



# WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been delighted to see how quickly the children have got back into routine after the Christmas break and returned to school with such a positive attitude to learning.

We would like to say a warm welcome to all of the new children and their families who have recently started with us in the Nursery and throughout the school. I am sure you will support us in helping them to settle in to our Westfield school community over the next few weeks.

## AmeyZoo Workshop

On Wednesday, the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 were visited by AmeyZoo where they had the opportunity to meet and handle a variety of creatures linked to their learning about Rainforests and Habitats. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising these workshops for the children.



## This month's sporting updates...

### Football

Over the past two weeks the football team have competed in two away games in Hemel Hempstead. The first match was against George Street where the boys showed great determination, football skills and team spirit right to the end of the match. Unfortunately, we lost at the very end with a final result of 3-4. I would like to share with you some lovely feedback that I received following the match from George Street Primary:



*"Your team and supporters were a real credit to your school. It was lovely to play such a team of good sports with impeccable manners. Please can you pass on our compliments to the Head as I am sure she would be very proud of the ambassadors you have sent to our school."* Well done Westfield.

Their second match was against Brockswood which ended in a draw 2-2. We would like to say a very BIG well done to all the boys who have proudly represented us in these matches.

### Cross-Country

Last Saturday, I was a very proud Head teacher when I was joined by over 40 children from Years 3-6 at the annual Bridgewater Cross-country competition, against schools across Dacorum. Well done to all of the children who put themselves into the stretch zone, showing true determination and perseverance right to the finish line!





A special mention goes to the following children who received medals on the day-

**Isaac North (Year 3) – Silver Medal**

**Lucy Bevan (Year 4)- Silver Medal**

**Leon Doran (Year 4)- Bronze Medal**

**Lucy Bevan, Lucy Riddick, Ella Head for receiving the Year 4 team Silver Medal**

**Leon Doran, Jack Rutherford, Cameron O'Hara for receiving the Year 4 team Gold Medal**

More photos are available to view on our website

### **Sports Clubs**

It has been lovely to see so many children sign up to our sports clubs this term where we have a range of sports available before school, lunchtime and after school. As well as the following favourites:- football, dodgeball, beany yoga , basketball, netball, running and Street dance we have also introduced fencing and badminton . Thank you to Mr Jones and the outside agencies for running these clubs.



### **Year 6 Sing at the O2!**

On Thursday , Year 6 took part in a very special performance at the O2 where they sang in the National Young Voices Concert. Over the past few months the children have worked extremely hard learning twelve songs and dance moves for this event. Thank you to Mrs Edwardson and Mrs Ayles for all of their hard work in preparing the children. The children sang their hearts out throughout the concert and were true ambassadors for Westfield.

### **December Awards**

Congratulations to all the children that received Headteacher's Awards in December. I saw so many children last month that I forgot to write all their names down so am unable to mention them individually – please accept my apologies but congratulations to them all.

We look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks at our next Parent workshop on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February when Mr Bethune will explain the work we are doing in school this year on developing children's Growth Mindset and teaching mindfulness as part of the curriculum, followed by Parents evening the following week.

Thank you for your continued support,

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team