



# WESTFIELD NEWS

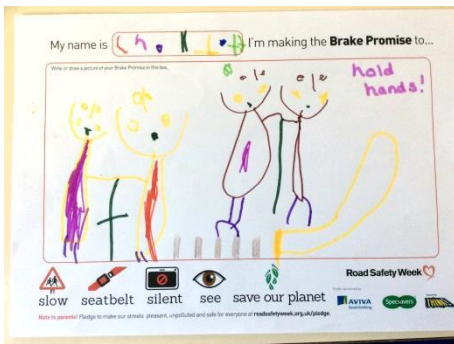
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Dear Parents and Carers,

November has been another very busy month where the children have been involved in a variety of rich learning experiences, where we have been extremely lucky to have welcomed a number of visitors into school. Here are our highlights for this month...

## **Road Safety and Scooter Training**



Parents were invited to join their children in Reception to watch an assembly from a member of staff from Herts County Council. The importance of holding hands, stop, look, listen message, and making use of road crossings were covered. The children also learnt a song to entertain their parents.

Year 2 had better luck this year with the weather and were able to take part in an outdoor scooter training session. Once again 2 members of staff from Herts County Council came and conducted the training. As we are trying to encourage more children to come to school by scooter as part of the walk once a week scheme it is important that the children are able to ride safely on them.



## **Mathematical Mindset Parent workshop**

We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who attended one of our two Mathematical Mindset parent workshops. We are delighted with the positive response we have had to this workshop and here are just a few of the comments we have received from parents:

“The change in the way Maths is being taught has really helped my children’s confidence.”

“Excellent session. Focused my mind on ensuring we give enough room for the child to self-learn as opposed to trying to get straight to the answer. I really like the importance of anything is possible!”

“Absolutely brilliant! What a fantastic way to approach maths and any subject. Can’t wait to help the children with their homework.”

“Love the concept. If you believe you can do it you are halfway there. Great workshop. Thank you.”

“Excellent, really helpful to understand how we can support as parents. Also another reminder about how positive a growth mindset is for everyone. Thank you!”

Please also see feedback displayed in our entrance hall. If you were unable to attend and would like to find out more about how you can positively support your child in Maths using a growth mindset approach as used in school, please see the powerpoint presentation and information on our website via the following link [mathematical mindset parent workshop](#) Here you can log onto You Cubed and learn more.

## Young Enterprise scheme



Year 5 Lowry and Year 6 were lucky enough to experience a workshop run by Young Enterprise (the people who introduced us to the Fiver Challenge experience last year). The children thoroughly enjoyed two afternoons of learning about city planning and creating newspapers as part of a unit called 'Our City'. We look forward to Year 5 Picasso experiencing Young Enterprise workshops later this half term. We would like to say a very BIG thank you to Marilla from the Young Enterprise scheme for organising and delivering these workshops and the financial support of the Chamber of Commerce for funding these.

## Year 3 step back in time....

Tribe Warhol had great fun on their Bronze Age Day to help learn about life in Britain when the Stone Age ended.

The children tried spinning and weaving wool, making necklaces, grinding grain and making butter. Hunting wolves in the wild wood and practising spear throwing kept tribe members busy for most of the day, with time for a grand feast to celebrate becoming warriors too.



## Inspirational assemblies this month...



## Toe tapping musical performance....

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November the whole school was treated to some live music from the Rock Steady organisation. We were given demonstrations of a range of electronic instruments, got a feel for what it is like to be in a band, and had a good sing along to live performances of some well-known songs! Both children and staff were toe-tapping and in great voice. We look forward to welcoming Rock Steady back in the New Year to run music workshops with each class. Thank you to Mrs McGovern for organising this.

## West End star visits Westfield

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November we were extremely fortunate to meet the actor Paul Medford who is currently performing in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in the West End as Violet Beauregarde's father. Paul shared with the children how he became an actor and reminded the children of the importance of working hard, keeping focused and also to enjoy practising the things you love to do as one day this could lead to your future career. During the assembly Paul treated us to a taster of the Lion King, a previous West end show he had acted in, by involving the staff and children singing Hakuna Matana! Thank you to Mrs Banton for arranging for Paul to visit us at Westfield.



## Inspirational Artists



We were delighted to invite Grace who is currently studying 'A' Level Art at Hemel Hempstead school to share with the children her research on promoting the work of a range of female artists. Within her assembly she also inspired the children with her own art work and encouraged the children to continue to enjoy drawing and art in and out of school. We look forward to hearing how Grace develops her career in art in the future and hope to welcome her back to share this with the children. **If you know of anyone who we could invite into school during an assembly to inspire our children, please contact the school office – thank you.**

## **This Month's Sport updates ...**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Westfield took part in two after school Inter school competitions:



A team of Year 4 and one Year 3 child entered the Berkhamsted Schools swimming gala, organised by Berkhamsted Swimming Club. We were extremely proud of all of the children who put themselves in the stretch zone by swimming their first ever gala. We are delighted to announce that through fantastic swimming and sheer determination the children were proudly placed third. Congratulations to Saffron, Carmen, Suri, Hannah, Riley, William, Frankie and Isaac for winning a well-deserved bronze medal. I would like to thank Berkhamsted Swimming club for organising this event, Mrs Ayles for supporting myself and the children and also to all of the parents who came to support us. We hope that

this has given the children a taste of competitive swimming for the future. If you would like more details regarding Berkhamsted Swimming Club please contact [headcoach@berkosc.org.uk](mailto:headcoach@berkosc.org.uk)

On the same evening a team of Year 5 and one Year 6 child entered the Dacorum Interschools Cross country competition in Hemel Hempstead. Well done to Josh, Leon, Salvador, Jack R, Lucy B, Ella, Annie and Rosanna for an excellent run where they showed true team spirit, determination and perseverance right to the finishing line. Special congratulations to Lucy B for achieving first and Leon for coming third. Well done to you all!



Congratulations to the following children for their sporting achievements outside of school –

Well done to the following children who represented Rush Judo in a mini-judo tournament and for being awarded medals for their judo skills – Etian ( Silver ), Ezi ( Bronze ), Suri ( Bronze ), Elliot C ( Silver ) and Zaki ( Bronze ). If you would like to find out more about Rush Judo contact – [rushjudo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rushjudo@hotmail.co.uk)

Congratulations also to Isabelle S in Year 5 who has recently taken part in a choreography competition where she was awarded gold for drama and bronze for her character work. Also a big well done to Molly in Year 6 who has recently be awarded a summer scholarship for dance.

Many congratulations to Suri and Saffron who represented and were victorious as part of the Berkhamsted and Hemel Girls Under-10s Hockey Squad at the Harpenden hockey tournament this month.

Well done to all of the children who continue to enjoy taking part in sport inside and outside school – please continue to let us know of your personal achievements so that we can celebrate them. We love to hear about your sporting achievements outside of school

### **Year 6 taster day – Wildchild**

Year 6 had a fantastic time when they went on a “taster day” at Phasel’s Wood in preparation for their end of year residential trip. As well as a scavenger hunt in the beautiful woods and team building activities they also created pictures using natural materials and finished the day by toasting marshmallows. Everyone agreed it was a brilliant day and are looking forward to spending a longer time there in May.

### **Well done to our Year 6 Tour guides!**

Thank you to all of our Year 6 tour guides who have carried out a number of tours of the school to prospective parents this month. The children have been true ambassadors of Westfield. We have been overwhelmed with the positive feedback we have received from visiting parents, comments have included....

*“A very informative tour by two polite and articulate pupils. They are a credit to Westfield School. The focus on emotional well-being was particularly impressive and had clearly resonated with the pupils.”*

*“Very thorough and passionate about their school and learning. Fantastic feeling and approach- thank you!”*

*"It was great to hear about growth mindset and meditation. Lovely site with woodland and Inspirational shed."*

*"Such lovely, confident and thoughtful children as our guides!"*

*"Lovely to be shown around by children who are so proud of their school. Loved the Calm room and Buddy bench."*

### **Switch Off fortnight!**

A BIG thank you from our Eco-council to all the children, staff and parents who have taken part in 'Switch off fortnight' and making a conscious effort to find ways to reduce the amount of electricity we use each day. During the coming months please continue to foster these good habits helping us to save energy.



### **'Cool to be Kind' week**

Well done to all of the children who carried out a range of random acts of kindness during our 'Cool to be Kind week.' This year as well as the children demonstrating our values of kindness for homework, each class were also involved in carrying out an act of kindness either across the school or the Berkhamsted community. This has involved a range of activities including Year 4 Monet singing and handing out positive messages in the town, Year 1 and Year 6 children delivering messages to the local residents, Year 2 sending helium balloon messages and Year 5 Lowry sending positive poster messages and much, much more. We have received an overwhelming positive response from the local community where we have achieved our aim to spread happiness across the town. Well done to everyone involved. I am extremely proud of you all!

### **Max Whitlock Competition**

Dacorum Borough Council ran a competition last month to either design or colour a poster with the winning designers having their posters printed and meeting gold medallist Max Whitlock during half term. We are delighted to say that the poster coloured in by Daisy in Reception was 'highly commended' by the judges and Daisy received a highly recommended certificate signed by the Mayor of Dacorum. Well done to all those who took part and many congratulations to Daisy!

### **Well Done!**

Well done to three of our Year 5 children for organising their own cake sales to raise money for their own chosen charities. Congratulations to Lucy R for raising £112.88 for Great Ormond Street and to Daniel B and Sami for raising £150 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who supported them with these events by baking or buying and eating their treats!!! Also a BIG thank you from Mr Jones to all of the children who supported him and raised £86 for the Hospice of St Francis by entering his raffle draw. Congratulations to Max E in Year 5 who won the first Sports Explorers T-shirt! Well done to Gracie in Year 6 for all of her hard work in raising an incredible £1,300 for Children in Need. This is a fantastic achievement and you should be extremely proud of yourself!

Wow! What a busy month we have had at Westfield!

Thank you to the staff for all of your hard work in organising such a wealth of additional experiences to enhance our children's learning. We would also like to thank the children for all of their enthusiasm and hard work and your continued support.

Regards

Mrs Stace and the Westfield team

# OCTOBER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards last month.

## Values Awards

### Honesty

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Amelia	Ayla	Abby	Ryley	Lucas	Felix	Max	Maybelle	Eve

### Top Table

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Yann	Evie	Ellen	Sophie	Frankie	Samuel	Jessica	Archie

# NOVEMBER AWARDS

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

## Headteacher's Awards

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Lowry	Year 5 Picasso	Year 6
Lucy	Yusus Skye Abby Lola Tamsin Brooke	Renee	William Brayden Sophie Carmen Zack Amelia Rai Elliot.C. Rebecca Ben Phoebe Sam Sarah Holly Emma Chris Elliott Lucas	Ellie Saffron Freddie Jack William Fred.S. Nadia Frankie Lucy	Ryan Maybelle Evie Josh Jack	Daniel.B. Lucy Ella Max Jack Yasmin Samuel Ebony Jessie	Georgie Max Archie Harry Molly Emmy Eve Nat Emily.B. Zach Louis Raffy Noah Georgie Yasmin

## Values Awards

### Co-Operation

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Olivia	Imogen	Elliot	Ellis	Chris	Riley	Ryan	Kieron	Emily

### Peace

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Lexi	Mbali	Oliver	Eve	Sarah	Martha	Isabelle.S.	Jessica.T.	Eloise

### Courage

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Edward	Jessica	Ellie	Sophia	Eloise	Riley	Jack	Josh	Max
Noah	Maisy	Elliot	Ollie	Belle	Lucy	Kaiser	Leon	Yasmin

### Top Table

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Mbali	Tamsin	Saffia	Elliott.C.	Riley	Daniel.B.	Kaitlin	Nat

### Ross and Andy Football Awards

KS1 Player of the Term	KS1 Fair Play	KS2 Player of the Term	KS2 Fair Play
Jack.C.	Zaki	Max	Elliot.C.

### Big Write

Ryley, Alexa – Year 2

Arin, Ellie, Ben, Chris, Belle – Year 3

Noah, Freddy.W, Emily, Eloise, Emmy, Molly, Nat, Oscar, Eve, Erin, Freddie.F, Zach, Raffy – Year 6