

Weekly School News Roundup

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School



Date: 11/11/2022

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News from your Headteacher

I hope that you have all had a lovely week and I am sure you all are looking forward to the weekend.

Mr Scudder and some of our Ethos Council visited Exmouth Foodbank last week. The children went to look at where our donations go and how the volunteers support families in need. Felix and Hannah from Sandpiper Class, have written a short article for our newsletter to let you all know more about the Ethos Council and the work of the Foodbank.

The Ethos Council

The Ethos Council is made up of two people from each class (42 in total) who try and make the school and the world a better place.

Foodbank Trip

On 2nd November, Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School sent their Ethos Council to the Exmouth Foodbank to learn about how they give food to people who need it. We walked in pairs to the Foodbank. The Foodbank uses the Salvation Army building on Tuesdays and Fridays to distribute food. The volunteers told us about the work of the volunteers and then we helped them by doing some of their jobs they do: sorting food donations according to 'use by' date; packing bags of food for families and menu planning.

Felix said 'I think the Foodbank is a very good and generous place and they like to think about other people. The people who volunteer there made me feel very happy and welcome.'

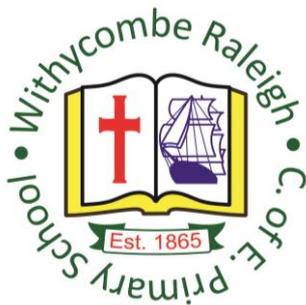
If you wish to donate items to the foodbank you can drop items here at the school office or donate in one of the local drop off points in supermarkets.

Family Fund.

During the pandemic, following requests from several parents, we set up the Withycombe Family Fund. This fund was set up to support families who had been affected financially due to the pandemic. Many of the families we have supported were not entitled to universal credit as they were working but were struggling to make ends meet each month. The Family Fund has helped many of our families and it has funded: vouchers to buy food at Christmas, school shoes, subsidised residential visits, to name just a few of the ways our school community has helped. Although the pandemic is 'over', we still have families who are struggling financially, especially with the cost of living increasing so dramatically. Families who are able to, can still donate to the fund via Parentpay if they would like to do so – and this is of course is hugely appreciated. If you are a family who is struggling financially or if you are aware of a family who would benefit from some financial support, please make contact via the school enquiries email. Any referrals are dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

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Parent Surveys

We currently have two surveys available for parents to contribute to and we would be grateful for your feedback. We have a uniform consultation running until 28th November and the link is:

<https://forms.gle/F6SwFFaXMMc9219>

We also have a Parent Survey available which will help us to identify priorities for our school in the coming year. Please complete the survey via the link below. The survey will be open for 7 days.

<https://forms.gle/Ck4D2fU7phSCXrCG9>

I have recently received the following communication from another headteacher regarding the financial crisis for schools. Mr Hitchcock is trying to get 100,000 signatures so the issue can be debated in Parliament.

You may have seen in the news that two thirds of schools will be in deficit by the end of this financial year. This is through no fault of their own. Costs are rising and funding is lower than it was a decade ago. The current funding increase and energy bill relief scheme will not be enough to prevent further cut-backs. This will greatly harm our education system and pupils.

Please sign and share this petition here to get this crisis debated in parliament –

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

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>

14th November

Odd Socks Day – marking the beginning of
Anti-Bullying Week

18th November

Children in Need, Mufti Day

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

A Notification

If you bring your dog to school and tie him/her to the railings, please check that they haven't pooped and if they have, please pick it up!

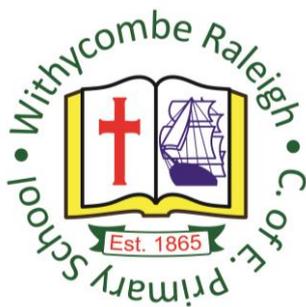
Collective Worship

This week our focus in Collective Worship has been Remembrance. On Monday, Year 6 children led our session with a very informative and moving presentation all about Remembrance, why we commemorate this on 11th November, how people around the country commemorate and the significance of the poppy. At 11am on Friday, the whole school joined the rest of the country to mark the 2 minutes silence to remember members of the armed forces, past and present.



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Safeguarding: Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week (coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance). Will take place next week between 14th to 18th November. This year's theme is 'Reach Out' – reaching out and showing each other the support needed to stand up against bullying. The message to children this year is to encourage them to reach out to someone they trust if they need to talk (both people at home and school staff). Children will also be encouraged to reach out to someone they might know who is being bullied.

Bullying can affect children's lives and at its worst, it can leave them feeling hopeless. At school we do our best to educate and empower children to do something positive to counter the hurt that bullying causes. We recognise that it can take an enormous amount of courage (one of our school values) to challenge it. Our children will explore scenarios next week and use role play in order to learn how to act and what to say in situations involving incidents of bullying.

It is arguably more difficult for children to escape cyberbullying – please continue to teach your child how to get help, where to report cyberbullying and options for reaching out to talk to someone.

The ABA point out that we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out and challenge bullying by reflecting on our own behaviour, setting positive examples and creating a kinder community.

We would love our school community to kick off the week with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday (14th) where adults and children are invited to support Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. All children (or adults) have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. There is no obligation to donate money in order to take part, but if you would like to do so, please use the following Just Giving link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/aba?success=true>



My dog Dougal wanted to join in!

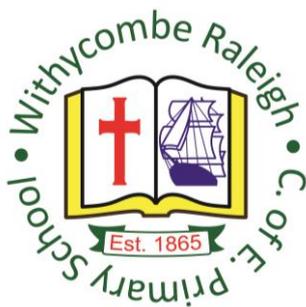


Let's come together and reach out to take a stand against bullying in all its forms.

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 superstars:

Sister swimming success - on the same day Anya (Avocet) passed stage 5 and Kara (Beech) passed stage 4

Phoebe with her 2nd prize certificate for South West in Bloom's children's picture competition

Elle has passed her level 3 swimming and is now in level 4

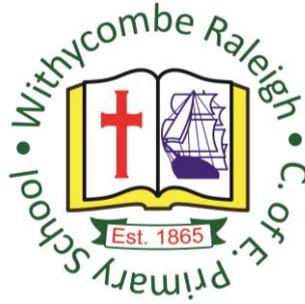
Joe and Benji Beech class: Players of the match.

Passed her grade 2 Modern Dance exam. She worked really hard and did lots of extra practice. She celebrated with fizzy apple juice.



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Year 3 made plasticine worlds to show the layers of the earth to help us understand why volcanoes erupt.



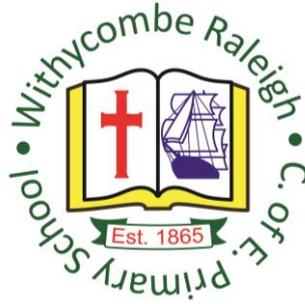
Year 5 were very excited to start their 5-week tag rugby programme with Exeter Chiefs winger Halley Derera! A super experience



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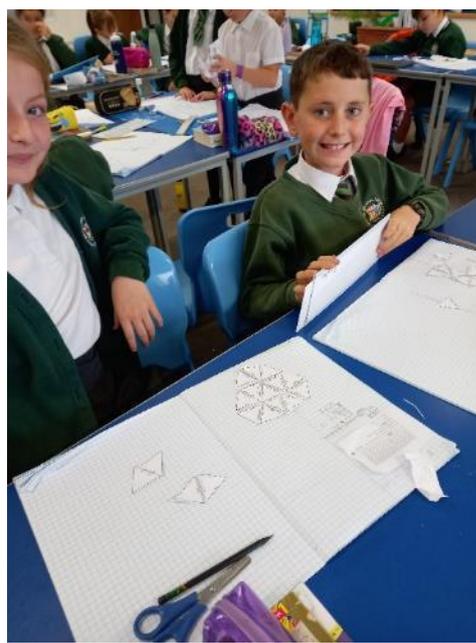
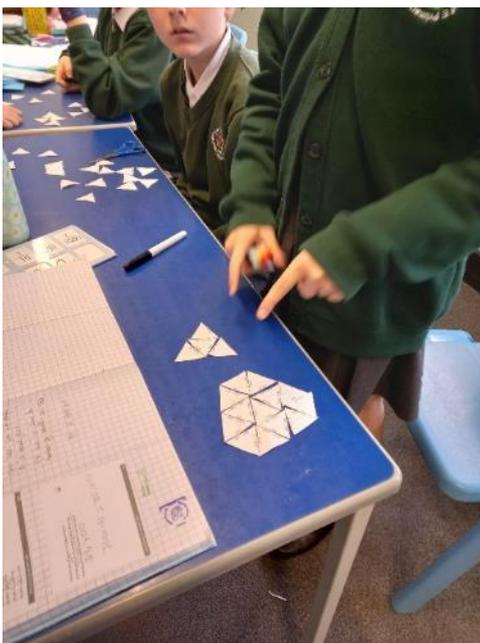
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Superb writing from Esme and Winnie
(Rabbit Class)

In year 5 maths this week we have had to
use our knowledge of multiplying and
dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to solve a
difficult jigsaw puzzle!



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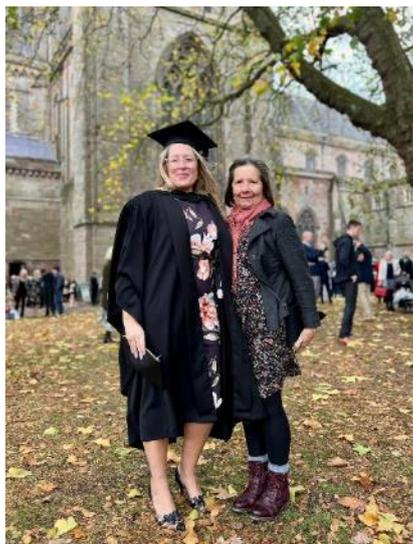
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Congratulations to Mrs Hartley, Mrs
Badger and Mr Shipton who graduated
from the University of Worcester last week