



# Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 - No.3 - Friday 24th January 2025

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
27th Jan	Year 1 Space Workshop –Moon Landings
5th Feb	9:10am - Badger Class Assembly (parents invited)
6th Feb	8:45am - 9:30am Open Session
w/c 10th Feb	Wellbeing Week
11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
14th Feb	WISPA Mufti Day
14th Feb	3:15pm– Break up for Half Term
14th Feb	3:15pm - 4:15pm WISPA Year R Party
14th Feb	4:30pm - 5:30pm WISPA Year 1 Party
w/c 17th Feb Half Term SCL Half Term Holiday Club	
w/c 17th Feb - WISPA Reading Challenge	
25th Feb	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening
27th Feb	Bag2School Drop Off
27th Feb	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening
5th Mar	9:10am Rabbit Class Assembly (parents invited)
6th Mar	World Book Day
6th Mar	3:15pm - 4:00pm WIS-Bar Golden Ticket Event

Dear Parents,

What a soggy and windy week! It certainly does not feel like Spring is round the corner, but there is plenty blooming in our classrooms at WIS and in terms of this, there are a few **learning highlights** from each year group overleaf!

Amongst their usual busy timetables, this week Mrs Grey arranged and led a thought provoking extended curriculum opportunity in the form of **World Religion Day** which was once again a great success. To keep you informed, there are some more details and a few photographs overleaf but of course my favourite aspect of this opportunity was that our Year 2 classes spent some time with the Year 6 classes from the Juniors to share and extend their understanding and creativity.

In other extended curriculum news, our staff run Spring term clubs have started this week with a rather wonderful 181 pupils attending these varied opportunities which is absolutely brilliant! Despite these impressive numbers, and just as a last reminder, there are still a few places available at singing, book, street dance, WeeKicks football and cartoon drawing club so if you would like your child to join in the fun, please follow the link to book a place: <https://forms.office.com/e/1RpADB1eQE>

Throughout this week, and ahead of Parents Evening next month, Mrs Wilson and I are in the process of meeting with each of our class teachers to discuss the children's individual progress and learning up to this point in the academic year; it hardly seems possible that we will be at the halfway point in three weeks time!

These **pupil progress meetings**, have given us an opportunity to discuss the individual children's curriculum strengths, skills and successes as well as the impact of the children's additional support and resources provision. We are certainly very fortunate to have such an amazing staff team who work tirelessly to support each and every pupil. We are both delighted with the wonderful learning opportunities as well as the individual and small group targeted support our children are benefitting from to aid them achieving their potential. Linked to this, one aspect of our intervention is regular individual reading. As I am sure you can empathise with, there are never enough hours in the day so I would like to take this opportunity to invite any parents or family members who would like to join our existing group of fantastic **volunteers** to visit us at Westfields on a weekly basis to hear our children read. If this is something you may be able to commit to on a regular basis, please do not hesitate to get in touch as we would welcome more willing volunteers!

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- Please remember that any **alternative collection arrangements** must also be communicated via the office or classroom doors because as previously communicated ClassDojo cannot always be checked during the school day due to teaching commitments.
- As ever, please do not use the staff car park; it is for staff and deliveries only, there have been a number of near misses!

# What have we been learning?

## Reception

The past two weeks have whizzed by in Year R and the children are now thoroughly engrossed in our 'Space and Our Planet' topic. The children have learnt so much already, they can hardly contain their enthusiasm; often stopping other teachers down the corridor to share a super space fact! A particular learning highlight for all classes has been creating a 'Westfields Space Agency Launchpad' in our outdoor environment, from which many rockets have since launched! Soon the children will be putting their knowledge of the rocky planets and gas giants to the test as they set to design and then create their very own planets out of clay.

Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher



## Year 1

It has been a busy week in Year 1. In English, we started a new book 'Man on the Moon - A Day in the life of Bob'. We have written sentences about the story using time words to sequence the order of Bob's day and also enjoyed thinking of questions to ask him. In Maths we have been representing teen numbers using practical equipment and finding number bonds for these. We have continued our learning about space during our History sessions and we had fun in DT exploring the terms chassis and axel using construction models then creating a design for our own moon buggies. In Computing we have been predicting the outcome of a sequence involving forwards and backwards commands using the Beebots.

Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader & Class Teacher



## Year 2

It has been a very creative week in Year 2... In DT we have learned how to use pivots to make a picture move. We used split pins to make a bird fly from one tree to another. In Art we have been experimenting with clay. We have practised the skills of smoothing and joining one piece of clay to another. We used our skills to make our own creatures. In Science we have thought about how we could plan a test to find out which material would be the best to build a bridge. We thought about what we would change during our experiment and what would stay the same. Next week we will be conducting the practical experiments and drawing scientific conclusions from our results.

Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS...

We are excited to share that as a result of all the yummy cake donations and your support, our Year R Cake Sales last week raised an impressive £303... Thank You! In addition to this excitement is building for our Growth-Ups Bingo Night



[Please click here to reserve your space.](#)

In addition to this, the children have their end of half term Mufti (non-uniform) Day as well as YrR and Yr1 Discos to look forward to on the 14th February, a letter regarding booking disco tickets has been sent today so please be sure to take a look!



## World Religion Day

This year to celebrate WRD at WIS, firstly we shared a thought provoking whole school assembly outlining the ideas of peace and understanding behind World Religion Day and then we headed off to our classrooms to find out more!

Each year group explored a different world religion. In Reception we introduced the children to Judaism by looking at some key beliefs around the sacred text, the Torah and how its words are

honoured by the Jewish people. The children in Year 1 focussed on Islam; looking at the mosque as a place of worship and some key beliefs. We made geometric patterns and painted patterns to create prayer mat pictures.

Year 2 had a visit from Year 6 as both year groups were exploring aspects of Hinduism, including the creation story. This involved painting and making lotus flowers, as well as Rangoli patterns.

We are sure that the children really enjoyed their day and their knowledge and understanding of religion has certainly grown.

Mrs Grey, RE Co-ordinator



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## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Another busy and dynamic week at WIS has led to some super learning success and as such, in our Celebration Assembly today, I had the privilege of presenting our Learning Superstars with certificates for demonstrating various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

Year R: Jorga Ayres, Mason Lovell and Ella Brander

Year 1: Tannaxeya Makunura, CJ French and Kiera Cayley

Year 2: Jacob Kaye, Chloe Hoddinott and Olivia Benson

## Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Elsie Fitzsimmons** who received a certificate to show she had demonstrated proficiency in FreeStyle, One Dance-Green - watch out Strictly! Congratulations to **Arthur Garwood** who has received a swimming certificate for improved body position on his front and back.

## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Badger Class

... with 98%.

Well done to you all!

