

Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTA Mufti Day
20 October
- ◆ Half Term
23-27 October

Worker of the Week

Robin	Alex
Fox	George
Rabbit	Barney
Hedgehog	Ashley
Skylark	Layla
Owl	Evie

Citizenship Award

Robin	Imogen, Reuben
Fox	Scarlett, Ted
Rabbit	Toby, Oli
Hedgehog	Chloe S, Bran
Skylark	Ellie
Owl	Reuben, Daisy, Rohan

Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Riley, Layla, Penny and Ted for their legend stories;
- ◆ Izzak, Hebe, Evelyn, Sam and Alexa for their writing about the Quarry trip;
- ◆ Mrs Jones for sorting out the bus crisis so KS2 could still go on their trip;
- ◆ Alfie for his maths;
- ◆ Audrey for her letter sounds;
- ◆ Phoebe, Gigi, Noah, Erin-Mai, Grace, Tia, Poppy, Breu, Grace, Akira and Annie for their maths work;
- ◆ Annabel for her mental arithmetic;
- ◆ Amber and Mimi for their column addition;
- ◆ Charlie and Thomas for their maths work;
- ◆ George for his phonics progress;
- ◆ Marnie, Rory, Oscar, Bran, Evie and Jett for their RE work;
- ◆ Ashley for his dragon story writing.

Harvest Services

It was great to see so many of you join us at Wedmore Church last week to enjoy our Y1-4 Harvest celebration. The children sang and performed beautifully and it was especially lovely to see Skylark Y3s and Y4s playing their ukuleles alongside Robin Y1s singing. Owl class shared some thought provoking facts and statistics and left us with a very clear message, 'We need to live more simply so that others can simply live.' We collected over £70 to send for the final time to support Joyce and friends in Tanzania as well as a large box of food items which have been taken to Cheddar Food Bank. Thank you again for your support.

Yesterday saw our youngest members of school put on a short Harvest performance for their families. The Nursery children in Duck Class joined together with the Reception children from Squirrel and Robin classes to sing several harvest songs and tell the story of The Little Red Hen. Congratulations to every one for doing so well!

Farewell for now.....

Mrs Wilson will be starting her maternity leave after half term. We wish her all the best for the final weeks of her pregnancy and look forward to hearing her baby news in December. She is looking forward to spending some quality time with her husband and daughter before the new arrival makes an appearance and three become four!

We are pleased to say that Miss Low is able to work full time after half term, ensuring continuity for Hedgehog Class. She is looking forward to working with the children more and helping them continue in their learning journeys.

School Layby

Please do not park in the layby at the front of the school when dropping off at the start of the day or collecting your children at the end of the day, even if you are late! It is important that we keep the layby clear for the school transport coaches to access safely and for the safety of your children.

TAG Rugby Festival at HSMS

The new sporting year started as the old one finished, with a win for Wedmore First School Academy. The KS2 squad of girls and boys carried off the TAG rugby trophy for the fourth consecutive year. The team won all their matches against Mark, Axbridge, Lympsham, Weare and a Hugh Sexey Y5 team. Congratulations to all those involved, and to all those who came to support our players.

PTA Curry and Quiz Night

This new event has proven to be a popular one with over 130 tickets sold for tonight's event. Who will be the worthy winning team? Only time will tell, there seems to be a competitive spirit in the air this week! Thank you to everyone who is coming along and taking part and to Table 8 for providing the curry to keep the brain power going all evening! A huge thank you to Steve and Emma Andrews for making up the quiz and to everyone else involved in helping out with this new fundraising event.

Project Fundraising

Wedmore First School Academy is seeking to improve 'Duck Class' Nursery facilities, in order to enhance the outdoor element of an Early Years experience. A group is therefore being established to seek out grants available and apply for funding.

It would also be the intention of this group of parents and volunteers to work towards accessing grants and funding for improvements to facilities and resources required across the entire school. This would be separate from the PTA, who run events to raise money to enhance educational experiences and provide opportunities for parents to socialise.

If you have some experience of Grant/funding applications, or just a willingness to get involved and volunteer some of your time, please contact Liz Power, via email: lizziewinborn@yahoo.co.uk

Additionally, do you own or work for a business that would be interested in sponsoring projects? This could be either be via a financial donation or equipment supplies for specific project. Again, if you can help, please contact Liz Power.

School Cake Sale

Calling all cake bakers and cake buyers!! There will be a school cake sale on Friday 20th October after school. Therefore we need cakes, biscuits, homemade or bought to sell on the stall. This is a lovely event that the children love and of course every penny goes back into the school. So get your baking trays out!

Parents' Evenings

Parent consultation evenings will be taking place soon after half term on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. Do remember to pop in and sign up for a convenient time to meet with your child's teacher. Appointment sheets will be available in the Learning Zone from Wednesday 1st November.

Mufti Day - Friday 20th October

Don't forget: the school is having a Mufti Day on Friday 20th October, when we break up for half term. We are asking for a donation of a bottle for this event, if possible. The bottles will be used on the tombola at the Christmas Craft Fair on November 24th, where we kick off the festive season and raise money for important school resources - all bottle donations are gratefully received. Can all bottles please be placed in the boxes, in the under cover area between reception and the gate to the playground (under the Robin Class window) on Friday morning.

PE Kit

With the weather now turning cooler please can you ensure that your child has warmer items of PE kit, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers. These items need to be in school on a Wednesday but do not need to be left in school.

Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind parents/carers that your child's snack should be a healthy snack. This can be a small savoury sandwich, rice crackers or a piece of fruit or vegetable. The school and nursery are 'nut free' zones as we have children with severe allergies. In line with the school's commitment to promote a healthy diet we do not allow cakes, biscuits or sugary snacks.

KS2 Trip to Callow Rock Quarry

After an unplanned delay to the day, KS2 got up close and personal with some incredible machinery at Callow Rock Quarry in Shipham on Monday 2 October. The visit tied in with their 'Rocks and Soils' science topic, and our guide for the day answered the children's questions and told us all about the process of extracting the estimated 42 million tons of limestone held in the quarry. The children spent the afternoon doing follow up work on the stages of quarrying and a great discussion about the pros and cons of limestone extraction in the Mendips.