



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers ,

January has been another busy month full of a variety of additional rich experiences which we would like to share with you and are outlined below:

Year 5 Lowry visit Pizza Express

Last half term, Team Lowry designed posters and delivered them to businesses and charities around Berkhamsted as their Random Act of Kindness. The aim was to spread happiness and positive feelings and to encourage people to smile and be kind to one another. There was a brilliant response from the local community – not only did they put the posters in pride of place on their shop fronts but they e-mailed the good wishes to their whole staff and tweeted about them on social media. Despite not intending to receive these responses, we were over the moon that we might have made a difference to people's days. However, the surprises didn't stop there...Pizza Express invited Team Lowry to make pizzas!! How amazing! Of course, we took the restaurant up on their offer and on Thursday 12th January Year 5 Lowry became chefs for the morning. It was so much fun, the children really got into the spirit of the pizza chef – twirling their pizzas in the air and spreading the tomato sauce with their fingers!



Team Lowry enjoyed eating their pizzas back at school, where they reflected on how one small act of kindness, that expected nothing in return, has given all 32 of them (teachers included) so much joy (and full bellies). We are inspired to continue to do these small random acts of kindness knowing that we are making the world a better place. A BIG thank you to Pizza Express!
#doinggoodfeelsgood



Affinity Water visit Westfield



On Tuesday 17th January, Affinity Water gave an assembly to KS2 about how much STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) goes into providing us all with safe, clean drinking water. The children got to think about how much STEM we do in school and if they would like a job in the future that involves using STEM. Later, Year 4 Monet, whose topic this term is Rivers and the Water Cycle, had an excellent, hands-on workshop run by Affinity Water. Using different bits of pipe, their challenge was to work as a team to create a pipe network at least 2m, that would take 500ml of water 30 seconds to travel down it. There was lots of trial and error involved, and the odd wet jumper here and there but Team Monet had great fun and learned lots! Thank you to Mrs Ayles for organising this.

Year 6 Perform at the O2!!!

On Thursday 19th January, Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to sing at the O2, with a choir of 7,500 other children as part of the Young voices choir. Last term, the children worked extremely hard learning 14 songs and dance moves which they proudly performed to parents. The children also enjoyed performing with Street Dance Company Urban Strides. We look forward to welcoming Andy, the founder of this inspirational dance company, back to Westfield to carry out dance workshops with the children later this term.



Well done to all of our Year 6 children who were ambassadors to Westfield and demonstrated impeccable behaviour during the day. We were extremely proud of you all!

The children thoroughly enjoyed this amazing memorable experience. Here are just a few of their comments ...

"I really loved the O2! I really liked it when all the lights shone on us as we sang . It was one of my best nights!"



"I really enjoyed singing the songs and had a really fun time! I also really loved the acts by Urban Strides."

"I believe the best part is when the O2 first comes into sight. It's magnificent and stuns you a bit. Also, when the lights are off and the torches are on it looks magical like a starry sky! I would definitely recommend this experience."

"I really enjoyed the singing and when all the lights were out and our torches were on it was so magical!"

"The O2 was one of the best trips ever! My favourite parts were probably the Beat boxers and when Andy from Urban Strides gave a special mention and came to see us in our seats! Thank you so much to Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Ayles, Mrs Shirley and Mrs Stace. "

One parent commented...***'Thank you so much for taking Y6 to the Young Voices event yesterday. Max was so excited when I collected him last night, and he couldn't wait to tell me every detail of their trip. It was such an incredible experience for them, one they will remember forever. He's now decided he wants to learn how to beat box! It was amazing to see so many children all singing together.'***



Very special visitors from Dubai



On Tuesday 24th January, we were extremely honoured to welcome a group of Education delegates from Dubai who are currently visiting schools in England to learn more about our education system. During the afternoon, we shared with them our school's ethos and vision, information regarding the curriculum the children are taught as well as the additional rich opportunities on offer for our children. In addition to this, they enjoyed a tour of our school and met some of our Year 5 children who shared their learning with them. Well done to all of the children who made our visitors feel very welcome during their visit.

Rock Steady return to Westfield

On Tuesday 24th January Rocksteady Music were back in school making a lot of noise and every class had the opportunity to take part in a workshop. Children had the chance to experience live music and play the instruments in a band. We are very excited to be able to offer children the chance to learn the drums, guitar, keyboard or sing as part of a band in weekly lessons. These will start on 3rd February. Places have filled up fast but if your child has been inspired and you would like them to take part please ring Rock Steady on 0845 094 1259, as new places may become available over time. We look forward to hearing the new bands in concert soon!



This Month's Sporting Updates ...

Bridgewater Cross-Country competition

On Saturday 14th January, 35 of our children from Year 3-6 braved the winter weather to take part in the annual Bridgewater Cross-Country competition. The children wrapped up warm and arrived ready to face the stiff competition of a host of schools and running clubs in the local area. Well done to all of the children who took part, where they certainly put themselves in the 'stretch zone' and demonstrated our school values of sheer determination, perseverance and true team spirit throughout the competition. Congratulations to the following children who deserve a special mention for achieving medals:



Lucy B – SILVER in the Year 5 girls' race

Leon D – GOLD in the year 5 boys' race,

Lucy B, Maybelle B and Ella H – GOLD for the Year 5 girls' team event

Leon D, Josh M and Jacob S – GOLD for the Year 5 boys' team event

Well done to everyone who did themselves and Westfield proud. Keep running the 'Daily Mile' Westfield and we look forward to all of you taking part in next year's event!

New Fitness Trail

We are delighted to inform you that thanks to all of WISPA's hard work over the past two years and your continued support with fundraising, we have now raised enough money to develop our Fitness trail which will be situated parallel to the playground - in the horrible muddy area!!! We look forward to all of this being installed so that the children can enjoy using this new area during their PE sessions and playtimes.

Next week , Year 1 visit Sportspace and later in the month Urban Strides Street Dance company visit Key stage 2 for an assembly - details of all these events to follow next month.

We are also very excited to be welcoming GB 100m Hurdler Serita Solomon to our school on Monday 6th February and we look forward to sharing more about the event in next month's news.

To see more photos of these events please visit our website and go to the Events page.

Thank you to all of the staff who continue to provide such rich learning activities for our children.

Regards

Mrs Stace and the Westfield team

JANUARY AWARDS

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

Headteacher's Awards

Year 3	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Matilda	Georgia Olivia Maisie Edward Luke	Archie Etian

Values Awards

Determination

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Charlie	Ophelia	Sophia	Zack	Louie	Sarah	Bethany.C.	Eve
Dylan	Tamsin	Ryley	William	Hally	Jessica.P.	Lucy	Gracie

Perseverance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Caitlin	Leah	Alfie	Lara	Cody	Shane	Logan	Noah