

Weekly School News Roundup

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News from your Headteacher

It was nice to see a little bit of sunshine this week between the rain, hopefully spring is just around the corner. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the superb disco on Friday night; the children had a wonderful time. It is always a very popular event and made possible by the many volunteers of staff and parents who give their time. The PTFA are looking for more volunteers to help support them with upcoming events. This includes Withyfest in the summer... their biggest event and one which raises the most money for the school. Withyfest needs lots of volunteers to make it happen. If you can give just a little bit of time to help our wonderful PTFA, please contact Allie (alonghorn@wrpschool.org)

Lateness

We've noticed that we have several children arriving late for school every day. A reminder that our school day begins at 8:40am with learning starting as soon as the children are in the classroom. If your child is just 5 minutes late each day, they will be missing 25 minutes of crucial learning each week, 5 hours of learning a term. This missed learning could have a significant impact on your child's academic progress across the year.

If there are barriers to you getting your child to school on time, please speak to myself or Mr Smith about this. We are keen to support families in any way we can to improve children's attendance and give them the very best chances to achieve in school.



"We're only a few minutes late, does it really matter?"

Being late for school means you're less prepared for the day ahead with the rest of your class, and you miss out on important learning time:

- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed a year
- 15 minutes late every day = 2 weeks of learning missed a year
- even at 95% attendance = over 50 lessons missed a year
- attendance of only 75% = you'd miss 288 lessons!

Parent Survey

This time last year we were inspected by OFSTED and parents were asked to complete an online survey about our school. In order that we can evaluate our school's effectiveness prior to OFSTED's next visit in the coming months, we would like your help once again. Please find below a link to a short survey which we would like as many parents as possible to complete (we'll pop it on the Home Connect page of the website too). Your responses will help us to plan our school priorities over the next year. <https://forms.gle/6uRfx4SxfCAh8ET8>

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Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

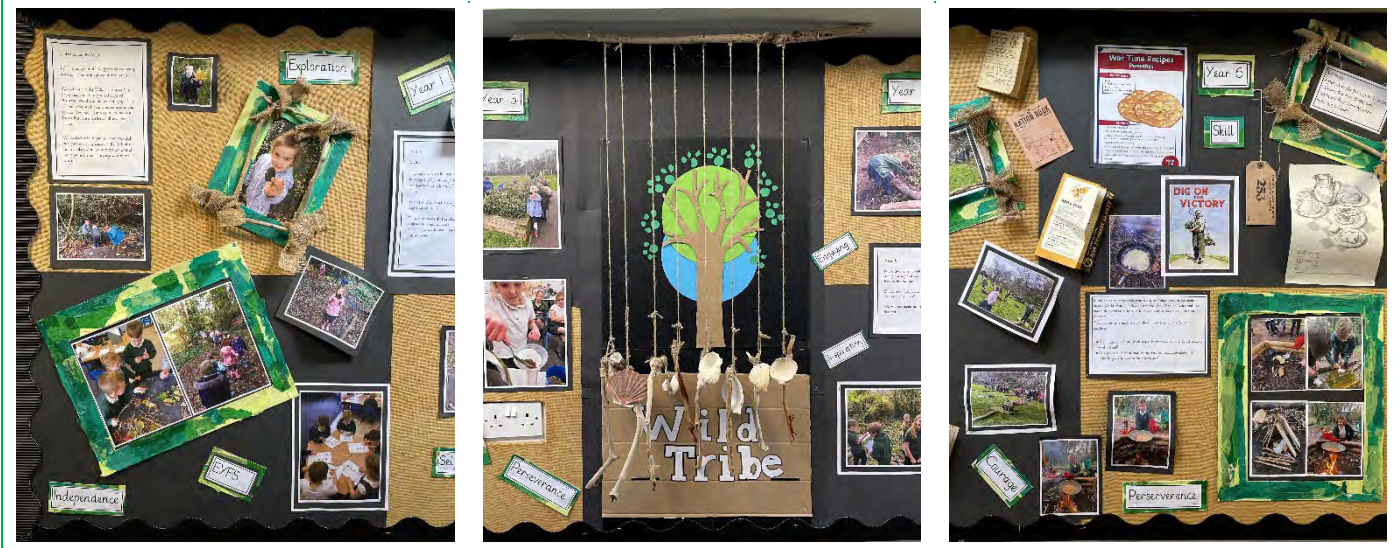
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We have a lovely new display in the main corridor which celebrates all the wonderful **Wild Tribe** lessons the children have experienced this year. Our **Wild Tribe** sessions allow children to flourish in the outdoors. These sessions provide enrichment across the curriculum and beyond. It was wonderful to see the range of curricular subjects that have been taught via **Wild Tribe** including History, Science, Maths and even Computing! We are incredibly proud of this fantastically interactive part of our school life.



Collective Worship

Again this week our theme has been all about 'doing the right thing' with our words and actions. We have spoken specifically this week about us all making choices each and every day, and how our choices can impact on others - either positively or negatively. It was lovely to hear about several of our children who'd been noticed by school staff using their words for good things and we celebrated these children in assembly.

We recently had a special assembly about Empathy. You can find a video of the children from Oak class singing a song they made up about empathy on the Home Page of the school website.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs. E Jones, Headteacher

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Safeguarding

• International Women's Day • 8th March 2024 • "Inspire Inclusion" •



Statistically women and girls suffer inequality both in the UK and, more starkly, in other parts of the world. I have included a few illustrations of inequality below (compiled from various sources).

- Women are under-represented in leadership with only 28% of management positions held by women, with similarly low proportions in government.
- More than 340 million women and girls are projected to live in extreme poverty by 2030.
- Only 61% of working-age women are in employment compared to 91 per cent of working-age men. This affects both economic growth and societal progress.
- Globally, women and girls being subjected to harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation persist. One in five young women is married before the age of 18.
- Girls have inadequate access to education and health care.
- Each year, 245 million women and girls experience physical and/or sexual violence by a partner.
- Older women face higher rates of poverty and violence than older men.

On a pragmatic basis it's therefore important to understand, value and seek out the inclusion of women and girls. As a school community we aim to support all of our pupils in their personal growth and development towards becoming valued members of society. With a view on inequality, it is particularly important that we ensure the needs, interests and aspirations of our girls are constantly considered, valued and included.

At primary school age this includes:

- ✓ forging an early understanding of being financially independent and empowered
- ✓ empowerment not to accept or tolerate sexism or misogyny, and know how to act and who to speak to if this were to take place
- ✓ recognising and developing diverse talent in different areas and celebrating this:
 - encouraging girls into leadership and decision-making roles,
 - promoting STEM subjects (where women are under-represented in the workplace)
 - providing opportunities for elevating girls' participation and achievement in sport
 - promoting the creative and artistic talent of girls.
- ✓ helping girls to make informed decisions about their health and support, and to build their self-esteem and confidence (e.g. their perception around body image)

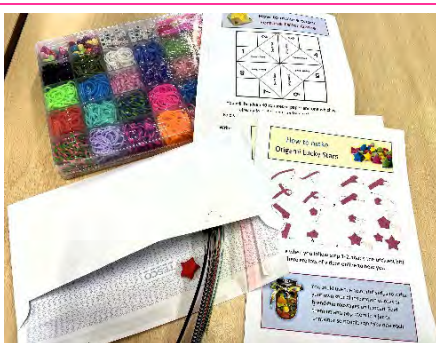
Please feel free to get in touch with me if there are any aspects of this topic that you would like to discuss or consider further.

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead

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A Chapter from World Book Day 2024

Rabbit Class were joined by the children from Oak class for the paired reading session. We'll share more photos on our website next week!



Further to the 'birthday' message in last week's newsletter, for families who are short of funds I've donated packs of coloured paper strips which could be used for making origami lucky stars, or they could be used for writing inspiration quotes and friendship notes on. I currently have enough for about 40 children to make things for their class.

I also have a few sets of loom bands – enough in each pack for 30 bracelets.

I'll aim to add card strips for designing bookmarks, and paper squares for making 'fortune teller' games, for those who don't have resources at home.

*Donated for use by families who are short of funds
• not purchased from the school budget •*

I'm in school Mondays – Wednesdays so children can come along to the Red Room in Rolle House at lunch break to collect a pack of supplies, along with some printed instructions. To avoid disruption to my working day please ask that they only bring one friend along!

Thank you, Miss Smart

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Sports, and Other Achievements

If you have any news about sports or other achievements from outside of school that you'd like to share, please email a photo and brief explanation to admin@wrpschool.org.

Bottom left: On Wednesday our Year 6 team faced incredibly hard competition at the East Devon Netball finals hosted at Kings School in Ottery. They were brilliant, **coming first in East Devon** and securing a place at the Devon Finals on Wednesday the 20th of March.

Well done Ayda, Immy, Lola, Evie, Flo, Phoebe, Eliza and Poppy! Good luck for the 20th!



Edie attended her first karate grading last week. She was very proud to be awarded **9th Kyu – her Orange Belt!**



Elsie rang the Personal Best bell at Parkrun last Saturday morning! She completed the 5k run in **34 minutes and 40 seconds**.



Enid competed in the Exeter Gymnastics Club Competition at the weekend. She came 2nd on beam, 2nd on vault, 5th on floor and came an amazing **2nd overall!**



Eliza from Seals class also took part in her club squad competition with EGC. She placed 3rd on Vault, 2nd on Bars, 1st on beam, 1st on floor and 3rd on range and conditioning. **Overall, 1st place!**



Soleil won Silver for the 'floor' and then won another Silver medal coming **2nd overall** meaning she was consistent and a high standard for each apparatus (floor, beam, vault)!



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Exmouth Netball Club
E A S T E R
NETBALL CAMP
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Mon 8th April
10.00am - 1.00pm
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Gypsy Lane Sports Hall
EXMOUTH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Years: 4, 5 & 6 **£20** PER CHILD
contact: salli.byrne@gmail.com
07816 82 35 88



The HAF Website is now live!

The programme of events for the Easter holidays has now gone live in Devon

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals



L & F MULTI SPORTS PRESENTS



E A S T E R

SPORTS CAMP

2ND - 12TH APRIL **08:30 - 17:30**
WRPS - EXMOUTH **AGES 5 - 13**
£25.00 PP

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. Remember that they don't have an opportunity to check their emails during the school day while they're teaching, so if you have an urgent message please contact the school office.

Telephone: 01395 263397
email: admin@wrpschool.org

Please note the enquiries@wrpschool.org email address which was set up to deal with Covid-related enquiries during lockdown has been closed as it is no longer required. You can still contact us via the main admin email address. Thank you.

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