



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th January: Year 5/6 Sportshall Event
Wednesday 31st January: Reading Workshop for Reception Parents – 3:00pm
Thursday 1st February: Year 2 Sportshall Event
Monday 5th February: GSC Romeo and Juliet Performances Years 5&6
Tuesday 6th February: Year 1 Trip to Brooklands
Wednesday 7th February: Reading Workshop for Reception Parents – 3:00pm
Thursday 8th February: PTFA Disco
Friday 9th February: Mufti Day - £1 SeeAbility
Friday 9th February: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 19th February: SCHOOL STARTS
Monday 19th February: GSC Workshops Year 5
Friday 23rd February: PTFA 10p Day
Thursday 1st March: World Book Day Mufti
Thursday 1st March: Year 1 Sportshall Event
Friday 2nd – Thursday 8th March: Book Fair
Tuesday 6th March: Reception/KS1 Parents' Evening
Thursday 8th March: KS2 Parents' Evening
Friday 9th March: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Monday 12th March: Year 5 Visit to Metro Bank
Tuesday 13th March: Year 4 Visit to Metro Bank
Tuesday 20th March: Year 3 Trip to Wisley

Stars of the Week

Cedar: Ashlee, Jesse
Elder: Isabelle, Jack
Elm: Jana, Oliwia
Hazel: Leah, Owen
Hornbeam: Alan, Charlie
Lavender: Denver, Sammy
Maple: Harun, Ryan
Maytree: Joey, Rhodri
Pear: Gracie-Lou, Nithisun
Pine: Jaime-Lea, Kris
Walnut: Ajla, Billy
Willow: Gemini, Pranaïy



Half Term Fun For All The Family!

Guildford Borough Council has collated some useful information on activities for children and young people taking place in Guildford over the February half term. Details of play schemes, arts and crafts, sports activities, family days out and much more can be found on their website: <http://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities>

From Miss Lim

This week the School Council took over assembly and did a grand job! They introduced their fellow pupils to the new Change 4 Life Healthy Eating campaign, run by the NHS, and how we plan to implement it at Weyfield. All of the School Council members are '5-A-Day Champions' and have been issued with special stickers, which they can award to children (or staff!) who bring fruit, vegetables or healthy snacks in their lunch boxes. Children who have school dinners can also earn stickers by eating all of their vegetables. We are currently planning a special reward for the class with the most stickers, which the Parent Council is helping to organise – watch this space for more details after half term! In the meantime, you can find out more about the Healthy Eating campaign by visiting the website: www.nhs.uk/change4life

As a school, we highly value the learning experiences children can have outside of the classroom and do our best to plan these opportunities for them. For example, two of our Cub packs will be heading down to the river this afternoon to complete sketches as part of their Artist badge. Next week, pupils from years 5, 6 and 2 will be taking part in a Sportshall event at the Spectrum, competing against other schools and, before half term, Year 1 will be visiting the Brooklands Museum to take part in some exciting workshops. Our priority is to ensure value for money and keep costs as low as possible, however there will be times when we require parents to pay a contribution towards the trip. I am sure you appreciate that we often have to pay deposits in advance or book coaches, so it is extremely important that parents pay by the stated deadline. If there are any problems with payments, we are always more than happy to have conversations with parents and work together; our Family Support team are often available at the start and end of each day, located by the Front Office.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Lim
Headteacher



Cubs Activity Badges

Our Cubs are very excited as they start working on their activity badges. Most children have been able to choose their activity (numbers permitting) from Artist, Entertainer, Pioneer and Physical Recreation. Depending on the activity, the children will have to complete between 2 and 5 activities, which they will be undertaking over the next few weeks.



Ear Guitars



Year 2 have been learning about sound and discovering that sound occurs when objects vibrate. Some of the children sorted musical instruments into categories: instruments we bang, pluck, blow or shake, and some children made 'ear guitars', where they stood apart and heard the sound when string was plucked. They discovered that, however we play a musical instrument, the sound is made by vibrations.

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World War I Trench

Year 6 are currently studying World War I and some of the children have been building a trench. They understood that digging a real trench – about 1 or 2 metres wide and 3 metres deep would have been a back-breaking task. The trenches would have been wet, muddy and smelly, and infested with rats and lice. Although there would have been camaraderie among the soldiers, they would have felt a very long way from home!



Remember This?

Do you remember us telling you about Mark Brownjohn bringing his boat, Wight Lightning, for the children to see? Well, we are delighted to report that Wight Lightning has made it! 37 days, 22 hours and 32 minutes after setting off from La Gomera, Wight Lightning crossed the finishing line of the 2017 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge in Antigua. Congratulations to Mark, Will, Dan and Roger on their epic crossing!



Home Learning

Home Learning tasks for years 1-5 are due in soon!

- Year 1: Time Travellers – 6 tasks by 20th February
- Year 2: People of the Past – 6 tasks by 19th February
- Year 3: Bright Sparks/How Humans Work – 5 tasks by 2nd February
- Year 4: Land, Sea and Sky – 4 tasks by 5th February
- Year 5: Making New Materials – 4 tasks by 6th February

We are really looking forward to seeing the work your children have been doing at home. Home Learning is a very important part of a child's education and can add much to a child's development. It is a great way to encourage children and parents to learn together and is a key example of cooperation between the school and the family.

International Weyfield

Ariadna and Danna, who are in Year 3, both speak Spanish. However, Ariadna is from Spain and Danna is from Ecuador, so their versions of Spanish are slightly different. Danna (and her sisters, who also came to Weyfield) has only been in the country for just over two years, so her English is still at fledgling stage, but Ariadna has been here for longer and joined Weyfield in Reception, when she spoke no English at all. She says she found it confusing at first and, sadly, felt sometimes that the other children were laughing at her when she didn't understand what was being said. Once she started picking up the language, she found that, initially, she could understand more than she could say, but that Mrs Ana Murray (a volunteer, who works with many of our children for whom English is not their first language) was a great help both in learning English and in giving her the confidence to speak.

Congratulations to Walnut Class, who have this week's highest attendance of **98.07%**. However, yet again, this week, the **overall attendance** of **92.9%** has fallen well short of our target of 96%. Should you have any concerns regarding attendance, please see Mrs Baldwin (Home School Link) as there are often issues which we can support with. Good attendance is essential to support learning and to ensure children have good relationships in school.