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Friday 2nd February 2024

NEWSLETTER

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve!

With January coming to a close and some slightly milder weather, it feels as though Spring is within reach! The school has been buzzing with the warmth of new beginnings and the promise of positivity and growth. We have seen classrooms filled with learning, laughter and memorable moments! It really has been a very busy four weeks!

As I've no doubt you've seen or heard, the Department for Education (DfE) continues to focus on the importance of attendance and we, too, will be keeping this a school priority. We have seen some very positive attendance in the past four weeks and thank you for your support in ensuring the children are **in school, on time, by 5 to 9**. This punctual start to the day ensures children are ready with their peers feeling settled and prepared for the day ahead. If you are experiencing any difficulty or concerns about your child's attendance, please do come and talk to either myself or Mrs Ellard.

In this week's Newsletter, you will see a number of events—please take a look at the Diary Dates at the end— including parents' evening, World Book Day, as well as Children's Mental Health week. As ever, please look at your child's class curriculum page so you can keep up-to-date with the learning taking place.

Stars of the week!

Date: 26.01.24

For: Learning Behaviours

Well done to: Tadhg, Olivia, Fred H, James, Bella, Ava H, Eva, Eli and Dexter.



Stars of the week!

Date: 02.02.2024

For: Perseverance in learning

Well done to: James, Jessica, Zach, Rosa, Loui, Ava P, Sienna and Harry.



Peace Perseverance Truthfulness Courage Compassion Respect



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Extreme Earth—Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have really enjoyed their new topic 'Extreme Earth'. As well as learning about the layers of the earth, the children have also been learning about how fold mountains are formed because of the continental plates colliding. The children have found out that the tallest mountain in the world is made this way and is still growing. Did you know that Everest is growing a centimetre a year? For more information on your child's topic, please take a look at our website.



Fantastic Fire Crew!

We have been looking forward to Alcester Fire Crew coming for quite some time... During their previous visit (in Autumn Term), learning had to be cut short owing to a call out! But this time, they stayed for the duration. The fire crew taught us about the equipment on the fire engine, even letting us hold the hose! They also taught us how to keep fire-safe at home and what to do in an emergency! Thank you for teaching us about how to keep safe!



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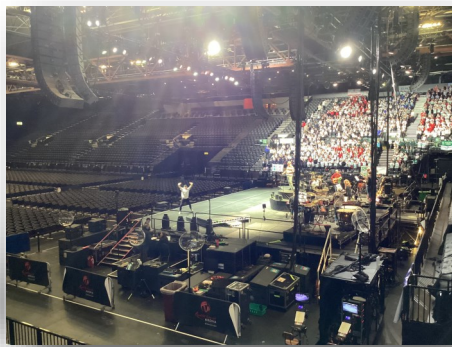


Young Voices 2024!

Over the past months, Mrs Khawaja has dedicated lots of her time to sharing her passion for singing and music with the children at Wootton. Many a lunchtime has been shared with the children, teaching them the songs required for the big Young Voices Concert of 2024. The excitement and enthusiasm from her classroom has been building each week and last Friday we waved off our fabulous school choir as they left for Birmingham’s Resorts World Arena! Helped by our very kind Parent Helpers and the wonderful Miss Bradshaw, the children arrived and found their seats. The arena was ‘enormous and so many children were there!’ — as told by one member of the choir!

Not only did the children perform beautifully, both singing and dancing, but behaved with all of our SMART rules and values of our school. We are exceptionally proud of them for their conduct and behaviour throughout the entire event. Thank you to Mrs Khawaja for all of her time and effort in preparing for the event—opportunities like this simply can’t happen without wonderful people to make them happen. An enormous thank you to both Mrs Khawaja, Miss Bradshaw and all of our parent helpers who took time out of their weekend, to attend this special event.

Well done everyone!



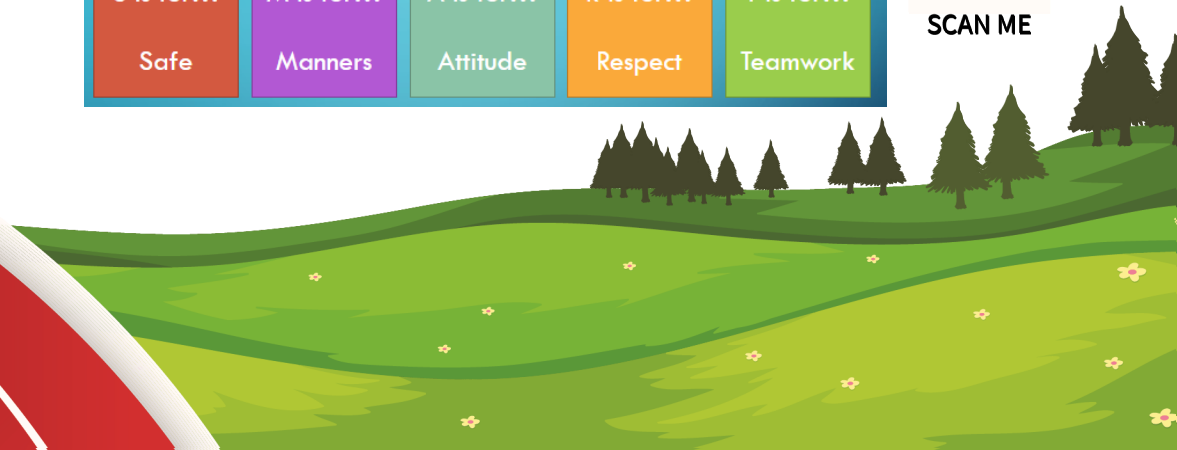
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SMART RULES

S is for...	M is for...	A is for...	R is for...	T is for...
Safe	Manners	Attitude	Respect	Teamwork



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Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th—9th February 2024

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How to nurture a child's mental health



As a school, we aim to ensure all children feel safe, happy and ready to learn. We prioritise nurture through our family feel and teaching approaches to support all children.

We're shouting out loud this year for Children's Mental Health Week as the theme is 'My Voice Matters'. We will be teaching the children about the importance of speaking out for help, empowering them with the tools they need to express themselves, their emotions, their thoughts and feelings.

On Monday we have a whole-school assembly about this mental health and how to keep our minds healthy.

On Tuesday, we will be exploring how to keep safe online for Safer Internet Day and how to speak out when we see something that makes us feel uncomfortable. Throughout the week, we will be taking part in daily mindfulness and emotion activities.

And on Friday we will finish with our 'Love Yourself' day, organised by FOWS where children are free to express themselves and who they are.

If you'd like to find out more information on how you can support your children, please see the following links below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/happiness-and-wellbeing/>

Attendance Corner

Our school target for attendance is 96%. **School attendance this week was 98.5%**

Willow and Oak class were joint first this week with 100%! WOW!



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Parents' evening

We are pleased to confirm that our next Parents' evening will be on Wednesday 28th February from 3:40pm. Parents are welcomed into school again and appointments will be made available after half term break. More information will be sent to you via Studybugs.

Reading volunteers mission!

One of our school priorities is to encourage a love of reading and ensure every child has the opportunity to 'read for pleasure'. Not read because they 'have to' or read because their teacher tells them to, but to explore a range of books, look in the school library and find books that capture their imagination and interests. We are looking for volunteers to help us out with our mission! **Do you think you can help? We are looking for:**



- Volunteers who can spare an afternoon a week
- People who can talk about books!
- People who can help us organise our book donations so all children can access it.
- Read and chat with us (we're a very friendly bunch!)

If you think you'd be able to do this, please come and see Mrs Agar or Miss Jones. As a volunteer, you will be subject to a DBS and Criminal barring check, as well as many a question from small, enquiring minds! We look forward to seeing you.

Online Digital Safeguarding advice for the week:

With Safer Internet Day 2024 coming up (Tuesday 6th February) and with the growing number of children using online devices, I felt it necessary to add this section to the Newsletter. We are also hearing of an increasing number of 'issues' regarding mobile devices i.e. name calling, unkind messages, unkind videos being posted etc. Along with children accessing sites that are not age appropriate. Please remember that if your child has access to a mobile device to monitor their usage and also what sites they are accessing. There is a wealth of information available to parents with detailed guidance on what apps are suitable for different aged children, how to monitor and how to use parent controls to limit access to unsuitable sites. We will be talking to the children about safety online. Here is a link that contains parental guidance to support you:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>.



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Dates for your diary

05.02.2024	Children's Mental Health Week
06.02.2024	Safer Internet Day
08.02.2024	2:40pm Celebration Assembly—all parents invited
09.02.2024	Love yourself day! (Break the Rules day) Chestnut Class Cake Sale—3:25pm ICT suite (FOWS)
12th—16th Feb 2024	Half-term holiday
19.02.2024	Children back to school
23.02.2024	Chestnut Class trip to Cadbury World
28.02.2024	Parents' Evening (more information to come via Studybugs)
07.03.2024	World Book Day
15.03.2024	Willow Class assembly (time TBC)
21.03.2024	Easter Service at St Peter's Church 9:30am
22.03.24	End of Spring Term
25th March—5th April 2024	Easter holidays
08.04.2024	Children back to school (Summer Term)



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