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West Bridgford Infant School Newsletter

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Key things to remember for next week:

- 3rd February Pupil Parliament
- Remember to order school meals through <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
- Remember to order milk through <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

Activities and initiatives:

Chinese New Year

On Monday we welcomed in the Chinese/Lunar New Year with a special assembly. We talked about the traditions that are celebrated and how families who celebrate the Chinese New Year celebrate at home. We even showed a video clip from Blue Peter where two of our children were featured talking about how they celebrate at home.

The Power of the Drums

This week the Reception classes all took part in drumming workshops with local drumming legend Andy Harris. The children were beaming with delight throughout the workshops and it was wonderful to see such concentration and co-ordination as they followed the rhythms.

If you would like to make a contribution and haven't managed to do so yet please can you log on to your parent pay account and make the payment. We rely on donations from parents and carers to allow these activities which are facilitated by external providers to go ahead now and in the future.

Visit to the Junior School

This week our Senior Leadership Team paid a reciprocal visit to the Junior School. Ms Stevens commented on the visit: "We were able to see the children in all year groups learning in their classes. We talked to them about their learning and looked at their work. We were so proud of all our former pupils. It was lovely to see how much progress they have made, their continued good behaviour and manners and how they have grown in confidence. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the common approaches already running through the two schools as a result of our collaboration. For example, we both use White Rose Maths as a basis for our planning and the Juniors have adapted our Shine Brightly characters into their Learning Champions to help children develop key learning skills." We have further joint activities planned later this term.

Request for shiny materials

The year two classes are making a large sculpture of the Iron Man in school next week. We would really appreciate it if year two parents could kindly donate any unused tin foil, shiny silver paper etc. If you could bring into school on Monday that would be great. Thanks so much!



Guidance for parents and carers

Arriving on time in the morning

Please note that we start school promptly at 9am every morning and the school gates are opened at 8.50am to allow for drop off.

It is really important that your child arrives at school on time, as being late can be disruptive for many reasons. Firstly for the emotional health of your child as they can feel unsettled arriving late when the school day has already begun and their friends are all present. Secondly, for their class teacher who may need to break from their lesson flow to settle the late child in. If you are struggling with morning routines, please don't hesitate to arrange a chat with your child's Class Teacher or Ms Stevens so we can work together to support you.

Parking near the school

Ms Stevens has had to deal with a number of complaints this week from local residents. A small number of parents/carers collecting children are parking in the private car park for Edwalton Avenue and reversing up/parking on residents drives/gardens on Avon Gardens causing damage. They have also sadly reported instances of abusive/inappropriate behaviour towards residents, often in the presence of children. This is damaging to our relationship with local residents and creates extra workload for staff trying to sort out these incidents. We have advised that should these incidents continue, residents should involve the police/traffic enforcement officers.



Road safety in assembly

This week the children learnt about Road Safety in assembly and how they can keep safe and aware on local roads. For more information see <https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/> or <https://www.think.gov.uk/>

News round-up:

Online safety workshops:

NSPCC

Further to the popularity of the last online safety workshop another one has been scheduled for **Monday 13th February at 7pm** via Zoom. If you would like a link to join please drop us an email in the office on:

office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk

In addition or if you are unable to make this date, the East Midlands Special Operations Unit for Cybercrime, which is part of the police is also hosting **Online Safety Advice for Parents** - on **Tuesday 7th February at 7pm**. This is a free webinar as part of Safer Internet Day a celebration of the safe and positive use of technology, coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber attacks. Hear from East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Protect Officers on the latest threats to you and how to stop them from happening. If you would like to book on to this event which is hosted online please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-advice-for-parents-safer-internet-day-tickets-511593388597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

A poster for an online safety workshop. It features a photograph of a young boy sitting in a car seat, looking at his smartphone. The text 'Let's keep kids safe online' is prominently displayed in a green box. Below this, there is a list of bullet points and a date/time/location box. Social media icons for Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, and TikTok are also present. The NSPCC logo is at the bottom left, and the slogan 'EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR' is at the bottom right.

Let's keep kids safe online

The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.

- 'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:
 - help you understand how children experience the online world
 - show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
 - empower you to guide them on their journey.

Date: Monday 13th February 2023
Time: 7-8pm
Location: Virtual workshop on Zoom, register with West Bridgford Junior School for joining information

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What's been happening in school?

Every week we give you an update on a few of the things that the children have been learning in their classes. We know that after the excitement of a busy day often the children can't remember what they have been doing. We also have links to the curriculum and learning plans on the school website if you are curious to find out more.

Reception

Our Reception children have been learning about the Chinese New Year Story and the Year of the Rabbit. They have been finding out what their birth year animal is and writing a sentence about it starting with "I am ..."

They have also learning how to draw a Chinese New Year Dagon and doing lots of Chinese New Year art activities including making money envelopes and lanterns. The classrooms are festooned with red and gold.



Yr1

In English our year one classes have been writing a fact file about the Queen. They have been further improving their geography knowledge by naming, locating and identifying characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK. They have been focusing on England and Wales and learning how to create their flags.

In Maths, they have also been practicing subtraction within 20 and learning to subtract by finding the difference between two numbers.



Yr2

Our year two classes have been discussing what poetry is and learning to write a poem using similes and understanding what similes are. They have been creating a poem focusing on the structure and the use of alliteration. In Maths they have been working to solve multiplication and division problems, remembering to identify the key language to help them to work out which operation to do. They have also been finding out how germs spread and how they can help stop it when they sneeze.



Spring Term Dates 2023

- 10th February– PTA Cake Sale
- 10th February Last day of Spring 1 term
- 11th-19th February Spring half term holiday
- 20th February Children return to school
- W.C 20th March Arts Week- joint with WBJs
- W.C 20th and 27th March Parents' evenings
- 31st March 1st- 16th April Easter holidays



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