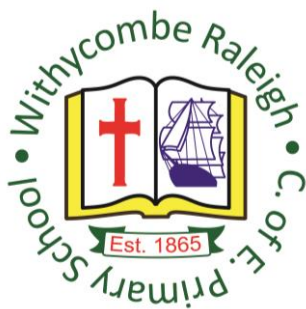


Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

Date: 10/11/23



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News from your Headteacher

This week has been a week for visitors. As well as the usual tours that we run each week for prospective families, this week we had some additional visitors. On Monday we welcomed Mr Inman, the new Headteacher at Exmouth Community College. He had a tour of our school and spoke to a few of our Year 6 children. Mr Inman is keen to ensure the transition process for children attending ECC is as smooth as possible and is committed to working with the local primary schools to support teaching and learning.

On Tuesday we had our termly visit from our School Improvement Partners at Devon County Council. They spent the whole day reviewing teaching and learning across the school. We are delighted that they were particularly impressed by the speed in which we have implemented the new phonics / early reading programme, Little Wandle, and the positive impact it is already having on children's learning. It was a very useful day with lots of positive comments and with plenty of affirmation about our priorities and next steps for school development.

This part of the term is always a very busy one with lots going on. Please check the 'upcoming events' section of the newsletter below and ensure that you look at our website and Facebook page too. I would like to draw your attention especially to the Christmas events approaching including Nativities and the Christmas Fair. Nativity performances are during the afternoon starting at 2pm. Each performance will be in the school hall and space will be limited. If you bring little children, we are sorry but there is no space for pushchairs in the hall. If you have any queries regarding Christmas events, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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/faqs>

Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week begins

Monday 20th November

Flu Nasal Spray

Thursday 23rd November

Panto visiting school for all classes

Tuesday 5th December

Nativity- Year 2

Wednesday 6th December

Nativity- Year 1

Thursday 7th December

Nativity- EYFS

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

St John the Evangelist Service Dates

22nd December The Strand, Exmouth

Live Nativity

24th December 4pm Crib Service

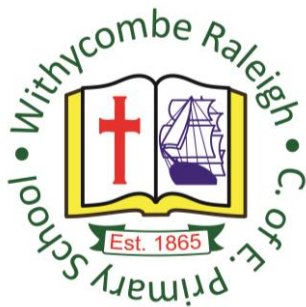


Collective Worship

This week our focus in Collective Worship has been Remembrance. We have spoken about the reasons why we commemorate Remembrance and the significance of the poppy. Today, we all participated in a two minutes silence to show our respect for those soldiers who have lost their lives. The children were extremely well behaved and showed great respect.

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Safeguarding: Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week (coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance). Will take place next week between 13th to 17th November. <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

This year's theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. At school, we will hold discussions and run class-based activities to encourage children to consider what bullying means to us at Withycombe, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying.

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 also recognise that it can take an enormous amount of courage (one of our school values) to challenge it. It is arguably more difficult for children to escape cyberbullying – please continue to teach / support your child about options for reaching out and talking to someone.

We would love our school community to kick off the week with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday (13th) where adults and children are invited to support Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. All that children (or adults) have to do, in order to take part, is wear a pair of odd socks to school. There is no obligation to donate any money, but if you would like to do so, please see the attached flyer for more information.



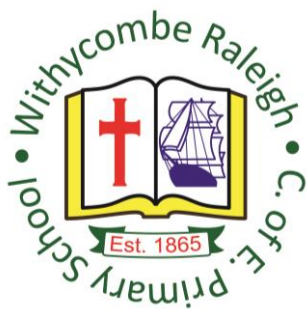
My dog Dougal joined in last year – I'll see if he wants to try a different pair of odd socks this year!

Let's come together to take a stand, making a noise about bullying in all its forms.

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Top Tips for Wellbeing

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM PART 1

We all use the term 'self-esteem', and we may know that having a good self-esteem is a positive thing for us and our children.

But what exactly is our Self-Esteem?

Self-esteem can be broken down into 3 areas. It is our:

- **Sense of Self** – Who am I? How do I feel about who I am?
- **Sense of Belonging** – Where do I belong? Where do I fit in?
- **Sense of Enablement** – How good am I at what I need to be doing?

What can we do to improve Self-Esteem?

Building Sense of Self: Praise is a great motivator and is frequently used in school to help children with self-esteem and learning. Teachers and TA's use targeted or labelled praise at school. Rather than just saying a 'well done' they would outline specifically what the praise is for.

At home, a 'thank you for setting the table' is great, but 'I love that you set the table so quickly and neatly, thank you' is even better!

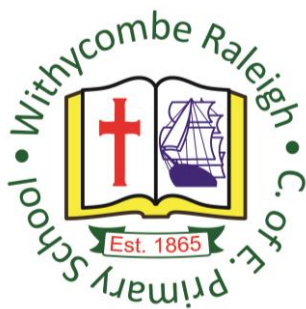
Increasing the amount of specific praise given to our children will help build their positive sense of self. Praise often, even for little things!

Building Sense of Belonging: Human beings are social creatures. Our social roles and activities help form our sense of identity. Keeping connected with others will help our sense of belonging. Play days, clubs or activities that your child enjoys will help. For other ideas, maybe plan a family quiz that everyone can do – you could even include distant family members virtually! Spend time with your child writing letters or postcards or sending photos to relatives and friends.

Building Sense of Enablement: Taking part in activities that offer a sense of achievement can help. The effort involved in doing an activity is just as important as the outcome so the effort or the 'trying' should be praised. Creative activities can be helpful e.g. drawing, writing and playdoh. Or construction type activities such as Lego building and baking.

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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:

Congratulations to George (Dolphin Class) who was selected as Player of the week at rugby.

Winnie (Dolphins) was awarded her 50m distance badge at swimming.

Rae (Lapwings) won two prizes in the Exmouth in Bloom U18s sunflower growing contest:

2nd place in the tallest sunflower contest - her sunflower (grown in a pot) made it to 2.88 meters or 9.45ft

2nd place in the sunflower with the biggest head contest



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At the weekend Ella (Year 3) had the fantastic opportunity to have a coaching session with the current Olympic and World BMX Champion Bethany Shriever. She was joined by Brynley Savage who is World number 3 and together they engaged with all the riders and really made it a coaching session to remember.

Ella continues to race over the winter months at the National Indoor Cycle Centre in Manchester.



On Wednesday Mrs Fleming, hosted a meeting for our Service families. The aim of the meeting was to ascertain what more we can do as a school to support our military families. Also in attendance were from left to right:- Kate Massey (RNFPS - Case Worker), Pete Hawley (NFF - Naval Families Federation, Families Engagement Officer) Mrs Fleming, Vicky Plastow (Aggies family support worker at the Gordon Messenger Centre) and Rich Moore (Governor).

If you were unable to attend the meeting, we are still keen to hear your views. Please return the comments form which will be sent to our service families via email.