

West Bridgford Infant School Newsletter

Key things to remember for next week:

- 27th June - Deadline for getting class photo orders in
- 28th June - Maths Day in school & Parent/Carer Maths Evening
- 30th June –Non uniform day in school– sweets donations please!

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Activities & initiatives

Healthy Fortnight

Thank you to all of our providers for leading the activities and our staff for helping everything run smoothly. A huge thank you to Mrs. Ward our P.E Leader for the gargantuan task of organizing and scheduling the fortnight. The children loved it.

It was the turn of children from classes 4, 5, 6 and 9 to take on the challenge of the climbing wall this week. It was lovely to see such perseverance, concentration and determination. They learned so much including to take pride in achievements and manage disappointment and to try again.

Women's Ashes at Trent Bridge

Our year two classes were invited along to watch the Women's Ashes at Trent Bridge on Thursday morning. We had a brilliant time in the sunshine and also managed to see the England fielders take a wicket. Thanks so much to Jat Hanspal for arranging the tickets for us and also all of the parent volunteers who came along to help. Thanks to Denis Schlupeck for the photo.



Sam Oldham– Olympic Gymnast

Olympic gymnast Sam Oldham came into school to talk to the children and run some gymnastics classes. Sam was part of the British men's team at the 2012 Summer Olympics that won bronze in the team competition. He now works as a gymnastics coach, runs a popular podcast and also visits schools to give motivational talks. He gave a rousing talk about how he chose between a football or gymnastics career and shared with our children the importance of never giving up, relating it to his own experiences of fighting back from injury to compete again.



Zumba with Charm

We were thrilled to see Charm in school again today for Zumba. They learnt routines to some high energy tracks and they were absolutely fantastic following the steps.



Things to look out for...

There will be lots going on over the next few weeks as school gets super busy so please keep an eye out for communications and take a bit of extra time to read all of the information.

Class Photos

This week we sent a proof of your child's class photo in their book bag, orders for prints and digital image files can be placed directly through the photographer, but remember the deadline for orders in next **Tuesday 27th June**.



Things to look out for...

Animal Club for Year 1

Next Friday the Animal Club will be bringing a variety of different animals in for the Year 1 classes to meet. The children will learn amazing facts about our animals such as feeding needs, living habitats, where the animals come from and where they are in the food chain. A wide range of different animals are included in the session such as cuddly rabbits, unusual insects, giant snails and a mix of various reptiles. The children are free to decide if they wish to observe the animals or touch them. Many children will overcome their fears once they see their peers touching animals and then they take that first step of holding an animal they have never held before.



Countdown to Summer Fair– 21 days to go!

Thanks for your bottle donations to date, if you forgot you can still bring your bottle in next week. Children can again come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 30th June**: donations of bagged sweets please, again pre-sealed and unopened, no chocolates this time. If your child is in year 2 please can they wear their normal sports gear with their choice of sports top.

Year 2 Beaumanor Hall trip

On Friday 7th July we will be taking Year 2 on a nature day to Beaumanor Hall, a Victorian country house located in Woodhouse, Leicestershire. We will be leaving the school promptly in the morning, so please ensure you are not late. Please send your child with a packed lunch- remember no nuts or sweeties. We will round off the day with a chippy tea and also a chocolate treat before we return to school.

Please send your child in weather appropriate clothing, sturdy outdoor shoes a sun hat and with sun cream applied at home. The coach will return to the drop off location on Musters Road outside the Medical Centre at 7pm. We will send an email to confirm arrival time as we are leaving. We will also need parent volunteers, if you would like to come please let your child's teacher know.



Year 2 Leavers Concerts

These will be held on 19th and 20th July at 9:30am in the School Hall. Two tickets will be available for each family and these will be available to order from 10am on Monday morning. We will email out the link then.

Maths Day

WBIS Maths Day with HSBC Wednesday 28th June 2023

We are excited to welcome team members from HSBC Education Network to deliver Financial Education to our children next Wednesday. They will be using the resources and stories from "Money Heroes" with the Characters Ed and Bunny.

The sessions will look at how money has evolved into what we use today and the role of money in society. We will look at the recognition of the value of money and how we pay for things now and discussing spending and saving choices. Year one and two children will then plan a birthday party, keeping track of their spending and making choices around their birthday budget.



Orla's Fundraising Walk

One of our year two pupils Orla will be doing a sponsored 10k walk on 2nd of July with her sister Nell to raise funds for Diabetes UK. The event is <https://birmingham-wellness-walk.diabetes.org.uk/> and the link to the girls' fundraising page is <https://birmingham-wellness-walk.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/niallminnery1686854148389>

NEU Industrial Action

The NEU has announced two more national strike dates on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. As we have previously informed you, union members are under no obligation to inform us of their intention to strike before the day. Schools are also bound by the laws around strikes. Ms. Stevens will be in touch as soon as she has been informed about the intentions of the staff. This will include information about any events that will be rearranged should they be impacted.

Due to industrial action at WB Junior School the year 2 transition visit has been rescheduled to take place Wednesday 12th July. More information to follow next week.

Resources to Help Your Child with Transition

We have uploaded some helpful resources onto the school website for helping your child to cope with change, in particular transitioning into the next year these can be found here <https://westbridgfordinfant.secure-primarysite.net/transition/>

Useful information

Notts Children's Centre Service

The latest newsletter from the Notts Children's Centre service can be viewed here

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNOTTSCC/bulletins/359f599> there is a plethora of useful information including sources of support for children's behaviour and top tips for entertaining your children during the holidays.



Windrush 75th Anniversary

This week marked the 75th Anniversary of the landing of SS Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks on June 22 1948, carrying passengers from the Caribbean who had been invited by Britain to help with post-war construction. To commemorate the date a new exhibition marking the Windrush generation's contribution to British life over the last 75 years will open at Nottingham Castle next week. For more details please see <http://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/official-reopening/>

What's been happening in school?

Our Years 1 and 2 participated in the NSPCC Speak Out to Stay Safe programme this week, which included an assembly to introduce the theme and then also follow up sessions in their classes. They learned that it is not okay for anyone to hurt children on purpose, about talking to trusted adults and how to call Childline.

Reception

Our reception classes have been continuing with their healthy fortnight topic by reading 'Oliver's vegetables' and also making their own vegetable soups. They continued their theme of mini beasts by learning about snails, slugs and worms and making their own rocking snails.

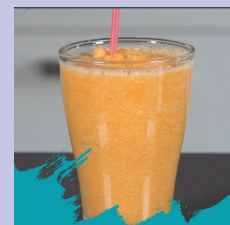
In Maths they have been introduced to the concept of subtraction, taking small numbers away from 10. Lastly in English they have been writing a riddle about an insect.



Yr1

Our year one pupils have been making their own fruit smoothies from one of the following options: carrot, pineapple and mango and also cucumber, banana and strawberry. They have also been taste testing them along with premade smoothies to see which options they preferred and why.

In Maths they have been practising counting accurately to 100 and playing the 100 square missing number game. They have also been practising verbal reasoning by playing 'Can you guess my number?' for example "Is it more than ___?" "Is it even?" "Is it in the 30's column?".



Yr2

In Science everyone has planted a runner bean and we are observing any changes closely and keeping a 'Bean Diary'. We have also been making an **All about me** 'fortune tellers' in preparation for our visit to The Cottages site of the Juniors on Monday, where all Year 2 children will meet their Buddy who will support them in September. We have also worked with Darcie from Rattle and Roll who ran some super movement and drama sessions.

We have also been reading stories based on the theme of empathy and asking the children to see situations from others' perspectives.



Summer Term Dates 2023

- Wednesday 28th June 6pm – Maths day, and parent /carer workshop for Reception, Y1, and new starters.
- 30th June non-uniform day
- 7th July 4pm new parent welcome meeting
- 7th July Beaumanor Hall trip Year 2
- 14th July Summer Fayre
- 19th & 20th July 9:30am Yr2 Leavers Concerts

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