

Weekly Newsletter

19.01.2024



Upcoming Dates:

w/c 22nd January: Year 6 Assessments

Wednesday: Riddell Class Trip: West Stow

w/c 29th January: Year 3 4 5 Assessments

6th February: Safer Internet Day 2024

Debating Curriculum

We were excited to officially launch our House Debating Curriculum this week. Alternate weeks; alternate Key Stages; alternate houses – mapped out for this year and next. A range of interesting topics that all children will have an opinion on and can access. Lovely to see children having the confidence to interact and debate in a structured way, all within the comfort of a familiar environment (the Hall) and their respective Key Stage & House pupils. This week was KS2. KS1 start next week with children in Year R observing the next debate. Fabulous.

Debate Number 1 was: *Should children have a set bedtime?*

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best & Boogie...

...at the FOES Disco tonight. Have fun, children!

Louisa's Back!

You may recall our Christmas Reading & Singing Legend with parent & professional pianist, Louisa Gard ([LINK HERE: SCROLL DOWN](#)). Well, Louisa's back: in her capacity as a piano teacher to teach pupils at our school. Wonderful. Welcome to the Team, Louisa.

Year 6 Enterprise

Year 6s next enterprise project: *Book Sale (selling old library stock)*. Save your pennies and watch this space! Money raised goes back into their special pot for End of Year enrichment. If any parents have any unwanted children's books they no longer want, and wish to donate to the Year 6s to sell, ready for their Book Sale, please drop them at the school office over coming days and week/s!

School Council

Our first school council meeting of the New Year. This time, the Leadership team of the school asking for feedback from our pupils over what motivates them in terms of awards/rewards, recognition in general – some *really useful* data for us to reflect on and consider moving forward! Next discussion, council would like to drill down a bit deeper for feedback into subject disciplines – very mature!


Wellworth Players

Olivia, Diana, Eleanor & Gordon – all performing at Needingworth Village Hall – Wellworth Players: Hansel & Gretel. Another wonderful example of our pupils engaging in extra-curricular pursuits that will – not only build their confidence – but also support their English skills in oracy. That's *Curriculum Plus!* That's *well worth* a look!

Scroll down to see the flyer for dates & times.

The Wellworth Players present
a Pantomime

Hansel & Gretel



Needingworth Village Hall
February 2024

Thursday 22nd 7.30pm	Friday 23rd 7.30pm
Saturday 24th 2.30pm	Saturday 24th 7.30pm

Tickets £8 available from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellworthplayers
(if no internet call Mark on 07748 848686)
wellworthplayers.co.uk

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Be inspired by a real life theatre

Learning Highlights of the Week

Highlight Jeffers:

The EYFS children in Jeffers have really enjoyed their first week of Drawing Club. There has been lots of discussion and vocabulary used whilst drawing. All the children in Jeffers have continued to develop their chasing and dodging skills in PE and were really engaged in the games that support this. We are looking forward showcasing these in our multiskills festival with Shireen Class at the end of this half term.

Highlight Shireen:

Shireen class have made a super start to our new Science topic, seasons and weather. The children were very knowledgeable about the seasons of the year, and the weather this week has helped us to see how cold it gets when the northern hemisphere is tilted away from the sun

Highlight Riddell:

The highlight in Riddell Class this week has been our engaging, entertaining and educational visit from the volunteers at KICK and the Norris Museum. They taught us about the rich history of St Ives (from holy bones to plane crashes, Oliver Cromwell and great fires!) and helped us to complete an arts award through acting, storytelling and screen printing!



Highlight Gold:

The children's recall of key knowledge within our Geography learning has certainly been a highlight of the week. Not only were children able to discuss key factual evidence, they were also able to think deeply about the issues being addressed. This resulted in a rich and diverse discussion about current environmental issues.

Curriculum Champions

This week's Curriculum Champions are:

Jeffers Class: Connor, Lexi, Sophia

Shireen Class: Ayla, Mason, Ivy, Charlie F

Riddell Class: Umar, Lauren, Emilia, Remi, Amelia, Georgie, Humphrey

Gold Class: Jake, Myles, Zoya



Attendance Matters



100% Attendance = 100%

Winning class for week ending 12.01.2024

Jeffers Class: 89.86%

Whole School: 88.92%

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK:



Community News and Events this week: - click [HERE](#)



Please see Sid the Cygnet on his website page – click [HERE](#)

Reading Blog [HERE](#)

Celebration Awards Assemblies - click [HERE](#)



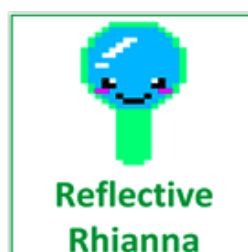
Ready Robert



Resilient
Rosie



Resourceful
Roy



Reflective
Rhianna



Responsible
Ruben & Ruby

New in green; Emphasizing/Revisions in yellow

Spring 1

w/c 22nd January: Year 6 Assessments

24th January: Riddell Class Trip

w/c 29th January: Year 3 4 5 Assessments

6th February: Safer Internet Day 2024

Spring 2

w/c 26th February: Year 1 & 2 Assessments

w/c 4th March: Year 6 Assessments

7th March: World Book Day Legend (dress as any character you like!) Book Club Event TBC

8th March: Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

11th March: Queen Mother Handwriting Competition

12th March: DT Day: British Science Week

15th March: Big Red Nose Coin Drop (assembly)

15th March: Science Day: British Science Week

19th March: Parents Evening 3

20th March: Parents Evening 4

23rd March: World Maths Day (Saturday) – celebrating 22nd March in school

26th March: PM Egg Rolling Competition

27th March: PM: Egg Decorating

28th March: Assembly & FOES Egg Hunt TBC

Summer 1

22nd April: Pool Opens TBC

26th April: Year R Class Assembly

w/c 13th May: KS2 SATS Week (Year 6)

17th May: FOES Disco: TBC

20th May: Healthy Week

w/c 20th May: Year 2 Assessments

24th May: Sports Day

Summer 2

w/c 10th June: Phonics Screening Check & Assessments (Year 1)

w/c 3rd June: Year 3, 4, 5 Assessments

Between 3rd – 14th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

21st June: World Music Day

1st & 2nd July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6)

4th July: Sid the Cygnet's 4th Birthday: Geography Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk: TBC

8th – 10th July: Hilltop Residential (Year 5 & 6)

15th -19th July: Transition Week: TBC

17th July: EOY Reports released

19th July: Head's Award, Badges, FOES Best Dressed Summer Theme, Leavers Assembly

19th July: Year 6 Enterprise funded lunch: TBC

19th July: Year 6 Pool Party PM: TBC