



Wootton Community Primary School

19th April 2024

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your support with the news I shared in the last newsletter. I have been blown away with the number of emails and conversations, it means a lot. I will be off from Monday 29th April with a surgery date of 1st May and I will ensure that Miss Paterson keeps you up to date!

We are so pleased that our Reception class have joined the rest of the school for some of the whole school routines such as coming out to play at lunch time. This has in particular been great fun as we have been able to use the field. We have however noticed that whilst some siblings are pleased to meet up at lunch time, some play has been very boisterous and dangerous and we have had to remind children that whilst they may be able to play in this way at home, they cannot do so in school. We would really appreciate it if you can share the same message with them so that behaviour continues to be safe and appropriate in school, thank you.

Also with the sun starting to make an appearance it is lovely to see children wearing their summer school uniform. However please continue to send your child with a coat as the weather continues to remain very unpredictable! Talking of uniform, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform in school including for PE. There is no expectation that clothing needs to have the school logo, however we do ask that clothing is the correct school colours and items do not have slogans on, in particular for PE, and trainers must only be worn on PE days. Long hair must be tied up at all times and only ONE pair of stud earrings can be worn which must be removed on PE days.

In assembly today we congratulated Ellie-Mai from Year 6 and Chloe from Year 4 who are the first children to have represented the school in an inter-school horse riding dressage. The vast majority of riders were from Secondary schools so we were so pleased that the girls were able to take part, this being their first competition. We also heard from Lexi in Year 6 who took part in a regional challenge championship gaining third place, from Emily-Rose in Year 4 who was chosen as the player of the day at her soccer school, from Jessica and Lexie in Year 2 who attended a fun day with their Little Rockets trampoline and gymnastic club, from Daisy and Gracie in Year 4 who have earned their silver award in Brownies, from Jay in Year 5 who has passed his Level 1 trombone exam, from Faye who took part in the Daisy Chain fundraising walk and from Sharon in Year 1 who has passed a violin exam. We also congratulated John and Cory in Year 1 with Ahbab in Year for their 100 reads at home and also Ollie in Year 1 and Patryk in Year 2 for reading 150 times, keep up the great work!

Due to the Easter break we did not have our 'Top 5 homework achievers' this week but commended all of Year 6 for the incredible work they did with their SATS preparation.

Year 5 started their sailing program yesterday with Seaview sailing club and were praised for their exemplary behaviour. We are so pleased to be able to engage with this and give children opportunities that they may not otherwise be able to access. The PTA have had limited capacity and time to organise events this term and we hope to complete some fund raising opportunities in the last half term. Due to time and lack of support we are unable to arrange a large summer fayre but hope to hold a family disco with some stalls on Friday 12th July. We are also looking at completing a sponsored event with the children too on Friday 21st June. More details to follow soon

Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Tues 23rd April –
Year 3 Carisbrooke
Castle Educational Visit

Tues 30th April– Year
4 IW Steam Railway
Educational visit

Mon 13th—Thur 16th
May - Yr 6 SATS Week

Tues 21st May - Fri
24th May—Yr 6
Runways End Visit

Tues 11th June – Year
5 British Museum
Education visit

Development Days
Friday 26th July 2024

but please put 12th July in your diary! I met with the School Council today to discuss more ideas for these events and they are very keen to raise money for better playground equipment.

Our BIG Think question this week is, 'What do you think is the most important thing in life - to be happy, successful or to help others?' There were some really good discussions as to whether there is a right or wrong answer and whether this changes each day, I wonder what your thoughts are?

We are looking forward to our Walk the Wight assembly on Tuesday and wish Year 3 a great time on their educational visit to Carisbrooke Castle.

Thank you for the interest in our Club offer this half-term. Some clubs were oversubscribed whereas others have not had much uptake and we need them to be full to be able to run. Therefore if any children in Year 2 would like to attend Crafting club on a Monday please contact us asap and we can add them to the list, likewise we have space in cross stitch club on Thursdays which we are now going to open to Year 2. These clubs have a cost of £2 per week and must be paid in advance.

In the meantime, I hope you have a super weekend. There is a rumour we may see the sun and some warmth!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



Find out more about plans for Island education at public drop-in sessions

The Isle of Wight Council is holding a series of public drop-in sessions which will focus on improving education provision and how school place planning is undertaken.

The sessions will look at the high numbers of surplus places that currently exist across the primary sector and the further increase that is forecast for future years.

Council officers will discuss the significant impacts that not managing the surplus has on the schools themselves and children's education.

The events are taking place within the context of the development of a new Education Strategy for the Island which will address all aspects of the system and how we can improve the quality of education on the Isle of Wight.

These public events are open to everyone and offer valuable insights into the challenges faced by our local education system. The drop-ins are taking place across the Island as this is a 'whole Island' issue and potentially has an impact on all education providers.

Residents will hear about how data is collected and used to forecast pupil places, and also about how the shortfall in pupil places in schools affects academic outcomes, school budgets and recruitment. These sessions are an information sharing opportunity to provide context and raise awareness about the local educational opportunities and challenges.

They will be open to discussion, ideas and suggestions. All who are interested in education on the Island are welcome and encouraged to attend and share their views. We expect there to be related formal consultations later in the year, after specific proposals have been developed.

People are asked to book in advance if they wish to attend one of the sessions and further information on how to do that can be found on the council's website. <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/schools-consultations/>

Upcoming public drop-in sessions:

Monday 15 April, Riverside Centre, Newport, PO30 2QR, 9am to 11am and 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Thursday 18 April, Freshwater Memorial Hall, PO40 9UU, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Monday 22 April, Ryde Academy, PO33 3LN, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Wednesday 24 April, Cowes Enterprise College, PO31 8HB, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Thursday 25 April, The Bay CE School, PO36 9JH, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Wednesday 1 May, Wroxall Community Centre, PO38 3DP, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have enjoyed starting our new topic which is Pirates. The children have had great fun using our pirate role play area and have dressed up as pirates and have been busy walking the plank! Our new outside wooden blocks have also arrived so the children have made boats and lots of other interesting things outside. In class we talked about what we did during the holidays and wrote simple sentences about this. We have also completed the next stage of our phonics assessments so that has been a big chunk of our week. The weather has been nice this week so the majority of children have been outside accessing all areas but especially using our new clear water tray!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have started back with a bang! Their learning behaviour has been fantastic and they have enjoyed getting stuck in to all our new topics :)

In English we have started reading Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett, exploring the character of Sunny and writing letters in role. The children have started to use exclamation marks for emphasis, and are also developing their compound sentence structures. Well done, everyone!

In Maths the class have been thinking about solving problems by counting in 10s, 2s and 5s. They have applied their knowledge well and shown their workings using number lines independently.

In Geography we have started our new topic about Hot and Cold places around the world by identifying the seven continents on different maps, and in Science we have begun to think about the different groups of animals, considering which animal group will we see most of around our school. To round off the week, Year 1 explored the concept of generosity in RE, and practiced measuring mass using cubes during our practical maths session. Well done, everyone!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back Year 2!

We've had a really good start back to the summer term. The children have loved being able to get out onto the field and sun making a rare appearance has brought a bigger smile to everyone! Hopefully we'll see much more sunshine in the coming weeks!

In English this week, we started a new book. We have so far read the beginning and been introduced to a character called Jub. The children have been using their prior learning from before half term, to describe what Jub does as a job. They did a fantastic job at recalling many different adverbs and prepositions and were able to use this successfully within their writing.

In Maths, we have looked at different forms of measurement. We started by measuring liquid using millilitres and then went on to measuring temperature. The children enjoyed being able to get some hands-on experience and relate these skills to real life experiences.

In science this half term, we will be looking at living things, particularly mini beasts. This week, we started the topic by thinking about what makes something a living thing. We categorised different things that we found outside into living, dead or never alive. The children were very keen to find as many living things as possible and were very disappointed that they weren't allowed to bring these new 'friends' into the classroom. We hope to be able to get outside into the sensory garden and onto the field a lot during this unit of work.

In History, we introduced our new topic of The Great Fire of London. The children already seem very excited and eager to learn lots about this historical event. This half term we will be having the fire service come and talk to the class about fire safety, so that we can look at how things have changed over time. We will also be having an Art/DT afternoon in the last week, where parents are invited to help their children finish off our final products all about the Great Fire of London.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back Year 3, you have worked really hard this week. In Maths the children have continued to work with fractions and use bar models to help them solve fraction additions and subtractions.

In English, we have started to read our new class text, 'Boudica's Army' by Hilary McKay. So far, we have made predictions about what we think will happen, retrieved relevant information from the text about the characters and vocabulary and worked to improve word choices from the text.

In Science, the children have learnt that we all need a skeleton to help us move and to protect our important body parts. They also worked to name and label different bones within the human body.

In Music, the class have been learning to play more notes on their recorders with Mr and Mrs Grimshaw. They were really impressed to hear just how much they had all remembered from their previous recorder lessons.

Well-done Year 3, what a busy week of learning you have all had. Enjoy the weekend!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been so lovely to welcome Year 4 back to school this week! Our topic this half term is World War 2 with many of the children already expressing their fascination in the subject. In English, we have begun reading Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo which tells the story of an evacuee child having to leave his mother in order to remain safe. In Maths, we have been using place value charts to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 and demonstrate how the number gets 10/100 times bigger/smaller depending on the operation used. In DT, we have begun our cooking topic, starting with the importance of food safety and identifying what hazards there may be in the kitchen. In PSHE, we discussed discrimination and learnt about the Equality Act and the 9 protected characteristics. Finally, in Computing, we have begun our unit involving LOGO. The children identified and used the appropriate code to move the arrow and create various shapes. A great first week back Year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful first week of the summer term. This week, we began our new class novel - Holes by Louis Sachar. The children analysed the beginning of the story and applied their understanding of persuasion to create a persuasive advert for Camp Green Lake. In maths, we have recapped the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and solved mixed fluency questions using a range of concrete and pictorial methods. In the wider curriculum, we began our new geography topic - economy - by learning what import, export and trade means, as well as exploring where some of our everyday goods come from. In computing, we began our physical computing topic by exploring how to code micro:bits.

I could go on further and discuss more of the wonderful learning Year 5 has produced but instead I'll finish with my highlight of the week. I am so proud of the way year 5 conducted themselves during our first sailing session. They listened incredibly well to the mountain of information that was presented to them, remained focused on the task in hand and displayed exemplary learning behaviour throughout. Well done year 5 and keep it up!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, we have dived into our preparation for the SATs in four weeks' time. The children are working really hard to revise and consolidate previous learning and to bring together some new concepts as well. We have begun our art topic about cartoons, using skills like perspective and silhouette to effectively tell a story through simple pictures. In science, we learned what inherited traits are and had lots of interesting conversations about which physical features we inherit from our biological parents. Our new geography topic is California, and so we have started with some map work and research to get an overview of this area before we start looking at specific regions, climate and economy. In PSHE we thought about our goals for the future and what steps we could already be taking towards these - through our studies, hobbies and choices. Well done, Year Six, for coming back and hitting the ground running!

Chartwells Schools		WEEK 2				
		W/C: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/09, 07/10				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers 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, including Salmon Mayonnaise	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 POTATO	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
	DESSERT	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle
		PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day				
		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit				
		Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice				

Star Pupils

Palmer Reception

Armah Year 1

Hussein-Gambles
Year 2

Shien Ng Year 3

Richards Year 4

Aderin-Pocock Year 5

Islam Year 6

Caleb and Darci

Adeline

Amelia

Harry B

Calvin

Harley

Evie-May

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	97.3	93.3
Armah	96.0	94.4
Hussain-Gambles	96.6	96.1
Shien Ng	91.7	95.2
Richards	98.1	95.9
Aderin-Pocock	98.8	96.5
Islam	95.0	94.4
Whole School	96.2	95.1

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Aderin-Pocock

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	3	33
Armah	3	37
Hussain-Gamble	1	11
Shien Ng	2	47
Richards	2	42
Aderin-Pocock	1	15
Islam	1	34
Whole School	13	219
Total Minutes	89	3236

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



Family Hubs
Isle of Wight

From January 2024!

Welcome to the World

Welcome to the World is an 8-week programme for parents from 22 weeks of pregnancy. Delivered at the Family Hubs it will cover a variety of topics that will help give their baby the best possible start in life. Parents will improve their knowledge and skills in caring for a baby, learn the importance of their own wellbeing, develop the skills to help with bonding and reflect on their hopes for the future.



Scan the QR code for the Family Hubs Website or visit [Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#) : [Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)



ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL



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NATUREZONES

SPRING COMPETITION

Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust (NWET) is a ten acre wildlife field study centre and a Living Natural History Museum in Blackwater. It is a "not for profit" organisation dedicated to educating visitors in the importance of sustaining and creating wildlife habitats as part of the Island's ecology; increasing Biodiversity and nurturing the environment.

Your mission:

Using recycled materials make something for a wildlife garden

What will you make?

Will it be a habitat, a feeder or perhaps a planter
What materials will you use?

3 Prizes, one for each category

1. Most learnt while creating the item (what is it for?)
2. Most creative use of recycled materials
3. Greatest increase in effort



What aspect of nature will inspire you?



WIN a years pass to Naturezones, a hot drink & sweet treat for 4.

Please deliver your entries to Naturezones on the following dates between 10.30 am and 4.30pm
On either May 21st or May 23rd
Families of the children will be able to visit Naturezones during the Recycalological event on Sunday 26th May

SANDOWN SUNDAY SOCCER



Sandown Soccer
Love The Game

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**

 Find us on facebook

Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight




Isle of Wight Wellbeing Service: Workshop List
SUMMER TERM: April / May

DATE	COURSE NAME	TIME
15.04.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	11:30am
16.04.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	9:30am
16.04.24	Boundaries and Expectations	11:30am
17.04.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	9:30am
17.04.24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am
17.04.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	6:00pm
19.04.24	Boundaries and Expectations	4:30pm
19.04.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	6:00pm
22.04.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am
23.04.24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am
23.04.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	11:30am
24.04.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	6:00pm
30.04.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	9:30am
01.05.24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am
01.05.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	6:00pm
06.05.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	11:30am
07.05.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	9:30am
08.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am
08.05.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	6:00pm
13.05.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am
14.05.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	9:30am
14.05.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	11:30am
15.05.24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am
15.05.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	6:00pm
20.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	11:00am
21.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am
22.05.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	9:30am
22.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	6:00pm

To reserve your place on any of the above courses, please email mitch.burson@iow.gov.uk