



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week of fun-filled, engaging learning opportunities and experiences all the children have had this week! On Wednesday this week, all children thoroughly enjoyed the immersive and imaginative **Coronation Workshops**, using drama, dance and singing. They have learned a lot more about the life of King Charles III, focusing on his years of work championing sustainability and setting up The Prince's Trust. Children learned how to become an eco-warrior, shared their ideas about charitability and the importance of helping others. Children had great fun acting out what happened in the Coronation Ceremony using improvisation and role play. Here are some photos and children's comments.



I discovered that the King was 74 years old. I liked it when I was the 'Bosy King' and I turned everyone into dinosaurs. – Hector G-J

I discovered that he had to wait 71 years until he was King. I learnt that he has lots of hobbies like Polo. I enjoyed the part when I played Prince William and told the King I would be his friend. - Wilfred

We were learning about King Charles III, I learnt that the King had to be kind, so that other people would be kind, people were copying the King. I enjoyed the part where we were playing the game where the King and Queen told us what to do.- Eshal

Yesterday afternoon we hosted the **7th Year 2 Inter-School Mighty Maths Competition** sponsored by Maidenhead Rotary Club. Each team of 3 pupils from 8 participating schools put their heads together and their mathematical skills to the test by answering some very challenging questions before getting the next set of questions. We were thrilled to be the Winning Team, Dorothy, Felix and Toby received Gold Winner Certificates and Book Vouchers presented by The Mayor, Cllr Bateson and Mr Grant Oliver, President of the Rotary Club. The school was also awarded a £50 Book Voucher as the Winning Team. Many congratulations to our amazing Year 2 Team, they have made us so proud. Thank you to Maidenhead Rotary Club for providing this platform and teachers and parents involved for their amazing support. Well done, everyone!



What have we been learning in school?

As part of their **Art** topic on **Landscaping**, children in **Nightingales Class** have been learning how to make a composition, experimenting with different media and materials to create texture. Children have made collages of the School and WSL Church linked to their Geography Topic on Local Area. They have to identify the key features of a landscape composition and consider where to put the horizon line. The children have used a range of materials to replicate the textures found in their local walk. They were also encouraged to use different tints, shades and hues to make the background. The children have enjoyed learning and applying the acquired knowledge and different skills.



During the week children have been given time to showcase their talents in front of their peers in their class. Each class has now voted the three best acts to perform in the whole school **'WSL Got Talent' Show** this afternoon. We are all looking forward seeing the final performances that children will bring to the stage! Thank you for your support! We will be featuring this event in next week's Newsletter.



Next week, we will continue focusing on the Value of **Celebrating Difference**. Children will be discussing the similarities and differences they have, how they celebrate diversity or how do they feel when celebrating diversity. Perhaps you can spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote: *'I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.'* — Martin Luther King Jr. American Civil Rights Leader (1929 - 1968) What might he mean?

Reminder

We are looking forward to seeing you at this fun packed event tomorrow. Please come along to support the school.

Family COLOUR RUN
Saturday 20th May 2023
2.00pm – 4.00pm Registration - Warm Up - Race
on the School Playing Field

It looks like it is going to be a glorious sunny day, so come and enjoy some music, refreshments and paint throwing with your friends! Remember to bring sunscreen and eyewear (sunglasses/goggles) to shield your eyes from the paint.

Waivers must be completed before running and will be available after school on Friday and on event day.

Tickets are still available on www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/

GROW A POUND CHALLENGE

£1s were handed out in book bags a few weeks ago and the children have until 6th June to get creative and see what they can raise!

Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 5 and 6 will be going on their residential trip next week. The weather in Osmington Bay for next week looks hot and sunny. Please can parents in Year 5 and 6 make sure that your child/ren have packed:

- ✚ A cap/hat
- ✚ Sun cream
- ✚ Lip Salve or Vaseline

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for demonstrating the School Values, following the School Golden Rules and going above and beyond with their learning throughout this week.

Owls	Reya Thakrar	Henry Mills
Nightingales	Forrest Dawe	Emily Creffield
Robins	All children for their hard work during SATs	
Skylarks	Tilly Maddox	Arthur Marshall-Pullin
	Florentina Harrison	
Red Kites	Theo Collin	Zak Hemmings
Kestrels	Cora Taylor	Harvey Mills

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	255	1221
Galileo (Green)	227	1110
Redgrave (Red)	231	1136
Yeats (Yellow)	268	1382

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats**. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! *Every day and every lesson counts!*

Class Attendance: 15-05-23 to 19-05-23

Owls 96.7% Skylarks 99.3%
Nightingales 96.7% Red Kites 95.4%
Robins 100% **Kestrels 100%**

Whole School 98.00%



Habit of the Month

In **May** children will be focusing on **being well organised and looking after their own belongings** e.g. their book bags, their PE kit and school uniform etc. These are all part of daily routines, please continue to support us and help all of our children form good habits. Thank you.

Bag2School Fundraiser

Together we collected **392kg** and raised **£196.00!** What an amazing amount! Thank you so much for your support.



Congratulations...



Many congratulations on Sofia's achievement in the Berkshire Athletic Championships. Sofia achieved first in Javelin!



Primary Assessments Dates

KS1 Year 2 SATs will take place throughout **May 2023**

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place in **w/c 12th June 2023**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will start in **w/c 6th June 2023**.

It is vital that the children are in school during these very important periods.

Year 6 Writing Assessment

Writing is assessed via moderation within the school, so we will still be compiling evidence to support each child's attainment and progress in this area.

LOOK OUT FOR RAFFLE TICKETS IN BOOKBAGS

The PTA will be collecting for the tombola at stop and drop on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June 2023 and would welcome donations of bottles, new/good condition pre-loved toys or any other prizes.

If you would like to get involved and help with the event then please get in touch (07484 766059).

Tickets available on www.wslsrevents.com

Junior Touch Rugby Maidenhead Rugby Club

May Half Term Camp – Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st

May from 9.30am to 3.00pm for children and young people aged 5 to 17! You can sign up for your children for coached development across a variety of technical skills and tactical game elements for touch rugby. Sessions also include lots of creative and problem-solving games to keep the children engaged and having fun throughout the day. Booking link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH2pSB4_GOyJo6flicASxHybCXZHPsvWsvSGtglisuZRAb9kVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions please get in touch with Sammie Phillips via www.in2touch.com or 07766 525 938

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 5 & 6

Saturday 20th May, 2.00-4.00pm - Family Colour Run in School Playing Field, tickets are still available on www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/

Friday 30th June 2023 - Sports Day Family Picnic with the wonderful Dali the Balloon Man!

Saturday 17th June 2023 - WSL Village Summer Festival, 4.00-11.00pm. there will be traditional stalls and games, Dog Show, Katy Kartwheel, Ray Bubbles, raffle, tea and cakes, bar, BBQ, Indian Street food, live music and dancing!

The event is organised by and profits split between the cricket club, church and school, so we hope to raise as much as possible for our local community. Tickets are available now on www.wslsrevents.com

Friday 7th July 2023 Class of 2023 Camp Out

The Lych Gate Magazine

As we have many families who live outside the village, to keep you up to date and possibly involved in any village events, The Lych Gate magazine provides an ideal source of information, **in addition, our children's work is regularly published in the magazine.** Copies are available at **£1.00** each. They are located on the window sill opposite the School Office with an 'Honesty Box' for the £1.00 charge per magazine or 50p for any old issues. All money will be used to cover the cost of printing.

Our mission is to provide inspiration and opportunities for all children to achieve their potential and become confident, independent individuals with key skills for lifelong learning

School Values: Truth Love Peace Responsibility Community

British Values: Democracy Rule of Law Respect Tolerance Individual Liberty

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Head Teacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Head Teacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mr David Hooper (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 5 (29 days)

May	Fri 19 th	WSL Talent Show in School for children only	1.15pm
	Sat 20 th	PTA Colour Run in School Playing Field	2.00-4.00pm
	22 nd - 26 th	Year 5 & 6 PGL Osmington Bay Residential Trip	
	Fri 26 th	End of Pupil Term	

May Holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Term 6 (35 days)

June	Mon 5 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 6 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Mon 12 th	Class Group and Whole School Photography	9.00am
	Tues 13 th	Peter Pan Drama Performance Workshop for EYFS and KS1	10.30-12.00pm
	12 th – 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
	Sat 17 th	Village Summer Festival	4.00-11.00pm
	Wed 14 th	Nightingales Class Trip to Waltham Place – detail to follow	All day
	Fri 16 th	Robins Class Trip to Waltham Place – detail to follow	All day
	Thurs 29 th	Whole School Trip to Hampton Court Palace	All day
	Fri 30 th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic	
July	Fri 7 th	Annual Report to parents	
	Fri 7 th	PTA Camp Out	5.00pm
	Mon 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Dress Rehearsal	1.15pm
	w/c 11 th	Transition Week	
	Tues 11 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	1.15pm
	Wed 12 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	6.00pm
	Thurs 13 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	6.00pm
	Mon 17 th	Open Evening for parents to view children's work – detail to follow	3.00-5.00pm
	w/c Mon 17 th	Culture Diversity Week – details to follow	
	Fri 21 st	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

The Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1 (35 days)

September	Mon 4 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 5 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Wed 6 th	Start of Pupil Term	
October	Fri 20 th	End of Pupil Term	

October Holiday: Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2 1 (35 days)

October	Mon 30 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 31 st	Start of Pupil Term	
December	Fri 15 th	End of Pupil Term	

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December 2023 to Monday 2nd January 2024

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Please note that Staff Inset Days are subject to change.

Dates /times added/changed will be highlighted

All dates to the end of the year can also be found on the school website www.wslprimary.org

Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website last & this week:

School Census Day Menu Swap Information to all

Coronation Drama Workshop Payment Reminder to all

Lost Property Information -Car Keys to all

Bag2School Reminder to all