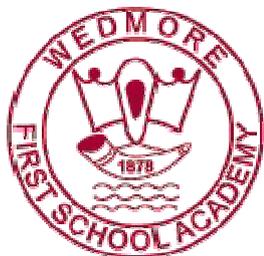


Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Worker of the Week

Fox	Joseph
Rabbit	Maia
Hedgehog	Gavin
Skylark	Barney
Owl	Leo

Citizenship Award

Fox	Ruby, William, Emily
Rabbit	Amber, Violet, Will
Hedgehog	Annie, George, Lily, Harrison
Skylark	Grace D, Scarlett, Freddie
Owl	Katy, Fergus, Louie, Josh, Charlie D, Chloe, Harry

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 27 November
- ◆ Year 4 Kilve Information Session – Tuesday 27 November 3.30pm

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ William for his school trip recount;
- ◆ Ollie for his headline writing;
- ◆ Leo, Josh, Alice, Ted, Emilia, Maddie, Katy, Becca and Louie for their Pudsey Maths;
- ◆ Will, George, Johnny, Aiden, Louie, Maddie, Kai, Ted, Harry and Sammy for their Parliament debate;
- ◆ Laurence for playing Happy Birthday on the guitar for Ms Zielinski
- ◆ Poppy, Ellie and Ted for winning medals at Cross Country Festival
- ◆ Ms Zielinski for her fantastic organization and preparation work for this weeks Maths 'Blink' visit by Wessex Learning Trust heads and maths coordinators;
- ◆ Mr Wookey for sending lots of photos and news items for the website.

All the staff and children would like to wish Ms Nanette Zielinski and her partner Stuart, good luck as they will be getting married on Saturday. We look forward to celebrating with them and welcoming her back on Tuesday as Mrs Gould.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children In Need last week. The school and nursery raised a huge amount of £470.67, exceeding last year's total. A special well done to all the nursery parents who raised over £130!

The children took all the money donated outside and laid it on the daily mile track and the coins covered almost half of the course. Thank you to the PTA representatives for running the Ice Cream stall after school, it went down very well with the children!



PTA Xmas Craft Fair

We look forward to welcoming you to the PTA Christmas Craft fair this evening from 5.30pm in the main school.

Thank you as ever to the PTA team for all their work in making this event happen. Without their dedication our children would not have some of the fabulous resources available for them to use in school.

Extreme Weather Conditions Contacts

We are updating our Extreme Weather Conditions and Emergency Procedures at WFSA. In the case of the school closing, we rely on a few parent volunteers willing to act as emergency information officers to provide updates to parents in their local areas. We need one contact for Burnham and Highbridge. If you feel you could help with this vital role please speak to Linda in the school office.

KS1 trip to 'We the Curious'

On Tuesday 13th November, Rabbit Class and Fox Class enjoyed a day out at 'We the Curious' in Bristol. The first half of the morning was spent being space explorers in the planetarium. The children learnt about the planets, star formations, galaxies and lots more to do with space. The rest of the day was spent exploring the different floors and being wowed by their discoveries. A big thank you goes to our parent helpers as the trip would not have been possible with them. A great day was had by all.

Cross Country at Hugh Sexey Middle School

A massive well done to all those KS2 children who ran their socks off at the Cross Country event at HSMS tonight. Our team of seventeen runners did themselves proud finishing in second place in the team trophy award. There were a number of outstanding performances from Alice and Leo who finished 5th; Charlie, fourth; Ted and Poppy coming in third place; and a fantastic first place for Ellie in the Y4 girls race. Congratulations to all those who completed the course, especially our first time runners. We are immensely proud of you.

KS2 learn about Parliament

KS2 had a visit from Tom Williams representing UK Parliament. He spoke to the children about elections, members of Parliament and democracy. He then hosted a debating session with the Y4s who talked over such diverse subjects as increasing the cost of plastic bags to longer school holidays! Tom commented on the good speaking and listening skills of the children and the passion and strength of their arguments. Well done to all our future MPs and all those involved.

Remembrance Service

On Monday 12th November the school marked the Centenary year of WW1 finishing with a unique service at St Mary's Church. The school had never previously done a Remembrance service but it turned out to be a very memorable occasion. Each class performed a poem or special piece as well as joining in with various songs. This included the Singing and Ukulele club accompanying a World War song medley. The children also got to take part in placing a poppy wreath on the memorial outside the church. The service was incredibly moving and many of the parents and grandparents commented on how powerful it was. A huge thank you to the children and adults who supported such an important occasion.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Following the recent Parent Governor election, we are very pleased to announce that Ms M Cullum will be joining the Board of Governors

Admissions – September 2019

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2019 has begun and the website is now live for parent's/carers.

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is 15th January 2019 and the national offer day is 16th April 2019.

In previous years the Admissions and Entitlements Team have written to every parent/carer of children due to start or transfer school explaining how to apply. Due to budgetary constraints they are no longer doing this and information can be found on the website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions.

After School Club Festive Fridays!

Have you got lots of preparations to do for Christmas? Give yourself some extra time and book the children into After School Club Festive Fridays!

Taking place on 30 November, 7, 14 & 21 December. £40 per child for the four weeks which includes and ongoing craft activity, Purrfect Pottery workshop, Christmas baking, snacks and treats (extra cost of up to £10 to purchase a piece of pottery to paint... a perfect Christmas gift!).

To book a place please email wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com.

Lion King Show

We have received an enquiry from Catcott School who are producing a Lion King show and they have approached us to see if we have any costumes that they can borrow from our show last year. If you have a costume that you would be happy to loan to Catcott School please speak to Mr Wookey. Thank you.