



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

March has been our busiest month so far this year, where the children have taken part in a variety of additional cross-curricular activities. Outlined below are some of them ...

Book week – 29th February- 4th March

During Book week the children took part in a variety of reading activities. This year we introduced Drop Everything and Read (DEAR), where at some point during each day a bell would ring indicating it was time to stop what everyone was doing in the school and enjoy having quality time to read for pleasure. This proved very popular and was one of the children's and staff's highlights of the week. The children also took part in a competition to design a book cover and they enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character on World Book day. Thank you to all of the parents who helped organise the children's costumes for this event.



We would also like to thank everyone who supported our Book Fair where we were delighted to raise £250 for the school to purchase additional books for the children.

E –safety workshop

On the 1st March, Westfield organised and hosted a town wide Parent Workshop informing parents about the key messages of E-Safety and how to ensure their children are accessing today's technology safely. We would like to thank everyone who attended this event and for the positive feedback we received. If you were unable to attend the workshop, please feel free to download the handout from our website: [e-Safety handout](#)

Mothering Sunday



On Sunday, 6th March, our choir was invited to sing at St Mary's Church for their Mothering Sunday service. Well done to all of the children who sang at this event. The children received very positive feedback from the congregation and, as always, did Westfield proud. Thank you to Mrs Lambert and Miss Nice for organising this and their continued work with the choir.

Governors in school morning



On Tuesday 8th March, our Governors spent the morning in school capturing what school life is like for our Westfield children. During the morning they had the opportunity to talk to the children about their learning, find out what helps them learn and their views about their school. To find out what the children said visit the 'Events page' of our website.



Music Concert



On Wednesday 16th March, over 75 children took part in our biggest Music concert ever at Westfield, where the children took part in not one but two performances during the afternoon and the evening. A very big well done to all of the children who took part and for entertaining us with their musical talents either by singing or playing a range of instruments from recorders, piano, guitar, saxophone and cornets.

A very BIG thank you to Miss Nice for organising and co-ordinating this event and to the music teachers Mrs Lambert, Mr Horton, Mrs Osmond and Mrs Spain. We are already looking forward to next year's musical extravaganza!

This Month's Sporting Updates ...

Well done to all of the children, parents and Mrs. Ferguson who took part in this year's Berkhamsted Fun run and half-marathon on Sunday 6th March. Good luck also to Mrs. Ferguson who is running in the Manchester Marathon on April 10th, if you would like to support and sponsor her please go to: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Sueferg1>

Dacorum Dance Competition

On Friday 18th March, Westfield entered our Year 5 children into the Dacorum Dance Competition for the first time. The children performed against twelve other schools to an audience of over 700 people at Sportspace in Hemel Hempstead. It was a fantastic evening of creativity and talented entertainment.

Well done to all of our Year 5 children who took part. They showed true courage as they took themselves out of their comfort zones and entered the 'stretch zone' to perform a dance to be extremely proud of.

A very BIG thank you to Mr Jones for all of his hard work in preparing the children for this event and choreographing the dance. Thank you also to Mrs Huke and Miss Davis for their support and to everyone who came to support us on the night. We are already looking forward to entering this again in future years!



Football

Thank you to Mr Bethune and Mr Jones who have organised two football events this week. On Tuesday afternoon they took a team of Year 5 and Year 6 children to play at a football competition at Ashlyns. The team did well finishing 3rd in their group and just missing out on qualifying for the quarter-finals. On Wednesday a number of Year 4 children played at Cavendish. Both teams did well but one of the teams reached the final of the whole competition! They battled well and the game went to extra time. Eventually the game went to penalties and we just lost out to a very good Bovingdon side. Well done to all of the children who represented Westfield and took part in these competitions - you did yourselves and the school proud.

Early Years' Easter Production

Well done to all of the children in our Nursery and Reception class who performed 'The Enormous Turnip' on Thursday 24th March. All of the children did themselves proud as they sang, danced and retold this traditional tale to an audience of parents, friends and family. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Evans for organising this as well as all of the staff who supported the children. Thank you also to Mrs Engel for giving up her time and for her creative talents preparing the backdrop and scenery.



Easter Chicks!

Two days before we broke up for the Easter weekend, our Reception class were extremely excited when they arrived at school to see some of their eggs had hatched in their incubator!!! Mrs Brown and the children were delighted to welcome the very cute chicks into the world!

Year 5 Maths Competition

On Thursday 31st March, a group of Year 5 children took part in a town wide Maths competition at Ashlyns Secondary School which was organised by their students. Well done to Oscar North, Rosanna Hardy, Eze Fekete, Daisy Buse, Nat Allum, Louis Roger, Eloise Crawley, Zach James and Rohan Mistry for putting yourselves in the 'stretch zone', applying your mathematical skills and demonstrating our values of co-operation, team work and perseverance during this event.

Child Shows Parent

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Child Shows Parent event on Wednesday after school. It was lovely to see so many of the children proudly enjoying sharing their work with you.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support this term and to the many parents who have given up additional time to raise money for W1SPA, support these events and help in school with reading and admin tasks.

We wish you all a very happy Easter holiday.

Regards

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team

MARCH AWARDS

Values Awards

Happiness

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Monet	Year 4 Picasso	Year 5	Year 6
Jessica Martinova	Katie Thurston	Ellis Allen-Purdie	Matilda Richards	Hally Patel	Sumaiya Zammouri	Daniel Thurston	Eloise Crawley	Noah Dix

Love

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Monet	Year 4 Picasso	Year 5	Year 6
Yann Guinot-Godel	Skye Kennie	Eirene Svenson	Charlotte Perks	Martha Hicks	Yasmin Parry	Leon Doran	Molly McGarvey	Mia Mitchell
Lucy Back	Molly Jones	George Shone	Arin Parry	Frankie Gavan	Ruben Pretty	Luke Jackson-Moore	Nat Allum	Thomas Hawkins

Freedom

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Monet	Year 4 Picasso	Year 5	Year 6
Castor Avis	Ellie Cooper	Harvey Engel	Elliot Cathcart	Oscar Ellison	Sarah Bianco	Olivia Horsfield	Emmy Barnes	Aimee Hewitt

Headteacher's Awards

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luke Mattingly Brooke Mant Martha Cronin Eve Dormer-Bolton Ellen Smith Ryan Tarafi	Lara Crawley Matilda Richards Phoebe Bax Zack Martin Will Doran Tilly Plenderleith Eloise Stewart	Lucy Smith Nicolas Apreala Suri Dix William Barnes Lucas Rowlinson	Samuel Hawkins Kaiser Buchanan Isabelle Charlton Yasmin Parry Beth Routley Ella Head Jack Taylor Sami Hamdy Jessie Burdekin Max Elder Isabelle Sides Evie Perkins Maybelle Bryant Neve Collins Isaac Herholdt Daniel Thurston	Oscar North Esmee Rowlinson Megan Bax Eve Cronin Freddie Flanders Molly McGarvey Nat Allum Noah Sparks Rosanna Hardy Daisy Buse Emmy Barnes Nico Townsend	Mia Mitchell Rachel Cunningham Olivia Smith Adam Lazenby Josh Dunlop Thomas Hawkins Sam Ripley Finn Monaghan

Ross and Andy Football Awards

KS1 Player of the Term	KS1 Fair Play	KS2 Player of the Term	KS2 Fair Play
William Witney	Ryan Hueting	Jack Rutherford	Yasmin Parry

Big Write

Jack Taylor, Reece Evans – Year 4

Lexie Carpenter, Frankie Gavan, Daniel Arnold, Fred Stewart – Year 3

Jack Clarke, Brooke Mant – Year 1

Quinlan Long, Jake Backhouse – Year 6