

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



Date: 10/6/2022

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News from your Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope your half term was relaxing. This half term is looking like it is going to be an extremely busy one, the school calendar is filling up with lots of exciting events. We are so excited to be able to resume our traditional Summer Term events which we have been unable to do for the past two years. We are especially looking forward to welcoming you all to our Sports Day on 23rd June. Further details have been sent out via an email this week and are also posted on our Facebook page and website. For many of our families it will be the first time they have experienced our family lunch picnic for Sports Day. As long as the weather is kind to us, this is a lovely event in our school calendar and we have missed it.

Our wonderful PTFA will be organising a Summer Fayre on Friday 15th July from 6pm. Again, this is a great event which is always a very enjoyable evening and a fantastic way to raise funds to support our school. The PTFA have funded a whole host of activities and resources for our school with the money they raise. Most recently they funded the pantomime visit, resources for Nature School, subsidised trips and visits for every class and the Circus workshops next week. We are always so grateful to Stacey Court and her hard working team who put in so much effort to arrange the events so we can provide additional experiences and resources for all of our children to enjoy. They are always looking for volunteers to help out at events so please contact Stacey if you can offer a bit of time to help out the PTFA (scourt@wrpschool.org)

Jubilee Celebrations

I hope you all enjoyed the long jubilee weekend. We started our Jubilee celebrations early with a whole school picnic lunch on the field. The weather was glorious and the children loved the opportunity to eat al fresco. After lunch, the children were provided with a piece of cake, kindly made by our wonderful catering team. The afternoon was spent enjoying songs from every decade of the Queen's reign performed by each year group. It was wonderful to all get together to celebrate.



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A webinar for parents on the COVID-19 vaccination

It seems ages since we mentioned Covid in the newsletter! The Department of Education has asked schools to inform parents that the COVID-19 vaccine is available for all children from 5 years-old. To help carers, guardians and parents decide what's best for their children, the DFE are partnering with the NHS in London and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums to answer questions and give expert advice on the COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens.

The webinar will take place on Friday 10 June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/upcoming-webinar---should-i-get-my-child-vaccinated-against-covid-19>

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

14th, 15th and 16th June

Circus Skills Workshops funded by PTFA

Thursday 23rd June

Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June

Year 6 Production at The Pavilion

Monday 4th July

Moving on Morning

4th-6th July

Year 6 Transition Days at ECC

w/c 11th July

Kindness Week

Wednesday 13th July

National Music Day

Wednesday 13th July

Summer Concert (Choir and children who play an instrument will be invited to perform)

Friday 15th July

Annual Reports sent home

Summer Fayre

Collective Worship

This term's themes create an opportunity for all pupils to join Her Majesty the Queen as she celebrates her landmark Platinum (70th) Jubilee and the 22nd Commonwealth Games. We will be following the path of the Queen's Baton, visiting some of the 54 independent countries of the Commonwealth, sharing some stories and reflecting on some universal values that we all share.



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Safeguarding – Self Esteem

The term self-esteem is used to describe a person's overall sense of self-worth / personal value. For our children, research suggests that how much they appreciate and like themselves is strongly linked to how well they can navigate life's challenges.

Friendships

Building friendships (particularly - making connections and feeling included by others) is important in terms of feelings of acceptance and positive self-esteem. Arguably acceptance by peers is everything to a child - but here can also lie potential for vulnerability.

Our school staff are fully aware that hurtful remarks and incidents of bullying can eat away at children's self-esteem quickly. For this reason, our school continues to use principals from the KiVa program to ensure that any incidents of bullying are investigated thoroughly and acted upon consistently. Our approach is also to always encourage children to report these issues and to not only help them deal with unkind behaviour, but also to ensure that they don't retaliate or instigate an incident - it's about teaching them to be the 'better person' and not allowing themselves to be drawn down to another's low level.

I would recommend reading 'Raising Children' on <https://raisingchildren.net.au/> which has some useful tips for further reading on friendships etc.

Mistakes are not failures

In terms of building a healthy level of self-esteem, it is important for children to learn that mistakes are not failures. At school, we strive for our children to attempt their tasks and aim for their goals; wherever possible, taking away the fear of perceived failure or making a blunder. We actively encourage them to step outside their comfort zones, providing lots of rich experiences for continual learning. Hopefully this will give them the courage to extend themselves over time and develop resilience and a 'growth mind set'. Part of this process is to help children to put things into perspective, encouraging a thought process such as 'that's the area I need to work on, I'll do better next time' rather than 'I'm stupid, I'll never get this'.

It is therefore important that at home and school we do our utmost to encourage: positive attitudes, supportive networks, open communication, self-care and being open to change. It is healthy for children to know that not being perfect is normal; that being different is what makes us all unique and special. They deserve to be encouraged and helped in developing self-respect, esteem, and confidence.

Further advice and tips can be found on this 'Dove' website.

<https://www.dove.com/uk/dove-self-esteem-project.html>

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:

Ethan (Hedgehogs) achieved his Level 1 Swimming Award.

Oakley (Hedgehogs) received an award from Exmouth Rugby Club

Imogen (Hazel Class) won Coach's Player of the Year for Y4 Exmouth Netball Club

Poppy (Beech) was awarded Club Champion at her football club presentation day

Elsie (Hedgehogs) achieved her Grade 5 Gymnastics badge during half term.

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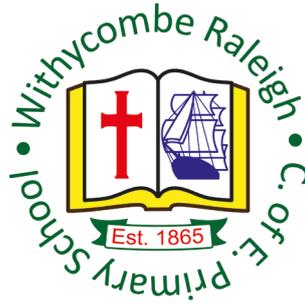
A big well done to our first two 5-a-side football teams to enter the Exmouth World Cup event!

Both played brilliantly against The Beacon and St Peter's, we will have to wait and see who goes through to the next round! Well done boys!

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Phoebe (Dolphins) won the Rainbow's Exmouth in Bloom art competition for drawing a Jubilee garden.

She was invited to a special presentation last Friday at the new Exmouth sensory garden and was presented with a prize of new felt pens! She was very happy and proud to have won!



Congratulations to Poppy (Beech) who won the Krispies Jubilee competition. Poppy was awarded her prize in our Collective Worship yesterday...a Kindle.

Well done Poppy!

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