Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

Date: 18/11/2022



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News from your Headteacher

What a busy week! There has been so much going on, it is difficult to keep track. This week is Anti Bullying Week which began with Odd Socks Day on Monday. On Tuesday, KS2 were visited by PC Dell who spoke about social media and online bullying. She was very impressed by the children's knowledge, honesty and emotional understanding. Mr Scudder, spoke to the children about our school Anti Bullying policy; about what bullying is; what to do if you are being bullied or what to do if you see someone else being bullied. Further details of our Anti Bullying policy can be found on our school website.



On Wednesday it was Panto time! All of the classes enjoyed watching the performance of Cinderella. The children (and staff) loved it! A huge thank you to the PTFA for funding this treat for the whole school to enjoy.





Year One were very lucky to be visited by Jan Oke - Author of The Naughty Bus. The children were excited and inspired by Jan's visit especially as it is a book which the children really enjoy hearing.





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We are a very busy school and it is easy to forget things with so much going on. Ms Smart, our Communications Officer, has created a poster with a list of all the upcoming events over the next few weeks. This is attached to the Newsletter email and included in the 'Upcoming Events' section below.

Surveys

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent parent survey. The survey is now closed and details of the results will be shared with families over the next couple of weeks. The responses were overwhelmingly positive but there were a couple of areas which were highlighted where we recognise we could 'do better'. Our Uniform Consultation is still open for you to share your opinion. This closes on 28th November with any changes to the policy coming into place September 2023. Some feedback about the responses to our Children's Wellbeing / Safety survey is included in the Safeguarding section below.

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.

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

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Upcoming Events

Term dates can be found at: https://www.wrpschool.org/parents

Monday 28th November

Uniform Consultation closes

Friday 2nd December 4:30-6:30

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 6th December

Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 7th December

Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

EYFS Nativity



Collective Worship

Our theme in Collective Worship this week once again our School Values. We linked our Values of **Generosity, Respect, Agape, Courage and Empathy** and how these important qualities impact on the life of the whole community. This fitted really well as we thought about Anti Bullying Week as well as Children in Need.

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Safeguarding – Wellbeing Survey

Our children have recently completed a survey to express their child's voice regarding their feelings of safety and wellbeing, both in and outside of school. The survey is useful as it allows us to consider parts of our school day as well as our curriculum from the children's viewpoint – making adaptations and improvements.

It is incredibly encouraging to know that the majority of children feel safe and happy in school. Only 1% stating that they did not feel happy in school – we will of course do our utmost to support anyone who feels unhappy.

Our children report that they feel safe in class and on the playground where our staff and play leaders continue to work hard to ensure that all children enjoy these periods of the school day.

We asked children about their journeys to school and their activities outside school. Again, the vast majority felt safe in out-of-school contexts and at home.

We have identified a couple of areas for further promotion, including: educating children further in how they can keep themselves safe online (some said they were unsure) and also to remind them about who they can talk to in school if they have worries.

We are very pleased with the outcome of this survey, which was completed by nearly all of our pupils – we really appreciate them sharing their views with us!

Mr Smith - Designated Safeguarding Lead

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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 Sporting Stars:

Ava (Year 6) got her purple armband at grading in Maui Thai boxing.

Elsa (Sycamore) passed her primary ballet exam with merit

Winnie from Rabbit Class achieved her stage 3 swimming

Teddy (Otters) was very happy to be awarded Player of the match for Brixington Blues Football





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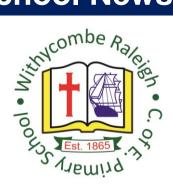


Congratulations to our superb cross country teams who participated in the East Devon Schools Cross Country Competition at Bicton College last week. 27 different schools were involved and over 320 runners participated over the four races.

We have a very talented bunch of runners! Our Year 5 and 6 Boys AND Girls teams were first overall. Our Year 3 and 4 Girls team were 3rd overall. An amazing achievement!

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Some of our children went to the Tennis Centre to enjoy a fun Multi Sports Festival. They played lots of different games and enjoyed working as a team and individually. Well done Henry, Skyla, Kai, Noah, Evie, Harry, Harrold, Ollie, Louie and Isaac.





Sienna and Poppy participated in a dance competition last weekend. Here they are with the trophies they won.

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This week Year 5 were archaeologists when learning about a Viking's diet. Some hands-on dissection of Viking poo helped them to get a real understanding of what a Viking would eat, albeit a bit disgusting.



Nevaeh, Emilia and Lawrence, attended the Remembrance service on Sunday. They were given the privilege of laying a wreath.