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MARCH NEWSLETTER

WHEATFIELD WELCOMES LOCAL MP!

On the afternoon of Friday 27th February, we welcomed our local MP, Jack Lopresti into school. Mr Lopresti began his visit by declaring our wild wood area open, by untying the ribbons around the gate into this fantastic new outdoor learning area. He was then 'grilled' by children in Y5&Y6 who 'fired' a variety of questions at him about what it was like to be an MP and the kind of difficult decisions he has had to make during his time in Parliament. This was followed by a meeting with Governors and then a much needed cup of tea with parents at Tea@3!

We are very grateful to Mr Lopresti, for spending time in his very busy schedule with us and for giving the children a real 'flavour' of what it is like to be an MP!



Y4 DANCING STARS!

Over the past few terms our Year 4 Dance Club has been working really hard to learn 2 different dance routines ready to perform at the South Gloucestershire PE Association's Dance Festival. This took place on Monday 9th February at Abbeywood School.

We had a fantastic time and the dancers were incredible!! We performed a street dance routine to the song 'Scream and Shout' and a dance with a World War One theme to fit in with the learning taking place at school. The children danced in time, in unison, with smiles on their faces and did themselves and indeed Wheatfield proud. They enjoyed the opportunity to watch the dances of the other schools that took part too! We only hope that they all – 'keeeeeeeep dancing!'



Thank you to Miss Gibbons for writing this report and training our dance team and to the children for being brilliant ambassadors for our school! Miss Dursley.

WHEATFIELD WILD WOOD

On Saturday 28th, a small group of helpers, including volunteers from Bradley Stoke in Bloom, staff and family, parents and children arrived to assemble our willow tunnels. With some help from a YouTube clip and some engineering knowledge we put together two willow tunnels. Inside the wild wood we planted bluebells, and laid the hedge and cleared undergrowth at the top end. Bacon butties provided by Mrs Snedker were a welcome break. Now the Wild Wood has been officially opened by Jack Lopresti MP we look forward to the classes making full use of the space for outdoor learning opportunities. 2J had a sneaky first try out and agreed it was great, they couldn't wait to do some den building!



On Thursday 5th March we will be enjoying a visit from South Gloucestershire's MAD cycle stunt team. As well as dazzling us with their jaw-dropping skills they will be promoting safe riding, wearing a helmet, being visible and staying healthy.

Congratulations to Rachel Lockier, who has been awarded a Cancer Research UK, Little Star Award, for showing real courage after being diagnosed with Cancer. Throughout her treatment Rachel has come into school, whenever possible, and always with a smile on her face. Well done Rachel, your determination and positive attitude is amazing!



Y2 CHICKS HATCH!

An exciting two weeks just before the holiday in Year Two as we watched our eggs hatch and grow. We learnt that if we were quiet, we could hear the chicks cheeping in their eggs before they hatched and that they have a special egg tooth to help crack the shell open! We all got a chance to hold the chicks. They were growing and changing very quickly and we could see feathers on their wings by the time they left us.



COMENIUS PROJECT



We are in the final stages of our Comenius Project and during the week of the 16th March, Mrs Roberts, Mr Hancock and Miss Dursley will be travelling to our partner school in Berlin.

In preparation for the visit EYFS and KS1 classes took part in a recycling project at the beginning of Term 3 and all year groups have taken part in an art project, using recycled materials to produce their pieces of art which were displayed for parents to view during T@3 on the final afternoon of Term 3. Photographs and a video of the children's learning through these projects will contribute to the presentation staff will give whilst in Berlin.

The children will also be learning something about Berlin and will be following and contributing to our Comenius blog, which can be found on the school website. Whilst staff are in Berlin, Mrs Davies (one of our regular supply teachers) ably assisted by Mrs Beaumont and Mrs Poles will cover 4H, 3CR will be taught by Mrs Cooper as usual until Wednesday and then the class will have a supply teacher and of course Mrs Medina and Mrs Pedley for the remainder of the week and the school will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs Haydon.



FRUIT TUCK

Just a reminder that fruit tuck is available every break time from the school canteen at a cost of 15p.

RED NOSE DAY!



This year we are marking Red Nose Day, by combining it with our Dress up Day for Book Week, on the 20th March. On that day, we are asking the children to not only come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book, but to perhaps also add a red nose or painted face to their costume! During break time on the 20th March we will be selling Red Nose cakes for 50p and also holding a Cake Sale during T@3. Children are also welcome to bring in a small donation towards our fund raising efforts for this charity, which does such amazing work to change the lives of children in need, both in the UK and other parts of the world.

IMPORTANT!

Please could Dinner Money be sent into school on a Monday in a clearly labelled envelope. Other payments for Music, trips and Wheatfield Plus need to be sent in separate envelopes. Thank you.

Hope For Morgan— some fundraising events to get involved in!



In one of our earlier newsletters, we told you about The Walker family's fundraising efforts to take their son Morgan, who is in Year 6, to America for life changing surgery.

Around the school you will see posters for a sponsored bike ride from Old Trafford - Ashton Gate! You don't have to cycle the full route, but can join at various points between Manchester and Bristol. If anyone would like to get involved by taking part in the cycle, or by providing support to our cyclists, please contact Mr Simon Ward on his email simon@sdw-designs.co.uk or Tina McIvor on tina.mcivor@wheatfieldprimary.com

Mrs Haydon will be running the Bristol 10k in May. Watch out for her tweets on Twitter which will keep you updated on her training leading up to the big event! To sponsor Mrs Haydon please go to: www.justgiving.com/hopeformorgan or text 70070 using code HFMW99 and the amount.

We would be very grateful if you would specify in your comments that your donation relates to Mrs Haydon's 10k race.

Thank you!



Calum - Our Heart Hero Fundraising for the BHF

Text WIBI72 £2 / £5 / £10 to 70070 to donate now eg WIBI72 £5

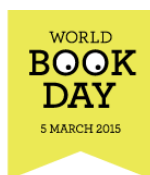
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Thank you for your donations for 'Wear It Red Day' as a school we collected a total of £419.86 **for the British Heart Foundation**. It was great to have Bristol Rugby Club players, Olly Robinson and Darren Hudson, join us for our Celebration Assembly on the day, to meet Calum and to hand out certificates to children whose names were in our Celebration books. The players also visited Y3 & Y4 and answered questions about life as a professional rugby player.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2015

World Book Day is on THURSDAY 5th MARCH. Each child will receive a £1 book token to spend at participating stores or at the school book fair towards a book costing £2.99 or more.



BOOK FAIR

After many years, this year we are using a different company to provide our book fair.

This will give the children a different range of books. TRAVELLING BOOKS will be arriving on MONDAY 16TH MARCH. Every book bought contributes to commission for the school to spend on books. Children will be visiting the book fair during the day and parents / carers are invited to browse and buy from 3.40pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

IF YOU CAN HELP to set up or to sell at the book fair please leave contact details at the office or with Mrs Harrex. We especially need help on TUESDAY as staff will be engaged in staff meeting. ON FRIDAY 20th MARCH we will be holding a DRESS UP day. All pupils (and staff) are being asked to dress up as a book character and bring in their favourite book to share.

TIME4READING

This is a year long South Gloucestershire project to promote reading. The project is being launched on World Book Day and everyone is being asked to take 5 minutes during the day to read a book and to recommend a book to a friend or colleague. A range of special events is being planned throughout the year, the aim being to encourage everyone in South Gloucestershire, whatever their age, to read more! At Wheatfield, there will be a mass reading session in all classes between 11-11.30 tomorrow!

MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER VALUABLES.



Parents are reminded that children should not bring mobile phones or other valuable items into school other than in exceptional circumstances.

If there are specific occasions when you consider it necessary for your child to have access to a mobile phone on the way to or from school, for reasons of their personal safety, then you must provide us with written details of the times when this will be necessary and why. Your child must then leave the phone in the school office at the beginning of the day and collect it at 3.30pm.

A FEW REMINDERS:

- For health and safety reasons, all children with hair longer than collar length, must have this secured in such a way, that the hair will not fall over their face or become tangled in a piece of apparatus or equipment.
- Fleeces should not be worn inside school as part of your child's uniform.
- Only small plain stud earrings may be worn and these must be removed for PE lessons.
- Sweets and chocolate must not form part of your child's packed lunch.
- Final reminder, it is much easier to return lost property to the owner, if all items of school clothing are clearly marked with your child's name!

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 6th March—Y6 trip to Lifeskills Centre
- Monday 16th March—Book Fair this week
- Friday 20th March—World Book /Red Nose Dress Up Day—1H Assembly
- Friday 27th March— Y6G Class Assembly
- End of Term 4
- Monday 13th April—Start of Term 5
- Friday 1st May—Inset Day
- Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed
- Monday 11th May—Y6 SATs week
- Friday 22nd May—Last Day of Term 5
- Monday 1st June—1st Day of Term 6
- Friday 19th June—Inset Day
- Friday 17th July—Last day of school year for children.
- Monday 20th July—Inset Day
- Tuesday 1st September—Inset Day
- Wednesday 2nd September—First day of Term 1 2015/16