



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and extended family who joined us at our annual Open evening on Thursday 6th July. It was lovely to see the children proudly sharing their work from throughout the year and to also have the opportunity to see some of



the learning they will take part in during the next academic year. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to share your positive post-it feedback on what has worked well for your

child this year. This is currently on display in the entrance hall. Thank you to all of my staff for all of the extra hard work and time put into preparing and displaying the children's work for this event.



Our Sensory Garden

As part of our work on embedding mindfulness at Westfield, at the beginning of the year we created a new Sensory garden area in school for the children. It has been fantastic to see a growing number of children choose to use this area at break times and lunchtimes, in addition to classes using this area for meditation, as a quiet working area with staff and as part of their learning in Science. A very BIG thank you to a number of our children, particularly in Year 5, who have taken responsibility for caring and watering the garden over the summer. Pictured are the children sharing out the strawberries they have proudly grown.



Year 5 Finance Challenge

As you will be aware, many of the children in Year 5 took part in The Finance Challenge and did themselves proud with the variety of ideas for products and advertisements that they developed. The two Finance Challenge markets were a real hit with the rest of the school and went a long way to supporting them in their endeavours - thank you to all those who came and enjoyed the great atmosphere and purchased from the array of goods available. We are delighted to announce that an amazing total of £1,286.78 has been raised! All of this money will remain dedicated to the current Year 5 cohort as they move to Year 6, where a decision on how best to use it will be made. Well done Team Lowry and Team Picasso - great effort!

Year 6 step onto the stage!

On Tuesday 4th July, our talented Year 6 children entertained their parents, carers and family as they performed 'Lights, camera, action!' Well done to all of the children who stepped out of their comfort zone, thoroughly entertaining the audience through song, dance and drama. There wasn't a dry eye in the house by the end of their performance! Well done to you all - we were extremely proud of you!



Summer reading challenge

On Tuesday 4th July, one of our local librarians visited Westfield to introduce the children to this year's Summer reading challenge called 'Animal Agents'. It's free to take part; your child/ren simply need to visit their local library to collect a starter pack. Every child who reads 6 library books by Saturday 9th September will receive a medal and a certificate, along with a chance to win a ticket to an exclusive author event during October half-term. Last year, many of our children participated and we hope you will encourage your child to take part again this year. We look forward to the children bringing in their certificates and medals to share with us in September.



Choir performance at Northchurch Summer Fun Day

On Saturday 8th July, a small representation of six children from our choir certainly stepped out of their comfort zones and into the stretch zone to perform at the Northchurch Summer fun day. Well done to Annie, Bethany, Neve, in Year 5 and Amelia, Matilda and Eloise in Year 3, we were extremely proud of you all! Thank you also to Mrs McGovern and Mrs Lambert for giving up time during their weekend to accompany the choir.

This month's Sports news....

Last week, Westfield hosted another successful Sports Week. The weather was kind to us and so everyone got outside to get active, try out new sports, compete in their houses and have fun!



The week tipped off with Wheelchair Basketball in the hall, expertly coached by Paul Reynolds and ex-pupil Pierce. Tuesday saw London Lions Basketball giant, Zak Wells (all 7ft of him!) come to give an inspiring whole school assembly, and then coach the children in passing, ball-handling and shooting skills. Watch out for the basketball breakfast club that will start next school year.





On Wednesday Mike Mullen, the 2016 UK Half-Pipe BMX Champion showed us how he uses growth mindset and mindfulness to help him achieve his best. It culminated with a trick display where he performed a stunt jump over the teachers! Luckily, he didn't land on them! The lucky Year 5 and 6 classes then had BMX masterclasses with Mike in the playground. After his visit, Mr Mullen contacted us to say what an amazing day he had had and gave us some amazing feedback which I would like to share with you –

"I had such an amazing time at Westfield and have to tell you that I've been raving about your school ever since to anybody who will listen."

"What you've created is an amazing learning environment which I've not encountered on this level before. We all know how schools can get so target driven or become Ofsted pleasers, sometimes overlooking the wellbeing of everyone involved. I was so impressed that your staff took the opportunity to take a set of pupils through a mindfulness meditation while they had a few minutes to pass waiting for the assembly to start. Amazing!"

Cricket coach Mr Ahmed was back to further develop the children's batting, bowling and fielding skills, and all children had the chance to beat the England Veterans hockey goalkeeper Mark Boothroyd! We also had some fantastic tennis coaching from Challenge Tennis, so watch out for a tennis club that should be starting in September!

Sports Week culminated with another fantastic Sports Day on Friday. Well done to Nursery and Reception children for their sportsmanship and team spirit in the morning



and thank you to the Year 6s who helped the event run smoothly. Team Fire were victorious in the Sports Day Carousel morning - well done to everyone for taking part and giving it your best! And the afternoon saw KS2 competing for the coveted Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. The competition for a podium finish was tougher than ever and well done to everyone for winning and losing graciously. The overall winner of the inter-house Sports



Week competition in KS1 was Air and KS2 was Fire - well done to all the children taking part in sports ranging from Curling to Dodgeball! It was another fantastic Sports Week and we hope the children felt invigorated and inspired (and maybe a little bit tired) and are keen to try out new sports and to keep fit!

Thanks to Mr Bethune and Mr Jones for organising Sports week and for all of the staff for making it another successful week for the children. Thank you also to all the parents and carers, who came to cheer the children on during Sports day.



On Tuesday, Year 5 were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to attend the World Para athletics championships at the Olympic Stadium. During the day they cheered on athletes as they competed in a range of events including discus, long and triple jump, shot put and the 100m, 200m, 400m and 1500m races. The children had a fantastic day where they were truly inspired by these amazing athletes.



Sporting Achievements

For the 2nd year, two of our Year 6 pupils, Louis & Archie, were invited to participate in the International Costa Blanca Futsal competition in Spain. The boys did really well, both scoring and reaching the Plate finals once again and their club winning club of the tournament. Congratulations to them both, we are all incredibly proud of you.

Congratulations to Oscar in Year 6 who took part in the U13s (Y6 & Y7) County Pentathlon and came away with a bronze medal. He also came 1st for his Club. Well done Oscar, a fantastic achievement.

Farewell to Year 6 ...

Today in our final assembly of the year we celebrated Year 6's time at Westfield at our special graduation assembly. Happy and sad tears were shed as Year 6 shared their proudest and memorable moments at Westfield as well as singing to the whole school community. Although sad to see them go, this is a very exciting new chapter for our Year 6 children and we wish them all the very best of luck as they move on to their Secondary schools and hope that they continue to work hard and embrace in all the opportunities that are offered to them. Come back and see us all soon Year 6!

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for all of their hard work and commitment over the past year and for continuing to strive to provide your children with the very best educational opportunities and learning experiences. Thank you also to you all for all of your continued support over the year and to those of you who have given additional time to help the school through volunteering in school, raising additional funds and supporting us with your child's learning.

Have a great summer, we look forward to seeing your children back in September refreshed and excited to start the new academic year.

Regards

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team

JULY AWARDS

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

Headteacher's Awards

Year 1	Year 3	Year 5 Picasso
Eryn Harriet	Lucas Rosa Sarah Rebecca	Ruben Ella Ebony Max Isabelle.S. Daniel Sami Sarah Yasmin Emily Patrick Jessie Salvador

Values Awards – Celebrating All Our Values

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Jude	Dominic	Anthony	Charlie	Tilly	Daniel	Isabelle.S.	Ella-Mae	Rohan
Alicia	Mbali	Felicity	Ollie	Sarah	Lucas	Jessica.P.	Jack	Zach

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
Nat (Year 6) Molly (Year 6)	Ellen (Year 2) Ellie (Year 4)	Anabel (Year 1) Jessie (Year 5 Picasso)	Frank (Year 2) Luke (Year 5 Lowry)	Henry (Year 1) Eloise (Year 6)

Values Ambassadors

Olivia.H.
Ella-Mae
Eila
Emily.G.
Bethany.C.
Lucy.B.
Sumaiya
Maybelle

Attendance Awards

Excellent Attendance Award (100% attendance)						
Reception	Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Lowry	Year 5 Picasso	Year 6
Maisy	Harriet	Ben Carmen Will Alice Lucas Ellie	Courtney Frankie Saffron Oliver	Jay Jessica	Sarah Lauren Leona	Nat Max

Special Attendance Award								
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Toby Lorelie Cian Olivia Eleanor Avery Lyla	Imogen Amelia Isla Constance Mbali Caitlin Dylan	Alice Katie Anabel Megan Amelia Oliver	Alex Ryley Ollie Seb Ryan Sophia Frank Martha Poppy Evie Rene	Rosa Rebecca Ben William Arin Tilly Phoebe Belle	Lucy Fred Isaac Nadia Hannah	Isabelle Bethany Emily Jessie Yasmin Ruben	George Jack Ella-Mae Jacob Neve Reece Eve Daniel Kaitlin Leon Isaac	Freddie Raffy Megan Eloise Eve

Ross and Andy Football Awards

KS1 Player of the Term	KS1 Fair Play	KS2 Player of the Term	KS2 Fair Play
Seb	Abby	Josh	Brayden