

Weekly School News Roundup

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News from your Headteacher



It has been a very challenging week this week with lots of poorly children and staff. We currently have two very nasty bugs doing the rounds; a horrible cough that lasts for ages and Norovirus. We are monitoring the numbers of cases of Norovirus we have and liaising with the public health team for advice. You will have received a letter with guidance about what we can all do to prevent infection spreading.

In school we've responded by ensuring that children wash their hands regularly (all toilet facilities have soap and hot water); our cleaning team are disinfecting high contact areas such as door handles and light switches throughout the day; classes have removed soft toys and messy play until further notice and toys are disinfected after use. We urge families to ensure that children remain at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting to help prevent further cases.

Parents Evenings

You should have received a communication from our school office this week offering you the opportunity to book a Parents' Evening appointment week commencing 5th February. Please note that although bookings are done virtually, meetings are face to face in your child's classroom. This is a chance for you to discuss your child's progress since the start of the year and to find out more about the aspects of school that they enjoy. We will also share with you some examples of children's learning and discuss targets to help them progress further.

If your child has an Individual Education Plan, this will be shared with you at this meeting. Appointments last 10 minutes. In order that the appointments run on time, please help us to stick to timings as much as possible. If you have a more detailed issue you wish to discuss, please make an appointment with your child's teacher at another time.

Collective Worship



This week in Collective Worship our theme has been our value Agapé. This value is central to our vision 'Growing Happy Caring Hearts and Minds'. Children were able to discuss what Agapé means and can identify how they can show love both at home and school.

*In Christianity, Agapé is "the highest form of love".
Agapé is a giving love, entirely unselfish.*

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Withy's Wild Tribe!

It's been a chilly and wet week but the children haven't seemed to notice! As the cold spell continues, please consider sending your child with gloves and a hat as well as their coat. As you know, we try to get children outside for their learning in addition to their normal break times. Our 'Wild Tribe' area is used come rain or shine and this is an aspect of the timetable that children really enjoy.



As an accredited Wild Tribe School, we're very excited to be involved with 'The Wild Tribe Bronze Award' created by Arena Schools.

This is an optional award that should be completed at home and school. The aim of this award is for children to learn, try new experiences, have fun, build self-confidence, be resilient, work with and help others to appreciate nature through a series of tasks and challenges. Some are quite easy and straightforward, others will require determination, resilience, courage and perseverance. The award is divided into 3 levels, Bronze Silver and Gold and within each level there are 4 strands:

- **Health and Wellbeing** – to enable children to be happy, safe and healthy.
- **Volunteering and Leading** – to develop a sense of personal power and to understand how volunteering can help others in our school and community.
- **Life Skills** – skills that are needed throughout life such as riding a bike, lighting a fire, cooking.
- **Respecting and Enjoying the Natural Environment** - learning how to appreciate nature and all that it offers.

For further information about the award, please contact Mrs B Rhodes (Year 6 Teacher)

Lastly – please would dog owners who walk their dogs at school drop-off and pick-up be vigilant about picking up their **dog's poo** near the school (dog owners should be doing this anyway) as we have had complaints. Thank you!

Have a great weekend, Mrs. E Jones



Contact us:

You can email your child's teacher using the class email account, which you can find on the school website under your Year Group page (linked from Home Connect). Please be aware that teachers don't have the opportunity to check these emails during the school day, so if you have an urgent message please telephone the school office on 01395 263397. Our main office email account is: admin@wrpschool.org

Our hard-working office staff are occasionally subjected to abusive comments or behaviour while they're trying to assist parents/carers, which is clearly unacceptable. We don't expect it of our children • You don't expect it of our staff • Please be kind.

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Safeguarding



This week's National Online Safety poster is about MYLOL – a dating and networking site aimed at 13-19 year olds, but with no reliable age verification to ensure younger children aren't using it. This is no longer available to download on the app store, but it's still a live site.

Please see the NOS poster (shared on the website Online Safety page) to understand the issues with MYLOL and similar sites.



Wellbeing Update

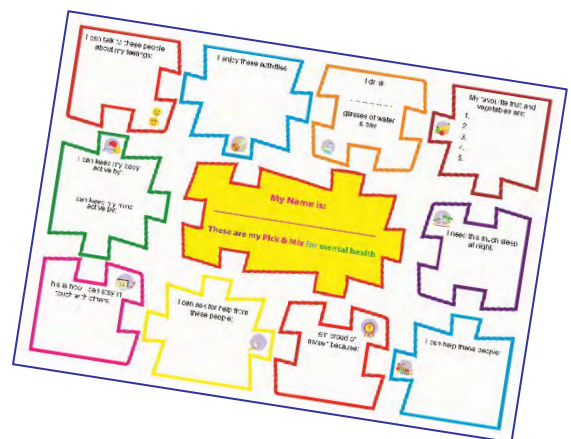


In school we regularly revisit our Pick & Mix for Mental Health initiative. This features 10 self-care ideas which you and your children can pick and mix from each day to support your overall mental health. The idea is that small daily reminders can help us to take care of ourselves – from drinking enough water, to talking about our feelings, and reminding us to be proud of ourselves.

We have posters around the school with the 'jigsaw pieces' graphics explaining how all the pieces can fit together to create a mentally healthy lifestyle. This has also been shared as a video on the wellbeing page of the school website.

Your family can think of their own '10 ways' too. We've added a blank template to the wellbeing page of the website in case you'd like to make this a half term activity. We'll also re-share the puzzle on the school Facebook page as a reminder.

Mrs L Jones
Wellbeing TA



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Year 1 have been busy with maths investigations - which three numbers add up to 10?



On Thursday some of our Year 4 children were selected to participate in a dance festival. They worked with Exmouth Community College students and other children from the Exmouth Community to learn a motif, and then create their own sequences in order to perform to each other at the end.

A super effort by those who attended! Well done Amelia, Harrold, Jack, Katherine, Bodhi, Jessie, Piper, Elsie, Emilia, Marnie, Daisy, Elsa and Olivia!



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Sports and other achievements

If you have any news you'd like to share in our weekly newsletter, please email a photo and brief explanation to admin@wrpschool.org. We'll include as many as we can!

Olivia has passed her Stage 1 Swimming at LED leisure and we are very proud of her!



Cody from Ladybirds received player of the week for having good listening skills and scoring a hat trick of 3 goals during their mini football match for Exmouth under 6s team. Well done Cody!



Olivia in dolphins has completed her Stage 3 and received her swimming awards from LED!



Charlotte from Avocet class has been competing in the Devon County Championships at the Plymouth Life Centre.


She won Silver in the 200m Freestyle, Bronze in the 400m Freestyle and came 4th in the 100m Backstroke! Amazing!!



Starting this Saturday...

Libraries Unlimited

National Storytelling Week



at Exmouth Library

Join us for stories in the Children's Library

Saturday 27th January @ 2pm
Thursday 1st February @ 2pm
Saturday 3rd February @ 2pm

Free drop-in - All welcome!

