Westbury-on-Severn C of E Primary School Newsletter



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A small school, dreaming big Thursday 11th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school is SATs week. SATS are the assessments all Year 6 children across the UK sit at the same time. There are papers assessing Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Maths and they are all marked by an external assessor. Writing is teacher assessed. I have been very impressed by the calm, confident attitude of the Year 6s this week in their approach to the papers. Thank you to Mrs Down, our Co-Chair of Governors who came in to support us. It's clear the big hit with the Year 6s this week was having breakfast in the hall at 8.15! Work is continuing over the May/June half term on the cemetery/school field- they will be erecting a fence and preparing our new school field. I have been told that this will be ready for Sports Day, fingers crossed.

Anna-Mai Armstrong Headteacher

Christian Values Our Value this term is SERVICE

We talked this week in Worship about the "Service" we bring to our home- do we help with the washing up? Who does all the housework? Do we bring our values of Kindness and Respect home with us? The children reflected on what "service" they can bring to their household. Do let us know if you have been pleasantly surprised by any random acts of kindness or an extra cup of tea- I hope so!

In *Friday Celebration Assembly* we are now celebrating any achievements pupils do out of school- swimming, gymnastics, football, cheerleading etc. Medals, certificates etc. can be brought in on a Friday to be shared with the whole school if your child would like to.

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CLASS NEWS

The children have been using their senses and exploring lots of different fruits and vegetables and making lots of lovely artwork with them. They have also been learning the words to our new song 'months of the year'.



WILLOW

CHESTNUTS

In Science, Willow class has been investigating which material would be the strongest for the Three Little Pigs' house. The children built houses from sugar cubes, cardboard and Lego and we tested them with a hairdryer (the wolf). Then, the children wrote a letter to

the Three Little Pigs' explaining that the plastic was the strongest material. This week, the children are testing three different materials to see which one is the most waterproof for the Three Little Pigs' roof! In PSHE, we have been learning about being safe online and how we need to be hygienic and why. In Literacy, the children wrote the story of the Three Little Pigs'. We are looking at Jack and the Beanstalk, this week and the children have been retelling the story and making a Wanted poster. In PE the children have started learning Gymnastics.



SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class have begun writing diary entries, after learning about Samuel Pepys, and are applying the skills we have learnt over the last two weeks. In Maths, the children

have been learning about measurement, multiplying and dividing. During Science, we have been looking at the features of everyday materials, whilst in music we have learnt about dynamics and pitch. We enjoyed a wonderful coronation tea party last Friday and learnt about the significant moments of the coronation. In RE, we have been studying the story of Noah and the Ark.



OAK

Oak class have started applying their persuasive skills in writing an advert for our Indian hotels. In Maths the Year 4s have been continuing their great work in place value, Year 5s fraction and percentages and, before SATs, the Year 6s had started the much anticipated algebra! In Music we've learnt about Tukda rhythms and traditional Indian music, in Geography, topography and we've carried out investigations in Science into the strength of different types of rocks.



Attendance update

School Target - 96%

Whole School Sept 2022- May 2023= 93.7%

Governors 200 Club

Below are the winners for the April 23 (last draw of the current members):

1st Prize - Anna Cox 2nd Prize - Frances Down 3rd Prize - Cindy Green 4th Prize - Simon Phelps Jackpot - Unsold

In memory of Phil

The staff here at school are doing a sponsored walk, from Westbury to Hartpury, in memory of Phil Woodman.

Phil was a much loved member of our Westbury family, as well as an ex pupil and he taught at Hartpury College for many years. If you would like to sponsor us in raising money for the Stroke Association, please follow the link:

<u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walkforphil?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=f</u> <u>undraising&utm_content=walkforphil&utm_campaign=pfp-</u> <u>share&utm_term=0451c89c9bcc4075840860769d763b3d</u>.

Thank you

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