



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

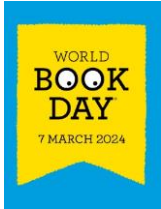
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Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another eventful and successful week we have had here at WSL! I cannot describe the magic that was in the air in school during the World Book Day and Book Events this week. To commemorate the World Book Day, we were delighted to have author Kate Cummingham on Monday, who led two brilliant workshops for both KS1 and KS2. Kate not only talked about the fascinating research behind her stories but also shared some historical facts and information related to the topic of her books. All the children were fully engaged and enthused by acting out parts of *The Great Fire of London* and *The Mary Rose*. The children enjoyed meeting the characters, Baxon and Vlad and asking a lot of interesting questions about being an author and the process of bringing her books to life. Kate personally handed out the signed copies of her books to those who had pre-ordered them, creating lasting memories by having photographs with the children. Her visit has indeed sparked inspiration among the children, leaving them with aspirations to pursue a future as authors themselves. You can find detailed information about the books on the Reading Riddle website: www.readingriddle.co.uk



Here are some of the children's comments:

As a class, we all really enjoyed meeting Kate and learning about editing. We all loved the books and looking at the illustrations. It was exciting. - Skylarks Class
It was really fun and I liked joining in. The story was exciting and adventurous. -Imogen
I enjoyed the book and liked meeting Kate. She was kind and fun to listen to. -Hermione
It was really interesting to listen to as I want to be a writer. It is quality not quantity. -Lowry
It was interesting to learn about how many times she had to rewrite the book and the steps to publish the book. -Florentina
I really enjoyed learning about the French and the English and why they were fighting. I want to learn more now about what started the war. -Ethan

I liked the rat puppet and his flee Vlad, he was funny – Maisie
I liked Boxton the rat because he ran a lot. I liked passing the bucket of water to put the fire out – Ridley
I liked how they put so much detail in the books. It took 17 times to write the book 'The Great Fire of London' – Oliver
I thought it was amazing! She bought puppets and dressed up, she used great expression- Isabella TH

I learnt that it is hard to be an author and you have to re write it 17 times, I enjoyed learning about the author, her son! Because I draw like him too! I go over it in black ink. Vlad was funny – Satori-Eve
I thought that the author was very inspiring. Her book was very interesting and you could tell that she put so much effort into it because she wrote it 17 time!! It was an amazing story because it is fun and it also gives you facts at the same time! She made the story extra fun by adding movements like sneaking and swaying – Ava W



Yesterday on the World Book Day, our school playground transformed into a lively hub of library exchange as children eagerly participated in our **Book Swap** event. Bursting with enthusiasm, children gathered in small groups, swapping their favourite stories with their friends. It was wonderful to see a range of colourful book covers and titles, showcasing diverse tastes of our children. We hope this event has once again ignited a love of reading and passion for storytelling.



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

Today all the children came into school in their pajamas or onsies to further promote bedtime reading and a love of reading. It was impressive to see how much effort had been made by the children and staff! Thank you so much for your support.



On Tuesday and Thursday this week, we welcomed parents from **Robins and Kestrels** to **Open Sessions** with a specific focus on Writing. We hope you found these open sessions informative and useful, seeing how teachers use **Talk for Writing** approach to teach and develop children's writing skills at WSL, how children magpie ideas from the author or one another to write their own versions. We hope you can now apply some of the strategies demonstrated in lessons to support your child's reading and writing at home. Remember **every good writer must first be a great reader. It is impossible to be one without the other.** We would love to hear your feedback to help us improve further and work together to help the children to become better writers.



Thank you
Mr Errington's energy levels are so impressive – Mrs McIntosh

Thank you for an informative and captivating English session. Fantastic to see how the children are taught with such passion for the topic by Mr Errington. It was inspiring to see the creative and imaginative ways that the children approach their writing – novelists in the making. – Fi Edwards

Reminder:



Movie Night Arrangements: Movie Night will take place straight after school today at 3.30pm. At 5.30pm, all the children will line up on the playground as usual, they will be dismissed then and collected by their parents.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **Thank You** to the PTA for organising this wonderful event as part of the World Book Day celebrations. The thoughtful selection of the movie 'Wonka' will add a special touch to the book week. It will be truly a magical experience for our children. **THANK YOU.**



Upcoming Events:



Nightingale Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday **13th March at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Children will be sharing what they have been learning during Term 3 and 4. Family and friends of children in Robins Class are welcome to join us.



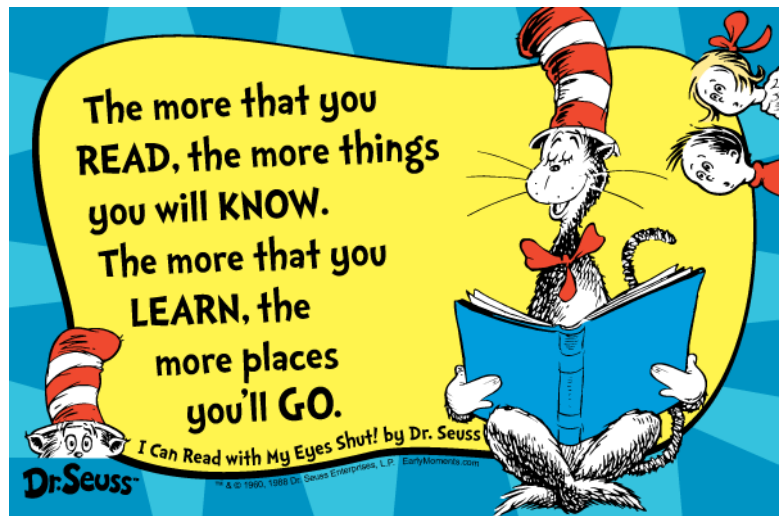
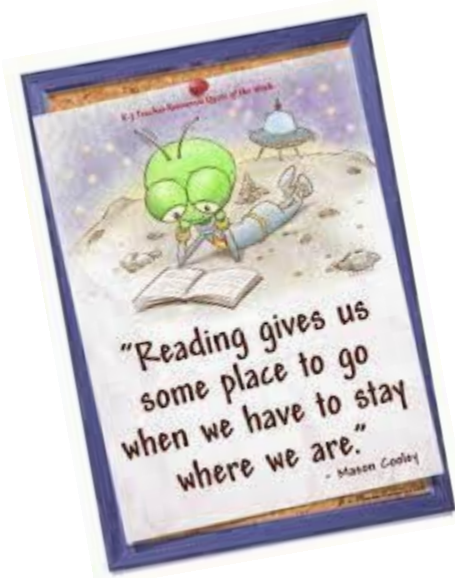
The Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents will be held on **Friday 15th March at 2.30pm in Nightingales Classroom.**



Next week we will be focusing on **Gratitude** and children will explore the meaning of the word and discuss 'How do you show you are thankful for small things or express your gratitude to people around you? Perhaps you could discuss this with your children. Here is a quote *'Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.'* -William Arthur Ward, American Writer (1921 - 1994). What might this quote mean?

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	Amber Hassell	Sebastian Whitehead
Nightingales	William Johnson	Dolly Palmer
Robins	Isabella Webb	Bailey Holdaway
Skylarks	Lowery Jahanshahi	Isabella Ogilvie-Small
Red Kites	Maya Bakshi	Charlotte Lacey
Kestrels	Cara McIntosh	Ethan Barry

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	307	2232
Galileo (Green)	305	2398
Redgrave (Red)	358	2260
Yeats (Yellow)	383	2509

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: 04-03-24 to 08-03-24

Owls 95.5%	Skylarks 97.1%
Nightingales 90.8%	Red Kites 96.6%
Robins 94.3%	Kestrels 96.3%
Whole School 95.4%	



Habit of the Month

In **March** children will focus on **Only My Best Will Do - Being an active learner and going extra mile with their own learning**. Children are expected to be always actively involved in their learning in class as well as at home, giving their all and staying focused at all times. Please continue to support us and help all of our children form good habits. Thank you.

Thank You!

We would like to thank many parents for purchasing and sending in many items from our School's Amazon Wish List. Your generosity is much appreciated by us all.



Amazon Wish List

We regularly update our **Amazon Wish List** and would appreciate your continued support. If you would like to purchase something for the school, please click the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZQ?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your continued assistance and generosity.

Mother's Day Events in WSL Church

Mothers Remembered Teas will take place on Saturday 9th March in the Neville Hall from 2.45 to 4.15pm.

Mother's Day Service will be held on Sunday 10th March in WSL Parish Church at 10am.

Children in school have learned a song called 'Don't Forget to Tell Your Mum'. Children are welcome to attend the above events and join in the singing with the Junior Choir.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting

The Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents will be held on **Friday 15th March at 2.30pm in Nightingales Classroom.**

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 19th March** for KS2 classes, **Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March** for all classes. The online booking system will be used and will go live on 11th March for you to reserve your slot(s). Look out for the emails.

Labelling All Items!

Please make sure **every item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name**. Every day we have a significant amount of lost property, **none of which is named**, which makes it very difficult for us to find out who it belongs to. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PTA Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 27th March 2024** Easter Hat Parade
- **Friday 14th May 2024** Father's Day Craft Activity
- **Saturday 15th June 2024** Village Summer Festival
- **Friday 19th July 2024** Class of 2024 Camp Out

Alexander Devine's Big Chick Knit Campaign

Please support our children's hospice service and make a huge difference to local children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions this Spring. Knitted chicks and bunnies, each with a chocolate egg inside are available to buy online. Please click the link here:

[The Big Chick Knit | Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service](#)

Consultation on SEND Provision in RBWM

RBWM consultation on new SEND provision in the Royal Borough is now live, please click the link below:

[Consultation on new SEN provision in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead](#)

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is consulting local pupils, parents and community groups on proposals to add new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can find out more about the proposals and give your views [here](#). **The consultation will be open until midday on Friday 26th April 2024.**

A Vacancy for After School CARE Club Assistant

We are currently recruiting for an After School CARE Club Assistant, starting 15th April 2024, Monday to Thursday 3.10pm-6.00pm. If you know anyone who may be interested in this job, please contact the School Office.

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 from the school. They are located on the window sill opposite the School Office with a 'Honesty Box' for the £1.00 charge per magazine or

50p for any old issues. All the 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

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

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Headteacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Harmit Kaur Thiara (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 4 (29 days)

March	23/02 to 8/03	Maidenhead Big Read Events	
	Fri 8 th	PTA Movie Night as part of book Day Celebration	3.10-5.30pm
	Wed 13 th	Nightingales Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Wed 13 th	Road Safety Show for Year 3/4	1.15pm
	Fri 15 th	Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting for Parents in Nightingales	2.30pm
	Tues 19 th	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Wed 20 th	Owls Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Wed 20 th	Parents Evening for All Classes	5.00-7.00pm
	Thurs 21 st	Parents Evenings for All Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Sat 23 rd	PTA Inter Netball Tournament	1.30-6.00pm
	Wed 27 th	PTA Easter Fundraiser and School Easter Egg Hunt	
	Thurs 28 th	Owls Fundraiser	1.00pm
		End of Pupil Term	1.00pm
	Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 Spring Holiday		
	(Good Friday is 29th March 2024 and Easter Monday is 1st April 2024)		

Term 5 (29 days)

April	Mon 15 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Wed 24 th	Owls Class Assembly	2.30pm
May	Fri 3 rd	Writing Workshop /Open Session for Parents in Owls	2.30pm
	Fri 3 rd	Skylarks Cake Sale	3.10pm
	Mon 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday	
	Wed 8 th	Health Check for EYFS in School	9.15am
	13 th -16 th	KS2 SATs	
	Thurs 16 th	Summer Census Day	
	Wed 22 nd	It's Your Move for Year 6 – Transition Talk in school	1.15pm
	Thurs 23 rd	Road Safety Show for Year 5	2.00pm
	Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term	
	May Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024		

Term 6 (39 days)

June	Mon 3 rd	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 4 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Fri 14 th	PTA Father's Day Craft Activity in School – Details to follow	
	Sat 15 th	Village Summer Festival	
	Fri 28 th	Sports Day – Details to follow	1.00-3.10pm
July	Thurs 25 th	End of Pupil Term	
	Summer Holiday: Friday 26th July 2024 – Friday 30th August 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:

Spelling Homework to Nightingales	FSM Vouchers Information to relevant Family
World Book Day Reminder to all	FUEL Easter Programme to relevant Family
School Offers Reminder to Year 6	Book Swap Reminder to all
Parents Evenings Letter to all	Lunch Order Reminder to relevant Parents
Barracudas Activity Day Camps Leaflet to all	