

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



Focus Value for
this half term:
Unity

A Note from the Headteacher

This week in assembly we launched our focus value 'Unity' with a song called 'Together'. We discussed the lyrics and thought about how we could use them to make sure that we really were inclusive and considerate to everyone within the school community. We discussed "I will listen to your words" and "I'll pick you up when you fall down" in a range of different situations. We also considered how difficult it could be to "forgive when I get hurt" and why. We decided that the most important phrase in the song was, "Everyone belongs in this community".

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Evening after school this week. We started with a beautiful performance by the choir and then had an opportunity to try some new food at the international taster café and share children's learning by visiting classrooms and looking through books. The children loved seeing which piece of work was selected for your 'Proud Parent Award' and really enjoyed sharing their learning so far.

To continue to share children's strengths and targets with you, teachers are currently in the process of writing mid-year reports and reviewing Individual Learning Plans (ILPs). These will be sent home on **Friday 15th March**. Parent-teacher meetings will begin the following week and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss these with your child's class teacher. Further details will follow shortly.

Bikeability

Year 6 have had a great time learning about bike maintenance and road safety this week as part of Bikeability. Of the 25 children who attended, 96% achieved the level 2 standard which includes passing stationary vehicles and sharing use of the road. Despite the rain, the children still said it was 'amazing' and that they felt much more confident cycling on the main roads. They practised U-turns, hand signals and cycling by themselves in traffic and they now know how to tighten their saddle and check steering, helmets, tyres and chains! Well done, Year 6!



On Tuesday Evening, some of the Year 6 children attended The Weald Book Awards, where they had the chance to listen to the different authors discuss their books and talk about how and why they became authors. They were able to ask them questions and even managed to get their books signed. We would like to say a huge well done to the children that took part and are so pleased to announce that Wisborough Green came runners up in the very popular book trailer competition! You can see the trailer for Dread Wood by Jennifer Killick [here](#). The children were thrilled to receive congratulatory email from the author today.



Sporting Events

This week, our Year 6 netball team took part in a tournament at The Weald, with eight other local schools. We are pleased to announce that we came 6th overall, winning one match and drawing five. The children said it was great fun, especially playing alongside their friends against new teams. Well done to everyone who took part!



Premier Education and 1:1PC are offering Easter Holiday sport camps. Please see the attached flyers for more information. Premier runs from 2nd - 5th April at Wisborough Green Primary School and 1:1PC runs from 8th - 10th April at The Weald.

Wraparound Care

You may have seen in the press that the Government would like to provide wraparound care for all school parents who require it by 2026. Wraparound childcare: guidance for schools and trusts in England 2024 states that, 'Local authorities are responsible for ensuring there are sufficient wraparound childcare places in their area. They will work with schools, trusts, and PVI providers (including childminders and early years providers) to do so, using government funding to set up new provision and expand existing provision, where needed.'

Further guidance for schools updated on 27th February 2024 adds, 'Once you have received a request for wraparound childcare on the school site from a parent, you should engage with the designated local authority wraparound lead and make them aware of the request. The local authority should work with the parent to consider whether there is suitable wraparound provision in the local area.' This is something that we would very much welcome for parents at Wisborough Green, and we look forward to receiving the support outlined. We will forward all recent parent enquiries to West Sussex County Council at the end of term and have already requested more information. We will be in touch when we receive a response. If you would like to make a written parent request to be submitted to WSCC, please email office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk and we will include it in our bundle. In the meantime, we have been advised to signpost parents and carers to their [local family information service](#) which provides information on local childcare services.

Chartwells

Congratulations to the children in Oak and Willow Classes for winning the Chartwells' Bee Competition, designing a flower garden to attract bees. We had so many fantastic entries! Both classes were awarded seeds and pots to start their own bee garden at school. Well done to the winners.

Chartwells is introducing a new menu, starting after Easter, please see attached. There are some exciting new meals for the children to try, so please do read through the menu with your child when booking their meals.



Upcoming Dates

- Continue Fairtrade Fortnight
- Tuesday 5th Years 3 & 4 Virtual Reality Headsets: Mount Everest
- Wednesday 6th Usborne Book Fair 3:15pm
- Thursday 7th World Book Day: Decorate a Potato to bring in
- Friday 8th Reception Class Numicon Workshop 9:15am



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

HOUSE POINTS

RED - 145

GREEN - 145

BLUE - 143

YELLOW - 170

For future diary dates, please visit our [website's school calendar](#). Thank you.



Stay up to date with all the latest news on our X/Twitter page: [@WisGreenPrimary](#) and check our ['Local Events' website page](#).



Total Solar Energy Generated
174,849 kWh