

West Bridgford Infant School Newsletter

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Key things to remember for next week:

- 29th March Parent Consultations
- 30th March Extra P.E Day for classes 1-8
- 31st March Food bank Friday

Coming up in School:

Tamworth Castle trip Year 1

For all of the Year 1 parents who have yet to make a contribution on ParentPay for Tamworth Castle please can you do so at your earliest convenience. Currently we have only received around 30% of payments so if we don't receive enough funds we won't be able to cover the costs of transport and castle entry. We are currently busy organising the visit and reviewing our risk assessments and school visit protocols in preparation.

Mexico Day Year 2

On Tuesday 28th March, the children in Year 2 will be experiencing a day immersed in Mexican cultural appreciation. We will be learning a Mexican folk dance, tasting Mexican food and exploring the work of a Mexican artist. We would like the children to celebrate the day by wearing something in the colours of the Mexican flag (red, white and green). It is an important part of our learning that we avoid cultural appropriation. It will therefore not be appropriate for children to wear clichéd Mexican outfits or face paint. Please also ensure your choice of clothing is suitable for dancing in. As we will be tasting some Mexican food, can you please let your child's class teacher know if you have any specific concerns around food allergies.



Additional P.E lessons next week

On Thursday 30th March we will be running some football coaching sessions with the Nottingham Forest Community Trust for classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. If your children are in any of these classes please send them in wearing P.E kit on these days.



Food Bank Fridays!

We will leave a collection box near the school entrance gate so you can leave any donations there at drop off on Friday mornings. The Food Bank Team have requested dry, jarred and canned goods for example tea and coffee, tinned vegetables, soups, pasta and pasta sauces etc. Any donations would be gratefully received. For more information about the great work that the charity does locally please check out its Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/sewadaynotts/>



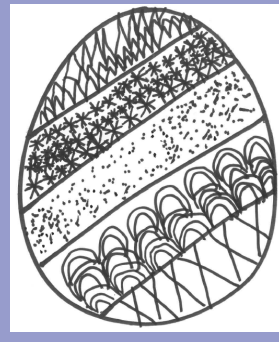
Lost Property

We will be putting lost property out in the playground next week after school for you to collect. Anything that is not collected by Friday will be donated to charity for recycling.

Coming up in School:

Art Week

On Tuesday we had an Art morning, in preparation for Art Week. The children explored creating patterns using different media. Next week each class will be using what they have learned about patterns along with the inspiration from the photographs which they took at home to create individual or group pieces of art which we will be displaying at joint art exhibition with West Bridgford Junior School. More information about this will be shared soon.



What's been happening in school?

Howzat! This week we welcomed Geoff, a cricket coach from Trent Bridge, who came to talk to the children about All Stars cricket and run cricket skills sessions for years 1 and 2. The children finished off the day with an assembly and learnt more about the game of cricket.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to Daniel Perkins, a school parent, who kindly donated three Gunn and Moore crickets sets to the school for the children to continue with their cricket skills.



Reception

We were happy to welcome in Terry and his guide dog Charlie who came in to speak to our reception classes about how Charlie helps him in his everyday life and how he cares for him. Also a big thank you to everyone who bought in donations for <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/>



As part of our 'On Our Doorstep' topic, we also took the children on a walk to spot local landmarks around West Bridgford including the Registry Office, the park, St Giles church, Café Nero and the Co-op! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to come and walk with us.

Yr1

Our Year 1 children had a visit from David Jackson-Crane, a local architect, who spoke to them about his job and how he designs buildings and what that involves. He also ran a workshop with them where they all got to design their dream home and then they all received a certificate for being trainee architects at the end of the day.



In RSE as part of our anti-racist programme, we have also been learning about how people have different skin colours and reading the book Standing Up to Racism. They have also been drawing a portrait using the correct skin colour crayons.

Yr2

The children have been learning about Amate art, a traditional Mexican folk art. This is painted on an organic medium called Amate, a type of paper produced from the fibers of the bark of fig trees. The paintings take inspiration from the natural world so many paintings include intricate birds, colorful plants, and whimsical animals. They have also been learning about tints and shades and learning how to make their own.



In English the children have also been producing an information leaflet about Mexico including the climate, different celebrations, landmarks and famous artists. In Maths they have been learning about giving change with money.

News round up

A few places left for French lessons

There are still a couple of spaces available for Year 2 pupils who would like to begin French lessons with Madame Vasco. The extra session will be on Tuesday lunchtimes, starting on 18th April for 10 weeks.

The idea for this being that the year twos can have a quick immersion into the language in fun and interactive sessions before they start French at Juniors. For more information and to sign your child up

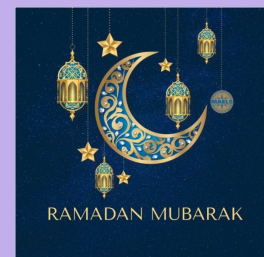


Ramadan Mubarak!

We'd like to wish our Muslim parents, carers and children the blessings of the holy month.

At school this week in class assemblies we have been learning about the festival of Ramadan, which is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast between sunrise and sunset, consuming no food or water. Part of the ancient Arabs' calendars, the word Ramadan is the Arabic word for 'scorching heat' or 'dryness'.

During Ramadan, some communities will use colourful decorations and fanoos (lanterns) to decorate and illuminate buildings and their homes.



Activities and initiatives:

New mental health text support service

Nottinghamshire Healthcare, alongside partners across the Integrated Care System, has teamed up with the mental health charity Mental Health Innovations to launch free and confidential mental health support 24/7, through the charity's text messaging support service 'Shout'. Anyone living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire can text the word "Notts" to 85258 to be connected to a trained Shout Volunteer. The service is open around the clock and volunteers, supervised by a bank of clinicians, can help with issues such as anxiety, stress, loneliness, depression, and suicidal thoughts. The conversation, which takes place entirely by text message, aims to help the texter to reach a calmer place, with a plan to move forward. It will also signpost them to further support available locally. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter with more information and we have also posted it on our website here <https://www.westbridgfordinfants.co.uk/sources-of-help-and-support/>



Spring Term Dates 2023

- W.C 27th March Arts Week- joint with WBJS
- 23rd March Coaching session from Trent Bridge Cricket Club
- 31st March Football coaching session
- 31st March 1st-16th April Easter holidays
- 21st April- Year 1 trip to Tamworth Castle
- 21st April—Curry & Quiz night



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