week our Big Think question is, 'Who decides whether a piece of art is good or not? Is this right?' Miss Ball's group gave their response in assembly this afternoon - I wonder what your thoughts are on this?

We had a really exciting assembly today celebrating all our sports news, Year 5's exciting news as well as congratulating our children's achievements outside of school. Eddie in Year 2, Travis in Year 4 and Tyler in Year 6 took part in a mainland Muay Thai fight each gaining a medal following some challenging fights - well done boys! We also heard from Kenny in Year 4 who was voted 'Man of the match' last week by his football team for an amazing goal, from Isabelle in Year 2 for her swimming award and Zach in Year 4 for being invested at Cubs, great work everyone!

We are so pleased with the number of children continuing to commit to their homework online, well done to our top five this week for each area, each earning five House Points:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Koby (Y6)	Rocco (Y5)	Dylan (Y4)	Caleb (Y5)
2 nd	Daisy (Y4)	Louis (Y5)	Charles (Y4)	Harley (Y5)
3 rd	Ellie-Mai (Y6)	Koby (Y6)	Koby (Y6)	Phoenix E (Y1)
4 th	Alfie A (Y5)	Theodore (Y5)	Sebastian (Y4)	Lilly (Y1)
5 th	Patryk (Y2)	Killian (Y6)	Ella (Y4)	Ewan (Y5)
Top Class for the week	Year 5	Year 5	Year 4	Year 1

Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Weds 7th Feb @2pm -
Year 1 parent workshop

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb
- half-term

Tues 20th - Fri 23rd Feb - Year 6 MOCK SATS & breakfast (see letter)

Thurs 22nd Feb @ 2pm
- SENDIAS meeting (more details to follow)

Tues 27th Feb - Year 3 Educational visit to Brading Roman villa

Thurs 7th March -World Book Day (more details to follow)

Mon 25th & Weds 27th March - Parents Evenings (more details to follow)

Weds 27th March - Celebration Assembly

Thurs 28th March - Development Day

Fri 29th March - Fri 12th- April Easter Break

Development Days
Thursday 28th March 2024
Friday 26th July 2024

Thank you to Nicholas in Year 2 and his brother Darrell in Year 6 who kindly donated some toys which Mrs Grimes had requested. Also thank you to Phoenix B in Year 1 for donating lots of new books to us for our reading shed.

Mrs Cowell has asked if anyone has any old/out of date dried foods such as pasta, rice, lentils etc. she would very much like these to use with the Reception class; please send them in to school.

We look forward to seeing our parents/carers of Year 1 children in school on Wednesday afternoon for their toy workshop and also our Reception parents on Thursday afternoon to celebrate Chinese New Year. We acknowledge that for many parents it is difficult to get time off work to come in and support your child so please feel free to send a different relative or family friend – the more the merrier!

It has been brought to our attention this week that some of the older children are choosing to not be the best representatives of the school whilst at the park after hours. Whilst we want to support all our children to behave well, incidents that take place after school and at the weekends are not within our remit. We will always follow up any behaviour which continues in school time and endeavour to ensure that Wootton pupils are equipped with the skills they need to navigate their growing independence. As this is not the first incident to have taken place I thought I would just remind you all of the importance of ensuring your child is safe if unaccompanied outside of school. Whilst we have a duty to support children and families and offer advice wherever possible, please also be reminded that we cannot be responsible for children's behaviour outside of school, either in person or online. If you allow your child to have access to technology or go out unsupervised it is important that they know the boundaries you set for them, in the same way that they know the school rules. With the evenings becoming lighter and hopefully the weather warmer, it is so lovely that many of the older children walk home and spend time with friends in the park, so we hope that moving forward children will be able to resolve their differences in an appropriate manner, setting an excellent example to others.

There are many websites that provide support with keeping children safe online and I would urge you to check your settings and accessibility, ensuring that you are aware of age ratings etc. to support your child to keep safe online. Please do contact your child's teacher if you need any help with this, thank you.



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have had a big push on our counting skills focusing on counting forwards and backwards from different starting points. We have been trying to ensure that we say our 'teen' numbers clearly. In English we have been using our knowledge of 'Space' to write some facts and we have been trying to be as independent as possible. This has meant us trying to remember to start a sentence with a capital letter and end with a full stop. I have been very impressed with the children's letter formation and this was commented on at a network meeting with other schools! We have started to get involved in the birdwatch scheme and have been listening out for birds and identifying some in our outside garden.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have been enjoying our new class book - The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt - and have made crayon hats to role play the different characters and then written letters from different points of view. They also showed how grown-up they are by tackling their writing all at the same time; well done, everyone!

In Maths they have been thinking about telling the time to the hour, and half past the hour, reading, moving and drawing clock hands. In Science everybody enjoyed our experiment to find out which materials were waterproof. Next week we will be deciding whether Teddy's umbrella material needs any other properties. In History we went further back in time to look at Victorian toys, in RE we learned more about how Christians give to charity, and in DT we drew and labelled designs for our wind up toys. We hope you can join us next week for our Parent workshop on Wednesday to finish making these and to see all the wonderful work the class have been producing.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, Year 2 has continued to work on our Titanic moving pictures. The children looked at different methods of strengthening materials in order to build effective levers and sliders. Next week we will be building our final products and using our previously taught art skills to add colour and tone to them.

In Maths, the children finished looking at measuring mass. We spoke about how this is a skill we will all use in life and thought of many examples of when you need to be able to estimate and accurately measure the mass of objects. Alongside this learning, the children also recapped methods of collecting and showing data. The children planned and drew out their own tables of results and then displayed their findings of our investigation in them.

Year 2 have continued to work exceptionally hard on their handwriting. The class is really enjoying using our special handwriting pencils during our spelling lesson and we have seen a huge improvement across the class in handwriting. Keep up this brilliant work Year 2!
The whole class has worked really hard this week! Well done Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 3 this week the children have continued to use the model text 'The Storm Whale' to help them add inverted commas into their own story writing and have been enthusiastically looking for more examples of speech in their own reading books. They have also started to plan their own versions of an animal rescue story in preparation for writing their own paragraphs that will include adjectives, adverbs, pronouns and the use of inverted commas. In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and division. This week the children have been finding out more about how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and have used resources to help them including numicon and times table grids. The children have risen to the challenge and have certainly had to persevere and reason when multiplying and having to exchange. In Geography, the children learnt more about volcanoes and what erupts from them when they explode and have a much better understanding of a cross section of a volcano and can label them with confidence and knowledge.

In PSHE the children learnt about the importance of money and recognised that there are times we can buy items we want and times when we need to save for them because other items such as food and fuel are more essential. In French, the children completed their animal collages and responded to questions asked about its colour, shape and size and made a positive comment about others' work too – c'est fantastique!

Also, in RE we learnt about when Jesus was faced with temptation in the wilderness and how he showed us a good example of how not to be tempted by others and how to make the right choice. The children went on to create their own comic strips about times when they have been tempted by others. They all soon realised that making the right choice was often harder to do especially if it involved chocolate or sweets!

Keep working hard year 3 it always gets noticed.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week in Year 4 we have had some very exciting visitors! As part of our History topic this half term, we have been learning all about the Vikings and we were very lucky to have Wolfguard come and re-enact Viking life for us. The children were really engaged and asked so many questions. Year 4 were particularly impressed by the re-enacting of the Viking fights and learned all about the weapons used. In Maths, we have continued mastering subtraction and we are now officially pros at exchanging! In English, we have begun our new learning journey based on this half term's book 'How to Train Your Dragon' and have looked at imperative verbs and time connectives in preparation of writing instructions on How to Clean a Dragon. In Science, we have continued our topic on sound and made string telephones to help us explain how sounds are heard. In PSHE, we discussed the concept of feeling safe and the importance of asking for helping and who we can ask. Finally, in Art we have been exploring the work of Jacob Lawrence and how body language within his paintings can depict feelings and meaning, then we created sketches of our own to illustrate our life experiences. Good job Year 4. One more week to go!



WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy and productive week we have had! In English the children have written persuasive speeches based on their view on the following question – Should refugees be allowed to remain in the UK? This question arose as a result of reading our class novel 'The boy at the back of the class'. The children learned how to apply their knowledge of flattery, modal verbs, and rhetorical questions to write their speeches. The children also performed their speeches to determine if they were indeed persuasive. In maths, the children have learned how calculate the volume of cubes, cuboids and irregular shapes. In computing, the children continued to learn how to create vector graphics using the Chromebooks- encouraging them to get used to a new operating system. My highlight of the week was our history lesson; where the children researched Charles Dickens and create wonderful fact files about him and his importance in the Victorian era.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have met the concept of ratio in our maths lessons. After learning how this looks in images and familiarising ourselves with the language of ratio, then making some connections to our prior learning around fractions, factors and times tables, we progressed to some strategies to solve ratio problems. In English, the children have had the opportunity to develop their own 'prequel' narrative around the life of the explorer before the children arrived in the rainforest. We discussed how many great language skills the children now have available to choose from and encouraged them to use this story as an opportunity to show off many of these skills. In geography, we have compared the human and physical geography of Copacabana and that of the Isle of Wight and in science we talked about the benefits of exercise and its impact on the body. The children invented their own hybrid animals and described them in French, using body part vocabulary and accessing bilingual dictionaries to find animal names of their choosing.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chili 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Sweet Potato Curry 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble 🥧 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍗 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍎	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit 🍪	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake 🍰	Carrot Cake 🥕	Strawberry Ice Cream 🍓

Star Pupils

Armah Year 1
Hussein—Gambles

Shien Ng Year 3
Richards Year 4
Aderin-Pocock Year 5

Islam Year 6

Dotty
Pippa

Teddy
Sebby
Kurtis

Maddison

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 (%)
Palmer	88.9	94.0
Armah	91.3	95.5
Hussain-Gambles	94.1	97.0
Shien Ng	98.3	95.9
Richards	97.5	97.1
Aderin-Pocock	97.5	97.0
Islam	97.5	94.7
Whole School	95.1	95.9

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Shien Ng

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	4	19
Armah	0	24
Hussain-Gamble	0	5
Shien Ng	4	36
Richards	5	29
Aderin-Pocock	1	9
Islam	1	27
Whole School	15	148
Total Minutes	206	2,243

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Sports News

From Mr Billington

SHIN-PAD APPEAL!

We have run very low on school shin-pads and could do with any donations possible. Any

sizes from Year 3-6 would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Passion is our strength!

During Spring Term we set the children a skipping challenge. This allows us to track a personal best and see if they can improve it over the course of a term. We hope that this shows perseverance and resilience are an important part of sport and without it, succeeding becomes very tough. There is some stiff competition at the top of both leader boards and it's great to see the children really pushing themselves.

In Year 1 Toby B showed us his football skills and controlled a ball around the hall with accuracy and balance. He really enjoys his football and it shows in his efforts during PE. Well done Toby.

Lara W in Year 2 is doing incredibly well with her skipping challenge. She is pushing herself every week to be better and better. She clearly enjoys this challenge, because even if she misses her target she still has a positive outlook and tries again.

Callum S in Year 4 really enjoys PE and even if the activities are tough for him, when he succeeds it's obvious in the reaction we see. This week both Year 4 and 5 have moved their routines to apparatus, including the springboard and vault. For Callum the joy in jumping off the springboard was plain to see.

In Year 5 Lillah R has been picked out for her efforts in football club. She is constantly laughing and giggling. That attitude is infectious and the rest of the group are often pulled along with her. Thank you Lillah for always keeping the football club happy and positive.

I have selected Tyler W from Year 6 this week based on his efforts in the skipping challenge and the sports hall athletics last week. He thrives on a challenge and enjoys the competitive nature of sport. That passion for competition can be really useful in all walks of life and will help Tyler go far.

U11 Sports Hall Athletics –

Last Friday I had the privilege of taking a team of 12 Year 6's to Cowes Enterprise College.

The team was a credit to the school and their behaviour was exemplary. Our cluster has some very good athletics squads with Northwood and Gurnard often topping the group.

Unfortunately, this proved to be the case again and they finished first and second but the gap between the top schools and us, in fifth place, was greatly reduced.

We don't get a chance to practise the events involved in Sports Hall Athletics very often and it makes the result all the more impressive.

Thank you to Lexi G, Penny T, Phoenix M, Imogen L, Maddison M, Molly S, Elliott W, Rocco S, Freddie T, Tyler W, Spencer GT and Oscar B.

U11 Girls League vs Holy Cross –

Our U11 Girls team played their second game of the season against Holy Cross on Thursday.

Sadie and Lexi summed the game up really well in assembly today. They highlighted that the team played well together and were the better side despite the result. Going 1-0 up only to

lose 3-1 is tough to take and it does mean they're unable to progress to the latter stages unfortunately. But this team has really developed. They have learnt to play well as a team

and trust each other to move forward as a group. The whole team should be very proud of their efforts this year and we still have a last game against Priory next Thursday to get that

positive result. Well played and thank you to Sadie M, Penny, T, Imogen L, Jess T, Evie N, Lexi G, Phoenix

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Upcoming Competitive Fixtures-

Thursday 8 th February – U11 Girls vs Priory (Away)

Friday 9 th February – U11 Boys vs Priory (Away)



Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Day
February Holiday Club - Cowes

Tuesday 13th February 2024
Wednesday 14th February 2024

10:00 – 15:00

Sea Cadets Cowes,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£27 per Child for the Whole Day
(£25 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)
A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

HOW TO BOOK
Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319
Thank you ☺

Schools
Walk the Wight
with
Mountbatten

Sunday, 12 May 2024
Register from 1 March: mountbatten.org.uk/swtw

Isle of Wight
AWARDS 2023
GOLD AWARD
BEST ISLAND
EVENT

EST. 2014 COACHING

FEBRUARY
INDOOR HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

Online Bookings

NEWPORT 12/13/14th
BARTON PRIMARY

GWES 15/16th
LANESEND PRIMARY

8.45AM-3PM
KS1 & KS2 Days

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Sponsored By **SUPERHERO WALK**

Shanklin Hope beach
- Yaverland Green
2.5 miles
13th April
11am-3pm

Registration £5 per child, Adults Free

Meet Heroes at Mile 1 & 2 along the route to get a progress sticker then medal presentation by Heroes at the finish
Every child receives a water bottle and medal

To Book Please contact via FB or daisychainslow@gmail.com
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Plea for Reception/Year 1 children
Are you getting rid of any toys? We would be really grateful for any donations of the following types of toys:

- wind up toys
- flashing light toys
- remote control toys
- toys with funny sounds
- toys with moving parts

These will be used for our attention sessions to help children listen, respond and take turns with other children and adults.
Many thanks in anticipation Heather Grimes