

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



Date: 13/01/2023

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News from your Headteacher

We have had lots of visitors in school this week. As children start their new topics, it is always great to start the learning with a memorable experience that excites and inspires the children. Year 5 had a visit from Space Odyssey; Astronomer Simon Ould brought his space dome where the children could immerse themselves into their science topic of Space. They learned about space travel, lunar landings, planets and the universe, building on their previous experience in the dome in Year 2.

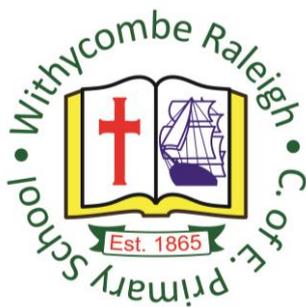


Year 4 experienced life in Roman Times, looking at artifacts from the time and hearing from a 'Roman Centurion'. The children dressed as Celts and the day of learning culminated in a battle.



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Emily from Dogs' Trust has visited classes this week. Dogs' Trust is a rehoming charity who look after over 14,000 dogs each year. They also offer school workshops and assemblies which are relevant to their personal and social development, as well as the safety of all children. Some of our children live with dogs, but some do not. Some of our children may be excited by dogs, whilst some may be afraid of them. Through the sessions Dogs' Trust help all children have safer interactions with dogs in different settings. The workshops focus largely on safe behaviour around dogs in the home; but also, dogs of friends/ family, and strangers when out and about. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and learned lots.

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding on Wednesday morning. Many of you will have realised that, for safety reasons, we had to close the main driveway into school at drop off time and usher the majority of the children through the Foundation Gate. This was due to us having emergency tree work on one of the trees in the EYFS outside area. The work was completed quickly and the EYFS team made the most of the learning opportunity as the crane was a perfect talking point linked to their topic of transport.

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.

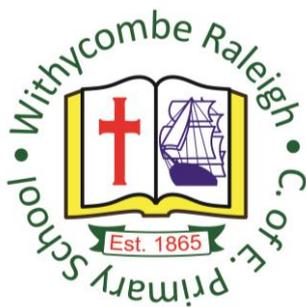
Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

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-22nd January

Hope 4 Kibera Cycle Challenge

7th February 3:30-6:00 and 9th February 3:30-6:30

Parents' Evenings (Face to face)

Monday 13th February-Friday 17th February

Half Term

Friday 3rd March

World Book Day

Environmental News



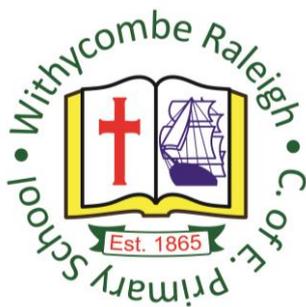
As a school, we are trying to reduce our use of single-use plastics where we can - and have already made a few successful changes.

Our children are aware and concerned that plastic waste does not decompose and can last in landfill for many years and much of it ends up in the sea, polluting the oceans and damaging marine life.

We are pleased to hear in the news this week that the government has stated that single-use items like plastic cutlery, plates and polystyrene trays will be banned in England. The Environment Secretary, Thérèse Coffey, said that this new ban "will have a huge impact to stop the pollution of billions of pieces of plastics and help to protect the natural environment for future generations."

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It is astounding to read the government figures which suggest that 1.1 billion single-use plates and more than four billion pieces of plastic cutlery are used in England every year! This equates to an average of 18 single-use plastic plates and 37 items of plastic cutlery for each of us every year.

The ban on single-use plastic items will mainly relate to takeaway food and drink but won't cover items found in supermarkets or shops. The government said it would address those by other means.

Campaigners e.g. Greenpeace and SAS are calling for more meaningful strategies for reducing plastic use including ideas such as proper reuse and refill schemes (for those of us old enough to remember getting money back on Corona bottles, this seems a good idea!).

As part of our plastic free schools' accreditation, I will be asking some of our children to write some powerful and persuasive letters to government, supermarkets and the producers of single-use plastic to continue to raise the status of the issue. And ask for change.

Mr Smith, Deputy Headteacher

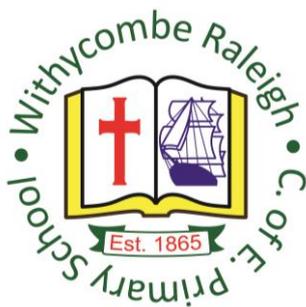
Collective Worship

This week we were delighted to be treated to an 'Open the Book' performance. Members of our local church, brilliantly supported by a group of children, retold the story of Noah and the Ark. We always love these sessions and it is always great to have these well-known stories brought to life through the acting.



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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 stars:

Harriet (Rabbit Class) took part in a 2.5k race at Haldon Forest. She not only got awarded a superb medal but also a trophy for being the first placed female

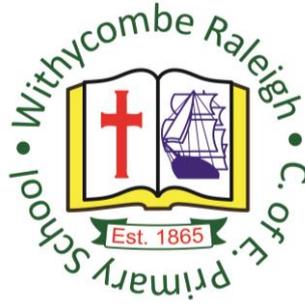
Saule and Scarlett (Osprey) on the 18th of December presented Christmas at the Musical with Exmouth Youth Theatre at Exmouth Pavilion.



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Year 1 made fat balls in the Wild Tribe area for the birds to link to their science learning.



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More Year 4 Roman Day photos!

