

West Bridgford Infant School Newsletter

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Key things to remember for next week:

- Monday 6th March is the deadline for us receiving your art week photographs (see article)
- Monday 6th March 4pm– deadline for Parent Governor votes (see article)
- Tuesday 7th– Thursday 9th March- Year 1 Geography and History walks
- Check you are up to date with any contributions for school trips and activities via ParentPay
- Remember to order school meals through <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
- Remember to order milk through <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

Things to look out for

Joint Arts Week with WBJs

We are excited to announce that this year we are working with West Bridgford Junior School on a joint arts event which will be held week commencing 27th March. The aim of this event is to create a community gallery with work from Foundation Stage to Year 6.

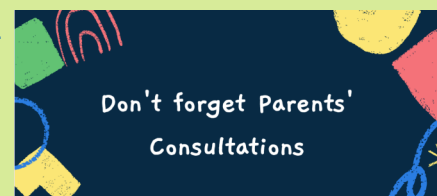
We would like you to help your child to take a photograph inspired by this year's theme which is '**Pattern in the Community**'. The photographs will then be used as inspiration for various pieces of work produced during Art Week.



Today we sent out an email with a link to upload the photographs, if your child is in classes 2-9 please disregard the first email and just read the second one as that has the correct link. Please can you upload your photos by midday on Monday 6th March. Thanks!

Parents' Consultation Booking forms

We are pleased to be able to invite you to celebrate your child's progress so far this year. We will also discuss their personal learning targets and how you might support them at home. Meetings will take place face-to-face in school in your child's classroom and there will be an opportunity to see their work. Earlier this week we sent out a link to book, please could you book by Friday 10th March at 3:30pm.



Parent Governor Ballot

There is still time to vote for our new Parent Governor. Each parent/carer is eligible to vote once and may only vote for one candidate. Voting closes at 4pm on Monday 6th March, so there is still time to vote!

Red Nose Day

This will be held on Friday 17th March and we will be marking the occasion by asking children if they would like to come into school wearing something red, so either a red item of clothing, a hair band, pair of socks, whatever you have already at home! You will also be able to donate an amount via the Red Nose Day page on your ParentPay account.



Year 1 Geography and History Walk

Next week, as part of Year 1's Geography and History work, they will be going for a walk around the local area. Each class will be leaving at 9.15am and returning to school at approximately 10.30am. Please make sure your children are wrapped up warm in case of inclement weather and are wearing sensible footwear. We still need some adult volunteers to walk with us, so please let the class teacher know if you can help out. The walks will be on the following days: Class 4 – Tuesday 7th March, Class 5 – Thursday 9th March and Class 6 – Friday 10th March.



What's been happening in school?

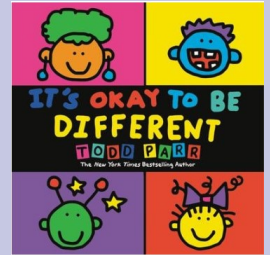
This week we have celebrated World Book Week in school with lots of fun activities.

Reception

Following on from last week, the reception children have been building a house for the three pigs using bricks and sticks, and in outdoor play they have been building an outdoor home for the pigs and making dens!

They have also been reading the 'Peepo' book and talking about how our houses have changed over history. They have been discussing the different types of artefacts mentioned in the book including an iron, a tin bath, and an old fashioned carpet sweeper.

In PHSE they have also been reading 'It's Ok to be different' by Todd Parr and have been talking about how to see themselves as a valuable individual and build constructive and respectful relationships.



Yr1

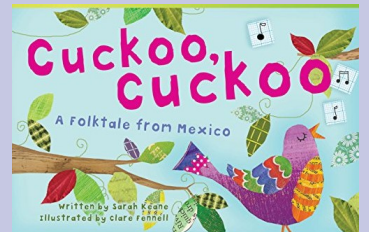
The theme for this week has been Homes and Castles. One of their learning objectives has been to know about changes within living memory and aspects of change in national life. As part of this, they have been discovering how evidence and artefacts can tell us a story and they have been beginning to ask and answer relevant questions about the past and artefacts and learning to describe artefacts. The artefacts that they have been introduced to have included a washboard, laundry tongs, a hot water bottle, a posser, a dolly tub, a carpet beater, a clay bottle, a candle and a Ewbank!

In English the year ones have been taking inspiration from the author visit to the school and writing about Frank the Sausage Dog and also designing their own front cover of the book.



Yr2

They have been continuing with their theme of Mexico by reading Cuckoo, Cuckoo—a folk tale from Mexico about a beautiful bird who sings all day and night rather than help the other birds plants seeds in the forest. They view Cuckoo as frivolous, yet she is the one who notices the fire in the forest. She sacrifices her singing voice and her feathers to save the seeds.



News round up

Meet the new Midday Supervisors!

After half term we welcomed two new midday supervisors to the team Kayleigh Morris-Barrett and Judy Lau. They will be working on Thursdays and Fridays and have already settled in really well to the school!



Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Our school is part of an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Network facilitated by Deepa Vasudevan, an Education Improvement Advisor from Nottinghamshire County Council. As part of this we are working with schools across the county on sharing and developing excellent practice around equality, diversity and inclusion; underpinned by 'The Protected Characteristics' and 'British Values'. Moving forward, we will be using learning and resources from the network to review our curriculum and provision to ensure it reflects all members of our community, whilst also providing children with windows to the world beyond our school.

Deepa has trained our staff in the delivery of an anti-racist education programme which year groups will start over the coming weeks. The lessons all centre around age appropriate stories for each year group and teach children to celebrate and value their own uniqueness. They are also taught to value and respect the diversity in our school and wider community. The stories for the first few weeks are:

Reception—It's Okay to be Different by Todd Parr

Year One—Shine— a heart-warming and uplifting story by Sarah Asuquo

Year Two -Say Something by Peggy Moss / Lea Lyon

News round up

World Book Week

This week we have been celebrating World Book in school with lots of different activities for the children. As well as story swaps across the classes, parents also came in to read with the children on Thursday afternoon.

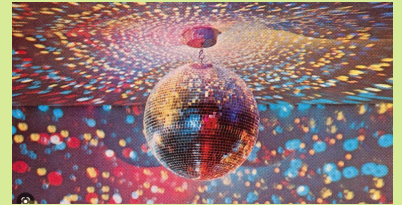
On Tuesday a local author Amanda Stephenson came in with her sausage dog Frank to read her story 'Frank's Discovery'. The children loved hearing about Frank's adventures and she even managed to get the teachers involved by wearing silly hats! The highlight of the visit was when Frank made a special appearance, which the children loved!



Activities and initiatives:

School Disco Parties

The Reception and Year 1 Disco Parties kick off tonight at 4:45pm and 6pm respectively. Drinks and Snacks will be provided, please ensure that you do not send your child with their own snacks and drinks apart from a water bottle in case they get hot. There is still time to book tickets for the Year 2 Disco Party on Friday 10th March at 5pm via ParentPay.



Reception theme- People who help us

Over the coming weeks we will be inviting a variety of different professions into the school to talk about their jobs and how they help us in the community. This will include a Dentist, an Optician, a Police Constable and a local resident who is visually impaired with his guide dog. We will be sharing more information soon.



Spring Term Dates 2023

- 10th March– PTA Disco Year 2
- 17th March - Red Nose Day
- W.C 20th March Arts Week- joint with WBJS
- W.C 20th and 27th March Parents' evenings
- 31st March 1st-16th April Easter holidays
- 21st April– Year 1 trip to Tamworth Castle



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