

Wisborough Green Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th March 2023



Focus Value
for this half
term:
Perseverance

A Note from the Headteacher

Last half term we held our first 'Tell Me More' session for parents and carers, with a focus on the curriculum. It was a great opportunity to explain about the curriculum offered at Wisborough Green and how we enhance learning in different ways. Next term, our 'Tell Me More' session will focus on the teaching and learning of mathematics, an area that some parents have indicated appears to have changed over the years! Once the date is confirmed, we will let you know.

Following this term's meeting, some of our parents also wanted to discuss home learning across different age groups and how it is accessed. The general consensus was that the jump from paper-based activities in Year 1 to Google Classroom in Years 2 and 3 was difficult for some families. It was agreed that we would discuss with staff and consider how best to ensure a smooth transition, accessible to all. As a result, we have decided that Year 2 will now be provided with a combination of online and paper-based tasks. Year 3 will continue to use Google Classroom most of the time, with occasional practical or paper-based activities throughout the year. By Year 4, we expect that all children are able to access Google Classroom by themselves, including printing and uploading completed work. We hope that this will help children and their parents/carers to move gradually towards a fully independent home learning process in upper key stage 2. As always, if time is tight, please prioritise daily reading with your child over any other home learning tasks.

Fire Engine Visit

Thanks to Climbing Bears, all our children had an opportunity to see a fire engine up close this week and learn more about the equipment and how it is used. Some children even had a turn at spraying the hose! Thank you, West Sussex Fire Service!



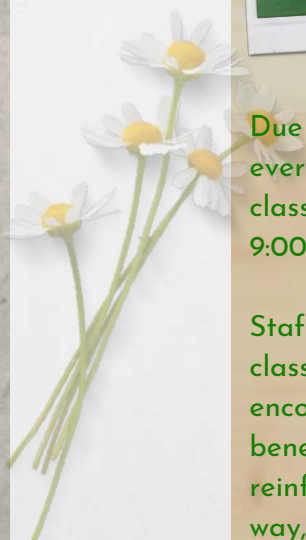
Sporting Event: This Girl Can!

This week, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls represented WGPS at The Weald 'This Girl Can!' event. They played football against other local schools. Our team won two matches and drew one, coming joint 4th overall. Well done to everyone who took part!



Due to the enormous success of our recent Family Reading session, we have decided to hold one every half-term. This is a lovely opportunity for parents and grandparents to come into classrooms and read with the children. Our next Family Reading event will be Friday 21st April, 9:00-9:20am. Everyone welcome!

Staff have also decided to introduce 'Random Reader', where a member of staff drops into a classroom and reads a story to a class at any point during the day. As well as helping to encourage a love of reading, reading aloud to children has both academic and emotional benefits. They can be exposed to more complex vocabulary, in context, which we can discuss and reinforce. We will also have an opportunity to explore emotive or sensitive subjects in a guided way, helping to build empathy. We can't wait to get started!



SeaCity Museum Trip

Last week, Year 5 and 6 had an excellent day at the SeaCity Museum in Southampton. They took part in a guided tour, a discovery session and a workshop. The children had a chance to look some objects that would have been used on the Titanic, had to decide who would be allowed to board a lifeboat and used Morse code to send messages to each other. The staff at the museum commented on how much the children knew about the Titanic and were incredibly impressed!

Today, Year 5 and 6 celebrated Titanic Day. This included sharing work that the children have done this term, trying cabin biscuits and soup that they made earlier in the week and showcasing their fantastic Charleston dances. It was great to see all the children make such an effort with their dressing up and it really did feel like they had been transported back to 1912!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, Premier Education are now being employed to provide a before-school activity club Monday to Friday. 'Start Active' will start after the Easter break and will run from 7:40am to 8:40am each day. Please follow the [link](#) provided for more information and details of how to register your child for a place. Parents are reminded NOT to use the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up.

There are also a few changes to after-school clubs next term so please check the [list](#) provided for updates and details of how to book a place. Extra-curricular clubs offer the opportunity for children to interact outside of the classroom environment and learn new skills, as well as being lots of fun! A club can also help develop self-esteem, self-confidence, moral, social and interaction skills, so please do take a look at what is on offer!

Planning Help Needed

The school is in the process of re-applying to the council to change the grass under the trim trail and tyres to an all-weather surface. If there are any parents with planning expertise who are able to produce a technical plan/drawing, please contact the school office. Thank you.

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.

Next Week's Events

- Monday 27th: Y3 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Tuesday 28th: Y4 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Tuesday 28th: YR NHS Healthy Child Programme
- Wednesday 29th: PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- Thursday 30th: Y3/Y4 Spring Music Concert @ 3.30pm & 5.30pm
- Friday 31st: Last Day of Term **2PM FINISH**

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



Other Diary Dates

April 2023

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th: Easter Holidays

Monday 17th: Summer Term Starts

Monday 17th: SEND Parent-Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 18th: KS1 SATs meeting for Year 2 parents

Thursday 20th-Friday 21st: Y5 Lodge Hill Residential

Friday 21st: Family Reading 9:00-9:20am

May 2023

Monday 1st: Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 8th: King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 26th: INSET Day

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June: May Half Term

Total Solar Energy
Generated
174,849 kWh

HOUSE POINTS
YELLOW - 169
RED - 230
GREEN - 147
BLUE - 196



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