

# THE WBIS WEEKLY

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## West Bridgford Infant School Newsletter

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### Welcome to our 'new look' newsletter

We are trialing a new format for our newsletter in the hope that it will be more engaging, succinct and informative. We realise that each week we have a lot of information to share and sometimes this can be a little overwhelming, especially around busy periods of the year.

Thanks for your support and your time in reading this.

Fiona Stevens

Head teacher

### Key things to remember for next week:

- Tuesday 24th January– The Power of the Drums Workshop for reception classes
- 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

Next week we will be learning about the Chinese Lunar New Year in school, and celebrating some traditions. .

Celebrations usher out the old year and bring forth the luck and prosperity of the new one. Festivities include firecrackers, fireworks, and red clothes and decorations. Young people are given money in colourful red envelopes. In addition, Chinese New Year is a time to feast and to visit family members.

We know that we have a few families who celebrate Chinese New Year and we would be really interested if you have any traditional costumes or objects that you would like your children to bring in and show their class. Also if you would be interested in coming in to talk to your child's class that would be fantastic. Please let your class teacher know if you are interested.

Thanks!

HAPPY CHINESE  
NEW YEAR



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## Activities and initiatives:

### Food Bank Fridays

Next week we will be resuming our collections for Rushcliffe Food Bank on Fridays at drop off in the playground. If you have any dried, or non-perishable goods that you would like to donate please bring them in. Your donations make a huge difference to those families that are struggling within our community and we really appreciate your generosity.



### If your child is not in school

Remember to call the School Office as soon as possible to let us know. We need to know where your child is as part of our safeguarding duty and make a note on our attendance records as a legal requirement. If you can let us know as soon as possible by calling or emailing the office that would be much appreciated.

### Lost Property—WBOOSC

Just a gentle reminder for parents collecting children from after school club. Please remember to pick up all of your child's items such as gloves, hats, and bottles etc. We know it is tricky at this time of year with the amount of stuff they bring into school. But searching for the items the next morning cuts into teaching time.

## Our School Council

Last term we appointed students from years one and two to sit on our school council. Our school council is made up of one pupil from each class and we also have two pupil parliament representatives.

This week the school council were learning about how teachers give children feedback and the different marking symbols used and discussing their effectiveness.



## News round-up:

### Online safety workshop



Thanks to everyone who attended the online safety workshop on Wednesday evening. We are conscious that some people had

issues logging on and so we are collating a list of everyone who wanted to join but couldn't. We will be putting on some more sessions for people that still want to attend, so if you would like to be included please drop us an email on:

[office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk)

If you are looking for further information we have a whole section of the website dedicated to online safety <https://www.westbridgfordinfants.co.uk/online-safety/>

### Joint working with the Juniors

As a school we are always keen to share good practice and learn from the successful strategies of others. We are committed to developing stronger ties with West Bridgford Junior



School and increasing the number of joint opportunities and initiatives that we do with them for the benefit of all of our children.

This week members of both schools' senior leadership teams met at WBIS to find out more about how our children learn here and our curriculum provision. They were really impressed by the pupils' behaviour, attitude to learning and the purposeful atmosphere around the school. Next week we will be doing a return match—visiting the Junior School.

### Strike action

You have probably seen in the media that the National Education Union (NEU) has voted for Strike Action on the following dates: Wednesday, February 1, Wednesday, 1 March, Wednesday, 15 March and Thursday, 16 March.

We have sent out a separate email this week with further information.

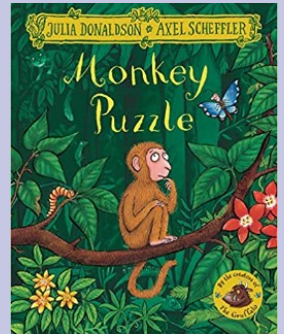
# What's been happening in school?

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

Continuing with the theme of African animals, the Reception children have been on a safari, exploring the playground and trying to locate the animals that have been hidden around it and then counting how many they find.

In English they have also been reading Monkey Puzzle story and continuing with the learning objective of sentence writing. They have also been writing a sentence about one of the animals in the book.



## Yr1

Our year one classes have been building on their learning about London, by writing a guidebook about the landmarks. They have been working on their adjectives and connectives to make their descriptions really appealing.

In maths they have been learning to find and make number bonds to 20 and also finding doubles and near doubles amongst numbers.



## Yr2

In English the children have been continuing with the story of the 'The Iron Man' and in their writing learning to use powerful verbs to improve simple sentences.

This week a small group of year 2 children visited Marlborough Court, a local warden assisted housing complex, to meet some of the residents. They enjoyed activities with them such as playing games, singing and creating some art. We have had a relationship with our neighbours at Marlborough Court for many years and this has been the first time we have visited since the Pandemic, so it was great to be back!



## Spring Term Dates 2023

- 22nd January Chinese New Year
- 3rd February Pupil Parliament
- 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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