

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023



Focus Value
for this half
term:
Perseverance

A Note from the Headteacher

So far this year, our Handwriting Hero Awards have been dominated by the girls. We are making a real effort to encourage all children to take care with the general presentation of their work and I have been incredibly impressed by the progress of some of the boys in particular. If your child comes home with a Headteacher Award sticker, please do ask them how it was earned. We have also produced a whole school Handwriting & Presentation Policy to help teach children correct letter formation and joining and handwriting habits, so that they can write fluently and legibly and be proud of their work. Please follow [the link](#) for more details on our website.

Poster for Peace Competition for Years 3, 4 & 5

This year's Lion's Poster for Peace competition 'What is Peace' ends next Wednesday 15th March. Please send your child's entry to the school office to be collected by our local Lions and make sure each entry has the child's name, school, year and age clearly marked on the back. There will be a winner from every class and they will be passed on to be judged throughout the south east. Results will be announced next term.

KS1 Aquarium Visit

This week Key Stage 1 visited the Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth. They loved seeing so many sea creatures up close and can now identify and name fish, rays, jellyfish, lobsters, crabs, turtles, seahorses and even sharks. Enormous thanks to all the parents and carers who volunteered to accompany the children on their exciting trip.

Horsham Museum Workshop

Last week, Years 3 and 4 took part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop provided by Horsham Museum. They learned about everyday life in Ancient Egypt and the process of mummification, which everyone loved! Children had an opportunity to see real artefacts up close and ask valid questions to acquire relevant historical information.

Albion Football

Albion in the Community have opened up the Thursday after school football club for Summer term bookings. They are also running some Easter Soccer School. Please [click here](#) for further information.



READING CORNER

In order to help our children gain an understanding of, and respect for, multiple perspectives and backgrounds, we have recently expanded our range of class and school texts shared across school. By weaving books written by or about people from a diverse range of cultures, backgrounds and experiences into our curriculum, we seek to embed our school values of empathy, perseverance, respect, positivity and unity. This week Mrs Bennett shared the life story of Stevie Wonder with the school as well as some of his music. His perseverance through adversity to accomplish so much, especially at a young age, made our children think about what perseverance could help them to achieve.



Industrial Action

Disappointingly, we have been informed by the NEU that 'An attempt by education unions involved in the industrial action dispute over pay and funding to break the current deadlock and move forward with talks with the government has been ignored.' This means that the planned strikes for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March will go ahead. We are not expecting a full school closure. As soon as we can confirm which classes will be closed and which remain open, we will of course let you know. You are advised to have childcare in place just in case.

School Funds

In order to enrich learning at Wisborough Green, we aim to provide a range of stimulating and valuable experiences across the curriculum. As school funds are extremely limited, this may mean asking parents and carers for voluntary contributions, often subsidised by PTA donations. We have recently noticed a decline in voluntary contributions meaning that, in order to avoid cancelling these quality experiences and activities, school funds have needed to be diverted from other important areas. Although we fully appreciate that the cost-of-living crisis is having a significant impact on some of our families, we politely ask that those who can afford to contribute continue to do so. School trips and events can provide some of the most exciting and memorable times for children, bringing their learning to life, encouraging greater engagement in learning and even inspiring future ambitions. With your support, we can continue to inspire the next generation!

Dance Class

We are thrilled to be joining Dame Darcey Bussell on Friday 17th March to take part in a live streamed dance lesson with Diverse Dance Mix (DDM). Children from Reception to Year 4 will have an opportunity to participate in a fun, dance-based exercise class with children from schools all around the country.

Comic Relief

This year's Comic Relief Red Nose Day is on Friday 17th March. Donations can help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives, here in the UK and around the world. Children may come to school wearing Comic Relief accessories to highlight the cause and donations may be made via [Comic Relief](#).



Help Needed

One of our Year 1 parents is currently having enormous difficulty getting their child to and from school each day. They live in Rowner Road, Billingshurst. If there is anyone who passes or lives nearby who could take or pick up on any day and is willing to offer a lift, please contact Mrs Barnard via the [school office](#) and we will pass your details on. Thank you.

Next Week's Events

- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th Strike Action
- Wednesday 15th Deadline for Poster for Peace competition
- Friday 17th Red Nose Day
- Friday 17th Year 5/6 Trip to SeaCity Museum
- Friday 17th Reports and ILPs sent to parents/carers
- Friday 17th Live Dance Class

Staffing Vacancy

Wisborough Green currently has a vacancy for a part-time Midday Meals Assistant (MMS). Please see the [vacancies page](#) of our website for details and feel free to share with anyone who may be interested.

Diary Dates - March 2023

Wednesday 15th: Deadline for 'Poster of Peace' Entries
Wednesday 15th/Thursday 16th: NEU Strike Action (TBC)
Friday 17th: Y5/Y6 SeaCity Museum Visit
Friday 17th: Reports and ILPs to Parents
Friday 17th: Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21st: Y6 Transition Meeting (The Weald)
Wednesday 22nd: This Girl Can Event at The Weald
Thursday 23rd: Y6 SATS Parent Meeting @ 3.30pm
Friday 24th: PTA Quiz Night
Friday 24th: Y5/Y6 Titanic Day
Wednesday 29th: PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 30th: Y3/Y4 Spring Music Concert
Friday 31st: Last Day of Term 2PM FINISH



Congratulations to the winner of this week's PTA Cake Raffle!

Total Solar Energy Generated
174,849 kWh

HOUSE POINTS
YELLOW - 165
RED - 264
GREEN - 197
BLUE - 245



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