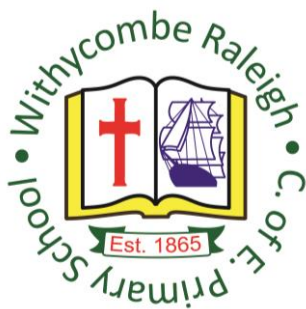


Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



Date: 29/9/23

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News from your Headteacher

I hope that you have all had a good week and that you have some lovely things planned for the weekend. It was great to see so many parents at our Little Wandle Information sessions on Wednesday. We are really pleased with how the scheme is being implemented in school but it is going to take us a little while to get to grips with all the aspects of the scheme to embed it fully. I am confident that the scheme is going to have a very positive effect on children's phonics and reading provision across the school. Thank you to our Reading Leads, Mrs Parker and Mrs Hooper for all their hard work getting the scheme up and running. If you want to find out more about our new Early Reading and Phonics scheme, there is a wealth of information online:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

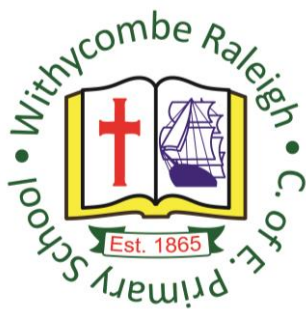
I was so pleased to accompany a group of our KS2 children to the Exmouth Schools Cross Country Competition on Monday. This is a big event in the schools' sporting calendar and always well attended with the majority of Exmouth schools participating. There were four races; Year 3 & 4 Girls, Year 3 & 4 Boys, Year 5 & 6 Girls, Year 5 & 6 Boys. The pupils raced with such passion and determination, being cheered on by their friends, staff and parents. It was a great community feel! Well done to everyone that took part. Special congratulations to Callum Wright who was placed first in the Year5/6 boys' race; Emelia Curtis who placed first in the Y3/4 Girls' race and Joe Northway who was second in the Y3/4 Boys' race. Our combined Y3/4 team won the team event with Y3/4 boys, 3/4 girls and 5/6 boys teams all progressing to the East Devon finals in February. We are fortunate in Exmouth to have a regular Park Run and Junior Park Run in the town. If your child enjoys running then please go along to the Junior Parkrun in Phear Park which takes place every Sunday at 9am.



Across our school we have some very talented and keen writers who may wish to enter this year's 500 Words story writing competition. 500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday 10 November.

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Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Submissions are now open for the competition. Please click here to [sign-up](#) to submit your story. Please note **all stories must be typed and submitted by an adult.**

Contact us

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 263397. The class email addresses are listed below for your information.

Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs. E Jones

Upcoming Events

Friday 13th October

Just one tree - Mufti day

Friday 13th October

PTFA Disco

Tuesday 17th October 3:30-6:00

Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October 3:30-6:00

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23rd-27th October

Half Term

Term dates can be found at: <https://www.wrpschool.org/faqs>

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Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about Harvest. On Thursday we all visited the church for our Harvest Festival services. Each service consisted of some readings, prayers and lots of lovely singing.



Top Tips for Wellbeing

Building Inner Confidence to Cope with Change.

Many children settle into the new school year quickly and easily. It is normal, however, for some to need more time, support and encouragement to cope with new changes.

Here are some ideas for parents to help their children continue to build inner confidence; this in turn will help resilience for coping with change.

- **Help your child recognise their strengths** - swimming? maths? heading a ball? kind? funny? a good listener to friends? Write them down.
- **Find ways to relax** - read, write, listen to music, draw, play with toys, watch a movie, do some calm breathing.
- **Do something together they enjoy doing** - create and bake; build with lego; read; draw; watch TV.
- **Talk about feelings** - we know that is not always easy to do; so why not try drawing or writing about them.
- **Keep well in the body** - 'eat the rainbow!' - try different coloured fruits and veg; drink water; be active and exercise.
- **Keep well in the mind** - read books; do a wordsearch; play a strategy game.
- **Stay connected with others and help others** - write a postcard to a far-away relative; help clear up the dishes at teatime!
- **Help make a list of things they are proud of themselves for** - maybe something they have achieved, no matter how small, or a time they helped another

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Sports & Achievements

We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email enquiries@wrpschool.org with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavour to include as many of your photos as possible each week.



This week's stars:

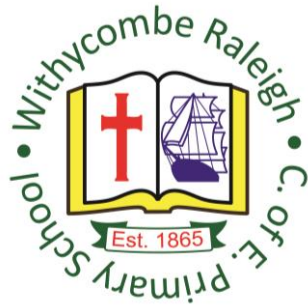
Congratulations to Reuben in Kingfisher class. Reuben was awarded Coaches player of the year from Exmouth Cricket Club

Cowyn (Year 6) moved to stage 6 in swimming lessons.

Olivia (Year 4) received Player of the Week in her rugby session with Exmouth Rugby Club U9s on Sunday

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KS2 were asked to design a dragon to represent our KS2 Houses: Fire Dragons, Sun Dragons, Sea Dragons, Forest Dragons.

Congratulations to our Dragon Art Competition Winners whose art will be on display in the main corridor.

Congratulations to our
new Year 6 House
Captains.

