



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.7 - Friday 18th October 2024

 Upcoming Events	
23rd Oct	Flu Immunisations
23rd Oct	10:00am - Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake at Westfields Junior School (Anxiety)
24th Oct	Photograph and Christmas Card Order Deadline
25th Oct	WISPA Mufti Day and Mad Hair Day
28th Oct - 1st Nov - Half Term SCL Holiday Club	
1st Nov	Year R and Year 3 Application Open
4th Nov	Inset Day
9th Nov	Firework Fiesta at WJS
w/c 11th Nov Friendship Week	
11th Nov	Odd Sock Day (to celebrate difference & diversity)
12th Nov	6:30pm - 7:30pm Prospective Parent Session (adults only)
<u>13th Nov</u>	9:10am Robin Class Assembly (parents invited)
15th Nov	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night at WJS
w/c 18th Nov Road Safety Week	
<u>21st Nov</u>	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has ended and whilst I think there are certainly a few tired faces (of children and staff!) it hardly seems possible that we only have one more week until half term! In our Celebration Assembly this afternoon there was much talk of this week's golden **learning highlights** which ranged from counting in 2s, 3s and 5s to fun-filled PE lessons and even becoming authors! In addition to this when I visited our Reception classes, the children shared excitement relating to the start of some Diwali themed learning and phonics - what busy bees we have!

In addition to the children's lessons, I can finally share a few photographs of our new equipment in our **Nurture and Sensory Rooms**. Following a generous grant received from Wellington College last term, we have been able to resource these shared learning areas and what wonderful additions they are; including sensory tiles, lighting, bean slabs, a new sink for messy play and even a den! We are certainly very lucky and grateful as we know that our children will benefit so much from these specialist resources and we are looking forward to the children sharing their experiences with you.



I must also, of course, mention our **Parents Evenings** this week; once again, feedback has been incredibly positive and I cannot express how valuable I consider these 1:1 meetings to be. With almost everyone attending, staff have highly valued the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how your child has settled in to their new classes, your child's current attainment and their next steps so that we can continue to work in partnership to promote best outcomes for everyone. In addition to these, I hope you will find the new year group resource packs that were given out useful. I also wish to thank everyone who completed a parent questionnaire to provide feedback which we also greatly appreciate. Mrs Green is currently collating your responses and I will of course provide you with a summary of these in due course.

Following the success of the Neurodiversity Workshop last week, we also wish to invite our parents to our first **Chit-Chat Tea and Cake session** of the year. These have previously been successful for Junior parents but in the spirit of collaborative working we wish to extend the invitation across the Federation:

Don't forget **EVERYONE** is invited to join us for...

CHIT-CHAT, TEA & CAKE
9.00am - 10.00am 23rd October 2024

All parents and family members are welcome to join our Family Support Worker, Mrs Kirby to have a chat over a cup of tea. This month's theme is about **Anxiety**; so if you think you may benefit from informally chatting about this aspect of parenting, please do come along to WJS!



I must also mention that we are looking forward to the children enjoying their first **Mufti Day** of the year. To avoid any confusion, this is another event across the federation but with the Infants collecting donation items for their Christmas Fair (as detailed in the WISPA letter) and the Juniors raising funds for PAWS (£1.00 donation) - thank you in anticipation of your support.

It feels as though momentum is building with so many exciting events taking place across the school, federation and wider community as we approach the mid-point of the Autumn term, as such please do keep up-to-date with communications from school to avoid missing out.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please remember to **name all school uniform** items just in case they become misplaced - the lost property boxes are very busy!
- Don't forget... final orders for individual and sibling photographs from **Fraser Portraits and IQ Christmas Cards** is next Thursday, 24th October 2024.
- We hope everyone will join in the fun next Friday, 25th October with our **PAWS Mufti** (non-uniform) & **Mad Hair Day** £1.00 donation.



WISPA NEWS...

Please remember next Friday (25th October 2024) is **Mufti and Mad Hair Day**.

We hope that all of the children will come in to school wearing their own clothes with their craziest hair and bring along a donation for our Christmas Fair as detailed in the WISPA letter attached.

In other news, we are also all looking forward to our first joint **Quiz Night** for parents next month. If you fancy a fun-filled evening with friends to raise money across the federation, why not register a team by following the link:

[WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night Form](https://www.westfields-inf.co.uk/wispa/paws-quiz-night-form)



Autumn Term Club Success...



With so many clubs on offer this term and more than one hundred and sixty-five children taking part every week, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the fun we have all had.

As has now become part of life at WIS, it really is so lovely to see staff and pupils enjoying the varied experiences before school, during lunchtimes and after the end of the school day.

From Drawing Club, Judo, Board Games, Art and Gymnastics to Happy Minds, Weekicks, Choir and Hamma Beads, I am so delighted that we have such impressive numbers of children joining in and experiencing new skills and interest.

Thank you for your support and engagement.



Owl Class Assembly Success...

On Wednesday morning, Owl Class proudly shared some learning highlights in their Class Assembly. The children confidently retold a stormy pumpkin themed story inspired by their current class reader. They also shared their counting skills and presented their impressive Wild Thing models! The children spoke confidently which was wonderful to share particularly as they have been in Year 2 for less than half a term!

Congratulations one and all!



Community News...

We hope lots of our Westfields families will support this year's **Firework Display** hosted at Westfields Junior School; if you wish to take advantage of discounted pre-booked ticket prices, please purchase these via the link:

<https://yateleylions.co.uk/event/fireworks-2024/>

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LET'S CELEBRATE...

As we draw to the end of another busy and successful week during which our pupils have worked exceptionally hard we are excited to share this week's proud Star of the Week Award winners who were presented with certificates in our Celebration Assembly (and in class for Reception!) this afternoon (copies are on display in the entrance area). Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

Year R: Otis Black, Nova Fiorillo and Oscar Smith

Year 1: Eden McChesney, Mason Lomas and Callum Chase

Year 2: Casey Griffiths, Eva Zeman and Logan Belas

Out of School Achievements

Once again we are delighted to share some more fantastic out of school achievements this week...

Congratulations to **Matilda Gilham-Stafford** who has completed her Level 1 in Gymnastics.

Well done to **Penny Perry** who received Star of the Week at her Gymnastics Club.

Congratulations to **Lara Porkolab** who received Star of the Week in Street Dance Club.

Well done to **Felix Tearall** who was awarded Player of the Match for Yateley United Titans after winning their match last weekend.

Congratulations to **Freya Hammond** who was awarded a medal at Judo Camp.

Well done to **Christian Pullen** who has received his white belt in Judo.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Woodpecker Class

... with a perfect 100%.

Well done to you all!