



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Edition 6

Dear Parents and Carers ,

Another month has flown by at Westfield! We would like to share some of the additional things that we have been involved in this month....

A BIG thank you...



On Monday 27th February, Jim Gregory and David Brown, from the Berkhamsted Rotary Club visited the children in assembly to thank them for filling 98 shoeboxes for their Christmas Shoe box appeal. These were sent to children in Romania who are less fortunate than ourselves to brighten up their Christmas. A very BIG thank you to all of the children and their families for supporting this worthwhile charity event.

Year 1 Pirate Day

Year 1 enjoyed a swashbuckling Pirate day this month where they got to dress as their own pirate story character. They wrote stories, learnt some pirate lingo and made their own pirate props and flags to go in their pirate ship. They learnt a pirate dance and enjoyed lots of haaarty stories. Well done Year 1 on a great day of learning.



Eco- council updates....

This month the Eco Team have been looking after the bird life by making food for our bird feeders around the school.

We held an assembly to launch a competition sponsored by the Forestry Stewardship Council FSC, to highlight the sustainability of wood and how important it is in our lives. We will be announcing the winners shortly.

We are looking forward to participating in The Great British Spring Clean (Clean for the Queen last year) in March.

Year 6 Mathematicians put themselves in the 'Stretch zone'

On Thursday 23rd February, twelve of our Year 6 budding mathematicians took part in the Ashlyns Inter-school Maths competition. The children took part in a variety of mathematical challenges to solve a range of maths problems. Well done to Daisy, Georgie, Eloise, Rosanna, Nat, Eze, Zach, Freddie, Oscar, Louis, Raffy and Rohan who showed great determination, team spirit and certainly put themselves in the stretch zone! We would like to thank all of the Ashlyns' Maths leaders for organising such a well-run event.



Ukes for Unicef

Well done to all of the Year 5 children who took part in the Ukes for Unicef concert on Saturday 25th February. This is the first time we have attended this local event which raises money for Unicef. A very BIG thank you to Mrs O'Brien for inviting us to this event and for teaching the children the ukulele this year. The children did themselves and the school extremely proud. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported this event and also to Miss Davis, Mrs Banton and Mrs Boothroyd for giving up their weekend to attend.



Book Week – 27th February to 3rd March

During this week, the children enjoyed celebrating the work of Roald Dahl where each class focused on one of his many inspirational story books. In addition to this, the children enjoyed taking part in DEAR our Drop Everything and Read daily sessions where they have special dedicated time during the day to just enjoy reading for pleasure. They also shared their favourite books, brought in books they no longer wanted from home and had the opportunity to take part in our first



book swap. The children were very excited to take their new books home to read. On Thursday as part of World Book day the staff and children dressed up as a range of Roald Dahl characters. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported the children with their costumes, they all looked fantastic when they paraded around the hall in our special assembly! Also a very big thank you to Taylor Wimpey who very generously donated £150 towards new books for our school. Each class will be enjoying having some new books on their book shelf to read and enjoy!



Stranger Danger talk



On Friday 24th February local Police officers visited the whole school to talk to the children about how to keep safe especially in and around the local community. This was part of our ongoing work in teaching our children how to keep safe and reminding them what to do if they came across a situation where they didn't feel safe. The police also reminded the children of their important role and work in the local community and to reassure them that the police are here to help us and to not feel frightened of them.

This Month's Sporting updates

Feel Good week – 6th February to 10th February

Feel Good Week was kicked off in spectacular style this year with a visit from Team GB hurdler Serita Solomon. Serita had every class from Reception to Year 6 take part in an intensive circuit session in the hall. Our hearts were pumping hard by the end! We then had an inspirational assembly where Serita shared her story so far. Not only has she shown great resilience by over-coming not one but two major injuries but the children heard how sheer determination and focus can help them achieve their dreams. We even found out Serita uses meditation to help her compete on the international stage. Well done to all of the children for raising a fantastic £850 towards additional sports equipment during their sponsored event.





Tuesday was a more relaxed affair with Beany Yoga sessions to help calm our bodies and minds. The children have experienced first-hand how physical exercise, yoga and meditation can really help protect and boost their mental health which is what Feel Good Week is all about.

County Cross Country Competition

Well done to Lucy B and Leon who took part in the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 4th February in St Albans. Westfield are extremely proud of their achievements where Lucy came 14th out of 136 girls and Leon came 4th out of 154 boys. Congratulations to them both and to Leon who will now enter the National competition at the end of March. We all wish him the very best of luck!

Fitness Trail

Due to a successful lottery funding bid by Mr Bray, I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in obtaining lottery funding of £9,000 to have outdoor fitness equipment installed. We look forward to the installation being completed over the Easter holidays so that the children can enjoy using the new fitness area during their PE sessions and playtimes.

Year 1 and 2 visit Sportspace



On Tuesday 31st January, Year 1 took part in the Inter-schools multi-skills sports competition. On Wednesday 8th February, Year 2 took part in the Inter-schools Athletics competition. Both of these events were run by Sportspace and Sports leaders from Ashlyns. A big thank you to Ashlyns' Sports leaders who encouraged the children throughout the session. Well done to all of the children who took part and special congratulations to Year 2 who came 1st out of 16 schools taking part! All of the children had a great time and demonstrated our school values of co-operation through their team spirit, perseverance and determination.

Well done Sports leaders!!!

A very BIG well done to all of our Sports leaders who have been supporting Mr Jones with organising and delivering his Sports clubs as well as planning and delivering a multi-skill session for our Year 2's. Mr Jones has been extremely impressed by the children's attitude and behaviour throughout these sessions where they have demonstrated their leadership skills. We look forward to introducing our next group of Sports leaders and presenting them with their t-shirts this week.

Urban Strides Street Dance

Andy Instone, from Urban Strides Street Dance company, visited Westfield twice this month when he delivered an assembly to the whole school promoting how to be the 'best we can be', through taking 'positive action' and working hard to achieve our dreams and reach our true potential. He also promoted his new Street Dance club which will be taking place at Westfield every Monday after Easter. Last Friday, Years 4-6 also enjoyed taking part in a Street Dance workshop.



Farewell to Mrs Pugh

Sadly, our Head Cook, Mrs Pugh, served her last school dinner last week after 13 years with the school. I would like to thank Mrs Pugh for all her hard work and commitment to Westfield and wish her all the very best for the future. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Glass, who worked alongside Mrs Pugh in the school kitchen, will be covering the position and we would like to wish her every success in her new role.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our parents evening last week. We hope that you found these evenings informative and came away with ideas and ways you can further support your children at home with their learning. We would like to thank you for the positive feedback we received and for your continued support.

Regards

Mrs Stace and the Westfield team

FEBRUARY AWARDS

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

Headteacher's Awards

Reception	Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Lowry	Year 5 Picasso	Year 6
Amelia.C.	Lola Henry Nina Sienna Katie Molly Lacey Oliver Megan Tamsin	Eloise Rosa Arin Lara Will	Felix	Luke Daniel Leon August Lucy Evie	Eila Sumaiya Patrick Kaiser Jessica.P. Ryan Jenson Calum Emily Daniel Isabelle.S.	Eve Molly Harry Freddie.F. Nico Raffy Esme Freddy.W. Emily.B. Georgie Nat Louis Rosanna Yasmin Emmy Gracie Max Oscar Rohan

Values Awards

Perseverance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Alyssia	Sienna	Alexi	Brayden	William	Sami	Neve	Nico

Resilience

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Maddie	Zaki	Seth	Tilly	Daniel	Ruben	Daniel	Harry

Love

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Kadin	Jack	Renee	Rosa	Felix	Jessie	Jamie	Eloise