

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

Date: 21/10/2022



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News from your Headteacher

It's Half Term...I hope that you all have a lovely week away from school and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back on 31st October. Although children and staff are ready for half term break, everyone has settled into the new routines brilliantly and school feels a very happy and calm place. We have certainly crammed a lot into the past 6 weeks, and this week has been no exception. This week Year 2 enjoyed visiting the Space Dome, Year 4 participated in some singing workshops, 3 groups have been swimming, Year 5 spent the day as Vikings, KS2 had a visitor from Kenya, Parents' Evenings and we launched our Christmas Shoebox appeal. We are a very busy school and there is always lots of exciting activities and learning going on.

Hope4Kibera

Over the past two years we have developed a great friendship with the Hope4Kibera charity, which aims to improve the lives of children living in Africa's biggest urban slum, Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya. We have held some great initiatives to raise money for the charity which has helped provide food parcels for families in Kibera and books for The Bright Hope Education Centre, which is a secondary school on the outskirts of Kibera.

On Monday 17th October KS2 were delighted to meet Peter Abungu who was visiting the UK from Kenya. Peter explained a bit about what life is like for families living in Kibera, which is home to around 800,000 people living in dire poverty. Children asked some great questions about how students were selected to attend the Bright Hope School, and what food they typically eat. They were saddened to learn that often there is not enough food for everyone in the family to eat on the same day.



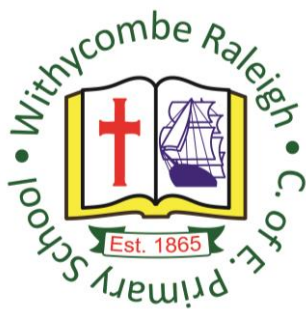
We are planning a static cycle challenge in January with the aim of raising money to help 'break the cycle of poverty through education'. The plan is to take turns on some exercise bikes to cover the distance from Exmouth to Kibera - that's about 6,500 miles!

To learn more about the Hope4Kibera Charity please follow the link: <https://www.hope4kibera.org.uk/>

Children from KS2 were delighted to meet Peter Abungu, along with Charlie and Linda Collins from Woodbury, who are part of the group that set up the Hope4Kibera charity.

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Bikes and Scooters

We are really pleased that so many of our children travel to school in an active way. The number of children cycling and scooting to school over the past two years has grown enormously which is great for the children's health and also for our environment. In the interest of everyone's safety, please can we remind all children and adults that they should dismount their bike or scooter at the end of School Lane or at the front entrance and wheel their 'vehicle' the remainder of the way to the bike/scooter park.

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 half term
Mrs. E Jones

Upcoming Events

24th-28th October

Half Term

Term dates can be found at: <https://www.wrpschool.org/parents>

Thursday 3rd November

Public Health Team administering flu nasal spray

16th November

Panto visiting school-funded by PTFA

18th November

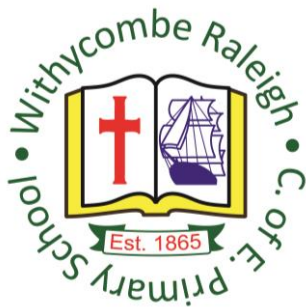
Children in Need, Mufti Day

Friday 2nd December 4:30-6:30

PTFA Christmas Fayre

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Collective Worship

This week we launched our Christmas Shoebox appeal. This is something we invite our whole school community to be a part of each year. It is a wonderful way to put our value of generosity into action. This year, the shoeboxes will be distributed by Blythwood Care with the boxes being sent to Ukraine. You should have received further details about the scheme in a letter. With everyone feeling the strain financially, please only donate if you feel you are able to. If want to find out more about the shoebox appeal please go to <https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Top Tips for Wellbeing

Our School Parent Support

In our school we regularly run evidence based parent support groups and courses. Below is some brief information of what we offer.

The courses are open to any parent or carer to attend.

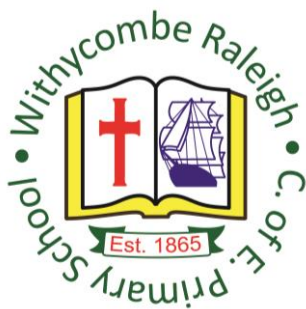
The Solihull Approach Parenting Group will start after Christmas. This 10 week course aims to help parents and carers understand more about their child's behaviour, and learn more about sensitive and effective parenting. It can help parents with children experiencing any emotion or behaviour.

The Timid to Tiger Parent Course will run after Easter. Designed by clinical psychologists specialising in childhood anxiety, this course is for parents who want to learn how to help manage their child's anxiety or to increase their child's confidence.

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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.



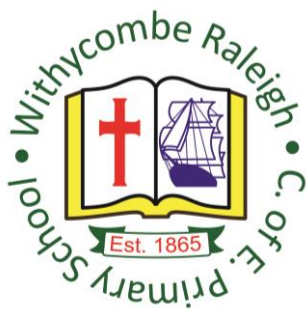
Winnie (Rabbits) was awarded Player of the Week at football.

Bags2School raised £344 this week which is an amazing total! Thank you to everyone that dropped off bags.

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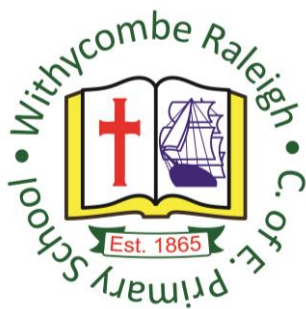
On Monday Year 5 enjoyed 'Viking Day'. The children learnt about many aspects of the Viking way of life, the food, weapons and games they used to play.

There were some fantastic shields on display that the children had created and some wonderful costumes also!

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Year 4 participated in a Let's Play workshop, on Monday 17th October. They learned some body percussion, creative singing, and singing games with Kip (Kip Pratt)
The Plan is for Year 4 to teach other year groups what they learned.



As part of their 'Road to Royalty' topic, Year 1 made collages of Queen Victoria using black paper.