



# WESTFIELD NEWS

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Edition 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed the extended sunshine we have had over the past few weeks, including the tropical rain storm! We have been delighted to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes this term and we are very proud of the positive start they have made in both their attitude to learning and behaviour. All of the staff and I are really looking forward to the year ahead where we have planned a range of exciting rich curriculum opportunities for your children.

## **Welcome to... the new class evening.**

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our 'Welcome to ... the new class' meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The aim of this meeting was to give you an early opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and provide you with information regarding routines, expectations and what your child will be taught over the coming year. As well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions. If you were unable to attend this meeting, information will have been sent home in book bags. Further information can be found on your child's class page of our website. Please can we remind you that if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education, please contact the class teacher as the first point of contact. This can be done by either using the 'pink slip system' and hand it into the School office or approach the teacher at the end of the school day where they will arrange a mutually convenient time for you to meet.

## **Sensory Garden**

During the summer holiday our new Sensory Garden was created in our courtyard area. Thanks to the School council writing to parents and the local community, this project was predominately funded by generous donations. The children and staff would like to thank everyone who supported us in this project. To show our appreciation, last year's School Council invited people who supported us to visit the garden as well as serving them tea and brownies. This new garden has already been described by the children as.... 'a magical place' 'the best place in our school!' and 'it is so calm here!' If you haven't had the opportunity to visit, you are welcome to ask your child to show you at the end of the school day.



## Day of Languages

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the children celebrated Day of Languages with each class focusing on a different country, experiencing their culture through music, dance, singing, food tasting and lots more. Children from all classes shared their learning with the school and parents during our special celebration assembly on Friday afternoon.



## This Month's Sporting updates...

### Sports leaders

This year Mr Bethune and Mr Jones will be introducing a new opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 children to demonstrate their leadership skills and passion for sport. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Mr Jones from Ashlyns and his Sports leaders visited Westfield to share with the children what the role of a Sports leader is in their school and inspire our Year 5 and 6 children to put themselves forward and apply for this role at Westfield. Well done to all of the children who applied to become a sports leader. Interviews with Mr Bethune, Mr Jones and two Ashlyns Sports Ambassadors took place on Wednesday where all of the children put themselves in the 'stretch zone'. The children will find out next week who will be our Sports Leaders this term. We look forward to updating you in the next monthly newsletter.

### House Captains

Well done to all of the Year 5 and 6 children who prepared and presented a speech to become a House Captain. Congratulations to the following children who were successfully elected:

Air	
House Captain	Vice Captain
Daisy	Oscar

Earth	
House Captain	Vice Captain
Molly	Noah

Fire	
House Captain	Vice Captain
Gracie	Zach

Water	
House Captain	Vice Captain
Eloise	Yasmin

## School Council

Also a very 'big well done' to all of the children who put themselves forward for School Council. Congratulations to the following children who will work with Mrs McGovern during the year to share their ideas in finding further ways to improve school life and raise money for their chosen charities:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Jack Sienna	Henry Martha	Ben Matilda	Lucy Hari

Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
William Emily	Neve Leon	Zach ( <i>Chair</i> ) Eve ( <i>Vice Chair</i> ) Emmy and Freddie.F. ( <i>Secretaries</i> )

## Charity events this month...

Thank you to everyone who supported us this month to raise money for two of our annual fundraising events - Genes for Jeans day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September where we raised £211.28 and today's Macmillan Coffee morning. Thank you to Mrs Wortley-Taylor for organising these events and to everyone who baked a cake or enjoyed tasting them!

Well done to Maisie and Ella-Mae (Year 5 Picasso) and Harvey (Year 2) for organising a cake sale over the summer holiday for Keech Hospice Care and raising a fantastic £90.65. Children, please let us know if you demonstrate a random act of kindness and organise a fundraising event as we would love to share this with the school community.

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and we are all looking forward to working with your children for another exciting and successful year at Westfield.

Regards,

Mrs Stace and the Westfield Team

# SEPTEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received awards this month.

## Values Awards

### Friendship

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Ella	Yann	Nina-Rose	Saffia	Amelia	Hannah	Samuel	Jacob	All of Year 6
Lorelie	Daisy	Skye	Ellen	Alice	Skye	Salvador	Jack	Nat

### Responsibility

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Alfie	Lucy	Lacey	Brooke	Holly	Riley	Lauren	Evie	Molly
Lyla	Isla	Mazie	Poppy	Sam	Freddie	Daniel	George	Oscar

### Top Table

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Lucy	Jack	Ryan	Charlotte	Suri	William	Maisie	Gracie