



# WESTFIELD NEWS

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Edition 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another month has flown by at Westfield, outlined below are some of this month's news....

## Congratulations to the Eco-Team



We are delighted to announce that Westfield is proud to be flying its Green Flag again following a visit from Eco Schools England earlier this month. The assessor complimented the Eco Team (Daniel, Neve, Evie, Jessica T, Jessica P, Ella, Yasmin in Y5, and Freddie, Martha and Riley in Y4) on their enthusiasm and knowledge when they showed her round the school and told her about all of our environmental activities and plans. A very big thank you to Mrs Lambert and Mrs Ayles for all of their hard work in running this club, the Eco-team, and also to the wider school community. Every little thing we do, from turning off lights and recycling batteries (don't forget that you can hand in used batteries at the office), to WISPA's Bags to School or planning the new Wildlife area, helps to make the world a cleaner, greener, healthier place. So please keep supporting us at school and in your own homes.

## NSPCC visit Westfield

The NSPCC visited the children in Key stage 1 and 2 to deliver assemblies about how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they are worried about something. This was followed up by a workshop in each of the Year 5 and 6 classes this week. Children have been reminded of their rights to speak out and be heard, the right to be safe and the right to get help when they need it. Teachers have also reminded them of the ways that they can share a worry in school by telling an adult, a friend or writing their worry down and putting it in the Worry box located in the dining room, which is checked daily and responded to. If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/schools](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/schools) and [www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants)



## Year 5 Mathematicians put themselves in the 'Stretch Zone'

Well done to the following Year 5 children: Lucy, Neve, Jacob, Jay, Leon, Jack, Evie, Emily, Eila, Ella, Patrick and Samuel who took part in the Berkhamsted inter schools Maths challenge at Ashlyns on Wednesday after school. During this event, the children did themselves proud working collaboratively as teams to solve a variety of maths problems. We would like to thank all of the Ashlyns students who organised and ran this successful event.

## This Month's Sporting Updates ...

### Sports Leaders

As promised last month we are delighted to announce our Sports leaders for this year. Mr Bethune and Mr Jones were so impressed with the quality of the applications and interviews that we are pleased to announce that all the Year 5 and 6 children who applied have been successful. Congratulations to the following successful applicants:

Annie	Josh	Jack	Logan
Noah	Eve	Eloise	Archie
Louis	Max	Isaac	Jessica.T.
Harry	Jacob	Oscar	Gracie
Daisy	Erin	Freddy.W.	Emily
Ella	Yasmin	Jessica.P.	Salvador

The children have been divided into two groups and will support Mr Bethune and Mr Jones for half of the academic year each. All sports leaders will then support organising and running Sports week in July.

### Cross Country

On a sunny but chilly Monday morning, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a cross country competition at Ashlyns. They had to run 2km against a very high calibre of runners. In the Year 5 girls race, Lucy dug deep to finish 2nd, Maybelle had a sprint finish for 4th and Annie fought hard against the middle of the pack to come a very respectable 12th!



The Year 5 boys, Leon, Josh and Salvador, decided to challenge themselves and take part in the Year 6 boys race with Oscar. All of the boys did very well against a large and competitive pack of Year 6 boys and Leon finished 3rd.

We were lucky enough to have the Ashlyns Sports Leaders here this week to run some sessions for Year 2 and 3 and the children had a great time participating in the multi-sport sessions. We also took this opportunity for our Sports Leaders to shadow the Ashlyns students and get some tips so that they can run their own sessions in the future!

We do a variety of sports here at Westfield and love introducing new ones, this term has bought us Table Tennis, Lacrosse, Archery and many more. We hope to continue to diversify our clubs and lessons and introduce new sports in the future.



## **Harvest Festival Celebrations**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us at our Harvest celebrations this week. Well done to all of the children who reminded us of the important message of harvest through song, poetry and art work. Thank you also for your generous harvest gifts which will be gratefully received by DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) to support homeless people and disadvantaged families in Dacorum. More information about DENS can be found at [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk).



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended Parents evening this week. We hope you found the evenings informative and would like to thank you for continuing to work closely with us to support your child's home learning . Thank you also for the positive post-it comments on what is working well for you and your child this year. Each year we are required by Ofsted to seek your views about your child's education at Westfield. We would really appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes, if you haven't done so already, to give us your feedback again, even if you views are the same as last year! Click on this link to leave your feedback. [Ofsted Parent View](#) Thank you.

We hope that you have an enjoyable half-term and the children get chance to have fun and relax in some autumn sunshine!

Regards

Mrs Stace and the Westfield team

# OCTOBER AWARDS

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

## Headteacher's Awards

Year 2	Year 3	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Charlie Ellen Sophia Seth	Charlotte Arin	Daniel	Molly Emily Louis Erin Rosanna Daisy Rohan Etian Freddie Freddy Georgie Nico Eloise

## Values Awards

### Respect

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Maya	Dex	Evie	Alex	Elliott.C.	Lexie	Emily	Annie	Louis
Jude	Thomas	Megan	Ryan.H.	Ben	Frankie	Yasmin	Georgia	Emily