



# Wootton Community Primary School

1st March 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week with some super activities and learning taking place. On Tuesday our Year 3 children, Shien Ng class, went to Brading Roman villa for their educational visit. They were complimented not only on their excellent behaviour but also the level of interaction and questioning they completed. Well done Year 3 and thank you to the staff and parents for taking them. Also on Tuesday Year 6, Islam Class, completed CPR training with the Isle of Wight ambulance service. They listened extremely attentively and as a result were all able to perform CPR correctly. Finally on Tuesday (Tuesday was certainly a busy day) our Local Lead Inspector Tim Walters, spent the morning with us to complete his monitoring visit. He was very complimentary of the children's learning behaviours and level of engagement in classes and agreed with my judgement that we continue to be a 'Good' school.

Thank you for all the 50ps sent into today to support St Mary's children's ward fund raising campaign. We raised a total of £85 and Ewan was the winner of the sweet jar as he guessed 91 sweets but there were 92, with his guess being the closest guess. Enjoy the sweets Ewan! Thank you also to all the parents in our Reception class who have supported the wellie walk last Friday with some very generous sponsorship money. Mrs Cowell will be counting all the donations over the weekend and we can then share the grand total with you next Friday.

Please can we ask you to sign up for a parents' evening slot. We are in the process of moving onto a new electronic system so will be using the 'old' paper timetable this time! Sheets will be placed on your child's classroom door, apart from our Year 6 children as we appreciate the vast majority of the class walk on their own. Parents of children in Year 6 will need to call the office and book their slot please. As with previous meetings, it really is vital that you make an appointment with your child's teacher to ensure you have up to date information about your child's work and how we can work together to support them further.

We are really looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday. Please can we ask that children in Year 3 do not face paint as they still have swimming in the afternoon. You may also want to ensure their costume is easy to take off and on so they can easily change for swimming. Thank you for sending through your photographs of your child swimming in 'fun' places. Please note Monday is the deadline to send these to Miss Elvin, thank you. Please look out for your child's book voucher token next week too.

In assembly today we presented Logan from Year 2 and Lucy from Year 3 with their class prize, winning a flower garden starter kit for their classes. Thank you to all the entries - the kitchen staff had such a difficult decision to make to choose just two winning designs, well done everyone for the super work.

Also in assembly we congratulated Max in Year 5 who took part in a recent skateboarding competition, Dotty in Year 1 for being chosen the 'Star of the week' at her Theatre Train sessions, Alfie and Lexi in Year 1 and Ellie in Year 2 for their swimming awards and Ralph, Owen, Zach in Year 3 and Theodore in Year 5 for their participation in a rugby tournament in Worthing. Well done everyone, what great achievements!

Many congratulations to our top 5 homework achievers this week, each earning 5 House Points each. Well done to:

**Dates for 2023-24**  
(subject to change)

**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**

| Top 5                  | Maths Shed  | Spelling Shed | TTRS         | Numbots        |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>        | Koby (Y6)   | Freddie (Y6)  | Seb (Y4)     | Harry (Y4)     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | Patryk (Y2) | Louis (Y5)    | Charlie (Y4) | Sharon (Y1)    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>        | Brooke (Y4) | Faye (Y5)     | Levi (Y4)    | Logan (Y2)     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>        | Violet (Y4) | Daisy (Y4)    | Dylan (Y4)   | Phoenix E (Y1) |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>        | Rocco (Y5)  | Cohen (Y4)    | Ella (Y4)    | Kurtis (Y5)    |
| Top Class for the week | Year 4      | Year 5        | Year 4       | Year 1         |

Our BIG Think question this week is, 'Do you think music is a universal language?' We had some very interesting discussions about this across the school. I wonder what your thoughts are?

In the meantime I wish you a super weekend



Jane Wilford



## WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have had a big push on our number bonds. We have used a range of concrete resources to work out our bonds but for some children they could recall the bonds verbally. We also recorded our results onto big sheets of paper. We are learning about The 3 Little Pigs so the children have enjoyed retelling the story in our new role play area and we have drawn some story maps to help us retell the story. The children have been very independent in the creative area and have made pig and wolf puppets.

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## WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have been busy this week acting out the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, describing the troll and beginning to re-tell the story in their own words. Everyone has been working very hard to produce a whole story - what a lot of sentences! In Maths we have been thinking about counting in tens using a number line, and revising our number bonds to ten. We also looked at recording related facts families using the inverse. We began our new Geography topic all about our local area and zoomed in on a variety of different maps to locate Europe, the UK, England, the Isle of Wight, and Wootton. In Art this week we began to refine our drawing skills to think carefully about the shapes of a range of fairy tale houses, and practised colouring with more precision - well done, everyone :)

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## WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Another great week in Year 2!

In Art, the children looked at creating pictures of flowers. We first sketched our flowers using our previously learnt skills, and then we looked at mixing water colour paints to create more natural tinnitus and tones. The children did a wonderful job and the end results were outstanding!

In English, we have continued to look at The Night Gardener. We took part in some drama and then used this to generate words to accurately describe how the main character William is feeling. We will be using this vocabulary next week when we complete some diary writing.

In Science we have been busy gardening in the sensory garden. We have planted a number of different seeds and made a really good start at preparing the sensory garden for planting when the weather warms up.

Unfortunately, our fire safety talk was cancelled this week, however this will be rearranged for later on in the term.

A great week, well done Year 2!

## WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English lessons this week the children have continued to read their new class text; 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. They have also used the text to help them gather descriptive language and then worked with thesauruses and word banks to help them improve sentences from the text. The class have also revisited the use of inverted commas and used these to create conversations between Tranio and Livia.

In Maths, we have started to look at fractions. This week the children have been finding out more about numerators and denominators and the value of fractions. They now know that by counting the amount of equal parts first, they are able to label the denominator and then if they count the parts that are shaded in, then they label the numerator. They have looked at identifying unit and non-unit fractions and a whole so that they then can order and compare the values of each fraction.

In French, we have continued to learn how to count to 10 and enjoyed playing French number bingo.

In History, this week the children have started to learn about the Romans and their invasion of Britain and the Isle of Wight. The children were also able to visit the Roman Villa in Brading this week and we were all so proud of the class and their superb behaviour, it was noticed and we were congratulated by visitors and the organisers too. Well done Year 3, keep shining like the superstars you all are! A special thank you goes to our parent helpers too.

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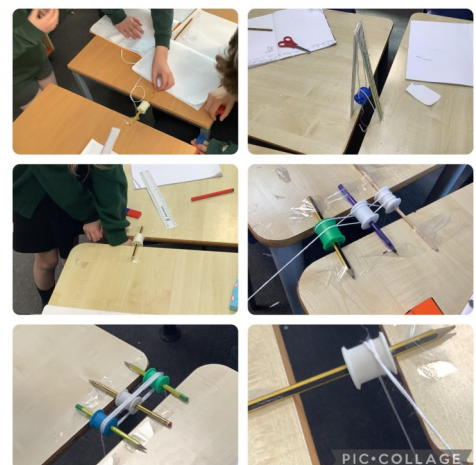
## WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week in Year 4 we have been very busy with our topic of rivers. In English, we have been creating a story from the point of view of the jar that Isaac drops into the river. We have been applying our knowledge of present perfect tense and applying it throughout our writing to describe the exciting journey that the jar takes. In Geography, we have been on a journey across the River Thames, identifying the source and mouth of the river, and key features such as tributaries and meanders. In Art, we have been exploring various artists who have drawn and painted images of water, and shared our ideas and opinions on the mood portrayed in each. In Maths, we have been learning all about the grid method and how it can help us when multiplying. In PSHE, we identified different people who have a duty of care to help keep us safe and healthy, but also recognised that we have a responsibility ourselves. In Science, we have begun our topic on Living Things and Habitats and explored how we may group different organisms. All in all, it has been a very busy week for our Y4 superstars!

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## WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a productive and creative week we have had in year 5. In English, we have applied our study of refugees by writing wonderful acrostic and free verse poems. The children learned how to add similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration to make their poems even more creative. In maths we recapped our knowledge of multiplication, and learned how to use both the grid and column method to check answers. In the later part of the week, we also applied our knowledge by solving reasoning and problem solving multiplication questions and have now begun working on division. In History, we explored some of the common crimes and punishments during the roman era, and how some of the judicial systems the romans invented have impacted upon our own modern day justice system. In computing we began our study of databases and in science (which was my highlight of the week) the children applied their knowledge of levers, pulleys and gears to create a mini well.



## WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, Year 6 has been looking at how to create suspense in writing. Using our class text, we studied how Rick Riordan creates suspense for his hero, Percy Jackson, by giving clues, using figurative language, making the weather conditions match the emotional state of a character and much more. The children then applied these skills to create an extract from the story, where Percy encounters a monster.

In maths we have been looking at how to problem solve using percentages. In both art and history we have been focusing on Ancient Greece.

|                                                                | MONDAY                                                      | TUESDAY                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                           | FRIDAY                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOT SPECIALS                                                   | Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕<br>Served with Potato Wedges      | Turkey Con Chilli 🍲<br>Served with Wholegrain Rice          | Roast Turkey<br>Served with Roast<br>Potatoes and Gravy                  | Please see the last<br>page of the<br>Newsletter to view<br>the lunch and pudding<br>change for World<br>Book Day. | Breaded Fish Fingers<br>Served with Chips                   |
|                                                                | Sweet Potato Curry 🍲<br>Served with Wholegrain Rice         | Macaroni Cheese 🍝                                           | Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble 🥧<br>Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy |                                                                                                                    | Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍗<br>Served with Chips                 |
| JACKET POTATO                                                  | Jacket Potatoes 🍟<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🍟<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🍟<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings              |                                                                                                                    | Jacket Potatoes 🍟<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings |
| Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panna |                                                             |                                                             |                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |                                                             |
| All main meals are served with two vegetables                  |                                                             |                                                             |                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |                                                             |
| DESSERT                                                        | Apple Crumble with Custard 🍏                                | Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit                                   | Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake                                        |                                                                                                                    | Strawberry Ice Cream                                        |

## Star Pupils

**Armah Year 1**  
**Hussein-Gambles**  
**Year 2**  
**Shien Ng Year 3**  
**Richards Year 4**  
**Aderin-Pocock Year 5**  
**Islam Year 6**

**Enslei-Rose**  
**Lara**  
**Lucas**  
**Willow**  
**Lilah**  
**Tyler**

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              | 88.6                     | 93.7                              |
| Armah               | 93.0                     | 95.1                              |
| Hussain-Gambles     | 93.6                     | 96.5                              |
| Shien Ng            | 94.3                     | 95.7                              |
| Richards            | 89.0                     | 96.5                              |
| Aderin-Pocock       | 93.1                     | 96.6                              |
| Islam               | 95.0                     | 94.8                              |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>92.4</b>              | <b>95.5</b>                       |



**The class with the best attendance this week is:**

|                      | Lates This Week | Lates since September |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Palmer               | 9               | 25                    |
| Armah                | 44              | 26                    |
| Hussain-Gamble       | 0               | 8                     |
| Shien Ng             | 50              | 38                    |
| Richards             | 6               | 36                    |
| Aderin-Pocock        | 0               | 11                    |
| Islam                | 0               | 29                    |
| <b>Whole School</b>  |                 | <b>172</b>            |
| <b>Total Minutes</b> | <b>109</b>      | <b>2,572</b>          |

**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

Respect!

We have really increased the focus on how we act at the conclusion of a competition this week. KS1 children rehearsed how to act in a winning scenario and a losing scenario. It was then great to see the children apply this later in the lessons after their mini competitions.

With KS2 this is further developed by ensuring we show respect during the activities and games as well as the result. Many children displayed kind and considerate behaviour during their lesson this week, with examples ranging from a thumbs-up to a fellow team mate to helping someone up and checking they're okay after a collision.

In Year 1 **John** has really worked hard this week at being a good member of his team. He was focussed and displayed great effort. Well done John, I know your teammates were happy with your efforts as it allowed them to win some of the activities!

**Ellie** in Year 2 was a great example to the rest of her class. She is often positive no matter the situation in PE and this was really important when her team lost a game. She showed everyone how to act and was ready to tackle the next challenge.

In Year 4 we are developing our basketball skills and this has fallen right into **Calvin's** wheelhouse! He loves the game and has been really helpful during the lessons. Sometimes respect can come in different forms – Calvin is modelling it by his supportive nature to both me and his peers.

**Kristen** in Year 5 has been brilliant in our cricket lesson this week. She has been an extra coach and made sure the people in her group knew exactly the correct bowling technique. Although not technically respect orientated, I couldn't ignore her efforts this week and wanted to reward her as Sports Star.

**Penny T** from Year 6 has been selected for her respect during afterschool clubs. She is often the first to applaud another person's efforts and is always encouraging to others. Well done Penny.

## U11 Boys League vs St Marys-

On Wednesday our U11 Boys team played against St Marys in the Quarter final round of the rural schools league. The team started really positively. In other games this season we have started slowly and had to come back to win games, but this week was the opposite. The first 10 minutes of the game were breathless with action happening at both ends of the pitch. Unfortunately St Marys scored first, but at this point the result could have still gone either way. Early in the second half we conceded 2 more goals and naturally the boy's heads dropped. From then on St Marys grew in confidence and the game finished 5-0. Its hard work battling back from that sort of score line and especially when 3 of the goals were very scrappy or own goals. It was not the result we were hoping for and is obviously disappointing to lose, but this one result doesn't overshadow a very successful season for the team. They should be incredibly proud of their achievements and the progress they have made as a team.

Well played to Max G, Jacob S, Cooper H and Jack B from Year 5 and Spencer GT, Oscar B, Rocco S, Killian B and Elliott W from Year 6. Thank you to everyone has played for and supported the team this season.

## Upcoming Competitive Fixtures-

Wednesday 6th March – U9 Boys vs Wroxall (Home)

Friday 15th March – U11 Netball Tournament @ Seaclose – (TBC)

Wednesday 24th April, 1.30-3.30pm – U11 Tag Rugby Finals @ Wootton Rec

(TBC) – U9 Girls vs Bembridge (Home)

(TBC) – U9 Boys vs Lanesend – friendly (Away)

(TBC) – U11 Boys vs Lanesend – friendly (Away)



**SANDOWN SUNDAY SOCCER**

**INTRODUCING OUR FUN FOOTBALL SESSION AT THE BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SANDOWN!**

**OUR FUN SESSION WILL BE:**  
Every Sunday 10am-12pm  
at The Bay Primary School,  
Winchester Park Road, Sandown.  
£6 for the 2 hours per child.

To Book: Text your child's name, school, year group and parent name to **07594 389531**

Facebook icon Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight



**JUNIOR NETBALL**

Isle of Wight Netball Clubs are welcoming new junior members!

Clubs offer training and competitive matches in the Junior Isle of Wight league on Sundays at Seaclose Park, Newport.

**GET IN TOUCH!**

**Solent Netball Club**  
Contact Chris Grimes: 07969504734, cmg504@gmail.com

|                                |                                                    |                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>Ryde Academy | <b>REE Netball</b><br>Years 1-6<br>5.30pm - 6.30pm | <b>Years 7-10</b><br>6pm - 7pm |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|

**Shorwell Netball Club**  
Contact Ann Selby: 07785750266, easelby47@gmail.com

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b><br>Ryde School (winter)<br>Seaclose Park (Summer) | <b>Years 3-7</b><br>5.30pm - 6.30pm | <b>Years 7-10</b><br>6.30pm - 7.30pm |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|

**Additional Sessions**  
Years 3-10

|                                                      |                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Seaclose Park<br>5.30pm - 6.30pm | <b>Saturday</b><br>Ryde Academy<br>Diam - 11am |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|

**Shorwell Mini's**  
ages 5-8

**Thursday @ Christ the King**  
5pm - 5.30/6pm



**Green Time – Green Skills - Multiply**  
 Spring Creative Crafts with a Splash of Fun Maths  
 Meeting Time: 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Meeting Location: Riverside Centre, Medina Room,  
 The Quay, Newport, PO30 2QR  
 Date: Monday 11th March 2024  
 Free Parking

Join Mark for this fun craft session where you can develop your creative skills by making either a wooden wheelbarrow flowerpot holder or tall wooden flowerpot holder decorated with your own design. Your flowerpot holder will be perfect for the window sill, on a table, or balcony and in the garden. Use your plant pot for growing flowers, herbs, strawberries or a plant. You can also decorate your own porcelain Easter Bunny and Egg Cup. All resources are provided.

Creative Crafts with a Splash of Fun Maths enables you to increase your confidence with numbers through the use of crafts and arts to develop maths skills in a fun informal way. Good maths skills can help in everyday life, such as cooking, travelling on public transport and budgeting money.

This session will also enable you to promote and enhance your own positive emotional wellbeing, self-confidence, self-esteem and mental health.

Please book your place as soon as possible so that your wooden flowerpot holder kit can be prepared in advance.

Text or Call Mark Today To Book A Place!  
 0785 485 2518 For more info visit our website  
 www.equalsw.org.uk

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# WORLD BOOK day

## MAINS

### All Day Full Breakfast

(Bacon, Scrambled Egg and Sausage)

### VEGETARIAN

### All Day Breakfast

(Sausage, Tomato and Mushrooms)

## SIDES

### Bread Wedge with Baked Beans

## DESSERT

### Buried Jelly Treasure or

### Sticky Marmalade Roll with

### 'Eat Me' Custard

Menus may be subject to change

## Join Us for Support and Understanding!

### Parent & Carer Meetup for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Are you a parent or carer navigating the challenges of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or suspect that your child may be affected? Join us for an informative and supportive meetup.

**Date:** 13 March 2024

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Venue:** Seminar Room, Quay Arts Centre, Newport

Connect with other parents facing similar journeys.

Share stories, strategies, and support in a judgment-free zone.

Share and learn about the latest developments in FASD research and resources.

This meetup aims to create a space where parents can come together to share experiences, exchange valuable information, and build a strong support network. Whether you are seeking advice or offering your own, we welcome you to join this compassionate community.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Alison on 07969 598080.

Hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase from the Quay Arts Café.

Let's build a community of understanding, empathy, and support for parents navigating the unique challenges of FASD. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Schools Walk the Wight

with **Mountbatten**

**GOLD AWARD**  
BEST ISLAND EVENT

**Sunday, 12 May 2024**  
Register now: [mountbatten.org.uk/swtw](https://mountbatten.org.uk/swtw)