



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe this is our final newsletter of the academic year and what a successful year we have had in providing our children with such a vast range of extra-curricular activities and rich experiences to enhance their learning. It was so lovely to see so many families attend our Annual Open evening on 7th July and for the children to have the opportunity to proudly share their work with you. I would like to thank all of the staff for all of their extra hard work in preparing for this evening. The staff and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to share with us your positive feedback regarding what has worked well for your child this year, which is now displayed in our entrance hall.

Year 5 -Young Enterprise Awards

Throughout this half term, Team Lowry has taken on the Fiver Challenge, an initiative led by Young Enterprise where the children had to make money grow! Each child was given £5 and the option of working in a group or independently to create a company name, logo and a clear vision for what their product was and who they would sell it to. We've had cupcakes, Hamma-bead keyrings, brownies, lemonade, comics, car washes, cookies and jewellery all up for sale from the different companies. We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone at Westfield that came to support the Fiver Challenge Market, it was a great success.

We're pleased to announce that as a class Team Lowry made in the region of £670 profit across the 4 weeks!!! A fantastic achievement, which Team Lowry should be very proud of. The profits are to be split with 50% going to each company's preferred charity, 25% to Cancer Research, the class charity and 25% towards resources for the class when they are in Year 6.

At the Berkhamsted finale, EEDG Cupcakes won 'Best Teamwork', Crawley Curtain Raisers and Supersonic came joint 1st with 'Best Product', congratulations and very well deserved. We'll be entering again next year, so we look forward to more innovative ideas from the new Year 5 classes!



Samba Workshop

On Wednesday 6th July all of our Key stage 2 children had the opportunity to take part in a Samba Workshop. This was designed to introduce the children to Samba rhythms . During these sessions the children played traditional instruments and used simple rhymes to help them stick to the beat. A big thank you to Kaz from Herts Music service for delivering this workshop which fully engaged the children throughout. They had a fantastic experience!

'It was really fun learning about how the instruments originated. Also it was great being able to play the different instruments and the rhymes were great as they helped us keep in time!'



Peppa Pig comes to Westfield!

On July 5th , James Butler, father of Alice in Reception Class , visited Da Vinci and many other classes to explain how the animation Peppa Pig is made. We were very interested to learn how many people work on producing Peppa Pig and how many varied jobs there are- most of which we had never heard of! We were also astonished at how long it takes to produce just one short episode. Thank you very much to Mr Butler for giving up his time to show us more about Peppa Pig World !

This month's sporting updates...

Sports week - 11th – 15th July



We have had such an inspirational Sports Week. On Monday, the week was kicked off with a brilliant assembly by Ian Rose, silver medal-winning Judo Paralympian. Being born with extremely limited vision, he showed the children how he overcame being bullied at school and discovered a love of Judo at the age of 7. The children saw how, through sheer hard work and determination, he rose to become one of the best Judo players in the world and won Bronze and Silver medals at the Paralympics. Year 3 to Year 6 then had inspiring lessons with Ian Rose on teamwork and focus, as well as fantastic wheelchair basketball lessons in the hall with Mr Reynolds. Year 1 and Year 2 had cricket coaching with the excellent Mr Ahmed in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, despite Sports Day being postponed due to bad weather, with the help of Mrs Boothroyd, Year 1 to Year 6 had the chance to beat England Masters Hockey goalkeeper, Mark Boothroyd! It was great fun and extremely hard to score past Mark and all his padding!



Wednesday brought the inspirational Andy Instone from Urban Strides to teach us street dance. Andy shared his story in assembly and how a simple act of kindness from his uncle at age 15 changed his life (he was bought a copy of Michael Jackson's Thriller on video). The children heard how Andy overcame his family's bankruptcy, worked 3 jobs to save enough money to go to America and learn street dance from the same teachers that taught Michael Jackson! Andy made it clear that he is no different to any of the children at Westfield and that he has achieved his dreams and became successful through taking POSITIVE ACTION! Year 4 – Year 6 then had street dance workshops where we learned some moves and got our sweat on!

Thursday saw Lawrie and Sharon, black-belt instructors from Rush Judo, come and teach KS2 some basic throws, grabs and holds. They did a whole school assembly demonstrating their Judo moves and encouraged the children to try out Judo at Ashlyns school – you never know, they could be the next Ian Rose! KS1 had some superb tennis coaching from the excellent coach Michael James – watch out Andy Murray! All the while, each class has been getting outside and playing competitive sports in their house teams and this culminated with Air and Water being announced as the winners of Sports Week!

On Friday the weather Gods shone down on us favourably and we had an amazing Sports Day. The children all tried their best in their house teams and a very competitive morning ended with Air winning Sports Day! On Friday afternoon, we had our first competitive races for KS2. The children competed fantastically and really displayed our values of perseverance, resilience and teamwork. It was lovely to see everyone giving it their best and winners and losers acting with grace and maturity. It was a great way to end a thoroughly active and inspiring Sports Week!



A special thank you to Mr Bethune and Mr Jones for organising and co-ordinating this week's events and to all of the staff and children for actively taking part in everything with real energy and enthusiasm. It has been a fantastic week of sport!

Costa Blanca Cup



Two of our Year 5 pupils, Louis & Archie, were invited this month to participate in the International Costa Blanca Futsal competition in Spain. The boys had a great time, winning the 3rd place Finals for their age group and learnt some Spanish too! Congratulations to them both, we are all incredibly proud of you.

Water Week

Thank you for supporting the Eco Team at the School Fair. The money raised from our wildlife game will go towards the new Sensory Garden. This month we have been learning about water vulnerable countries and supporting Oxfam who raise funds to help communities provide fresh water for drinking, sanitation and hygiene. Thank you for your contributions on Sports Day and please continue to use water wisely. From the Eco Team.

Year 6 Performance

Congratulations to Year 6 who all put themselves in the 'stretch zone' on the 5th July where they performed a spectacular performance of 'School daze'. The children all did themselves, staff and parents proud where they entertained the audience of family and friends through acting, singing and dancing. There wasn't a dry eye in the house through tears of emotion and laughter!

Choir performance at Shaftesbury Court

On Thursday 14th July, the choir returned to Shaftesbury court to entertain the Senior citizens during their afternoon summer tea. Well done to all of the children who sang a variety of their favourite songs and did themselves proud. A very BIG thank you to Miss Nice and Mrs Lambert for all of their hard work with the choir this year.



Farewell Year 6...

Today we held a very special Leaver's assembly for our first class of Year 6 children. During the assembly the children sang some Year 6 favourite songs from the O2 and the production as well as our school song 'Proud'. As well as sharing their highlights of their special time at Westfield. It was lovely to be joined by Mrs Bennett and past staff to celebrate their last day with us. We really couldn't have asked for more from our Year 6's this year! They have been a real credit to our school. Although extremely sad to see them go, they are so ready to move on to their Secondary Schools. Good luck, continue to be happy and embrace every opportunity life brings you. Please keep in touch and come back and visit us soon!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and thank all of my staff for all of their hard work this year. It has been a real honour to be the Head of Westfield Primary over the past two years and I look forward to another exciting year planned next year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September and seeing ALL of our parents at our 'Welcome to....' new classes evening on Wednesday 7th September at 6.45pm .

In the meantime and on behalf of the whole Westfield team we would like to wish you a very happy Summer holiday. We hope you get to enjoy some sunshine and a well-deserved family rest!

Regards,

Mrs Stace and the Westfield Team

JULY AWARDS

Headteacher's Awards

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6
Tyler Yusuf Anthony Abby Theo Skye Ellie Molly Leah Lola Tamsin Ophelia	Alexi Nicholas George	Rosa Will Matilda Eloise	Fred. S. Frankie Saffron Findlay	Max	Amber Olivia Adam Joshua Thomas Noah Ewan Pierce Toby Izzy Leah Aimee Livia

Top Table - June

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Monet	Year 4 Picasso	Year 5	Year 6
Jack	Thales	Charlotte	Suri	Daniel	Maisie	Emily. H.	Rachel

Walking Bus and Scooter Bus

Scooter Bus Award		Walking Bus Award	
Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
Max (Year 5) Lucy (Year 4 Picasso) William (Year 4 Monet) Maybelle (Year 4 Picasso) Lucas (Year 2) Jack (Year 3) Isaac (Year 4 Picasso) Chloe (Reception) Callum (Year 3) Bethany (Year 4 Picasso) Amelia (Nursery)	Saffron (Year 3) Ella (Year 4 Monet) Jenson (Year 4 Monet) Maisy (Nursery)	William (Year 4 Monet) Saffron (Year 3) Max (Year 5) Maisy (Nursery) Lucas (Year 2) Isaac (Year 4 Picasso) Bethany (Year 4 Picasso)	Jack (Year 3) Callum (Year 3) Amelia (Nursery) Chloe (Reception) Jenson (Year 4 Monet)

Attendance Awards

Special Attendance Award (100% attendance)						
Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelia. C. Dominic Annabelle Amelia. L. Katie	Seb Charlie Luke Sophia Ryley Ollie	Ben. A. Carmen Rebecca Ellie	Daniel Suri Saffron Findlay Nadia	Ruben Jay Leon Luke Jacob Jessica	Nat Max	Sam Olivia Robbie Stevie

Bennett Award for effort and achievement in all aspects of school life	PE Award for effort and achievement	Music Award for effort and achievement	Art and D & T Award for effort and achievement	Science Award for effort and achievement
Gemma (Year 6) Noah (Year 6)	Luke (Year 1) Jack (Year 4 Picasso) Maybelle Bryant (Year 4 Picasso) Olivia Smith (Year 6)	Saffia (Year 1) Evie Perkins (Year 4 Picasso) Max (Year 6)	Arin (Year 2) Finn (Year 6) Ebony (Year 4 Monet)	Eloise (Year 2) Stevie (Year 6) Findlay (Year 3)

Ross and Andy Soccer Award	Values Ambassadors
Nicholas (Year 1) George (Year 1) Jack (Year 4 Picasso) Salvador (Year 4 Monet)	Yasmin (Year 5) Lily (Year 5) Freddie. F. (Year 5) Eze (Year 5) Poppy (Year 6) Toby (Year 6) William (Year 6) Livia (Year 6)

Congratulations to all the Year 5 children that completed their Level 2 Cycle Training and Year 3 for their accomplishments in their Swimming this term.