



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers ,

We are delighted to share with you the last of our monthly newsletters for the Spring term. Outlined below are some of our additional rich experience events and achievements during March.

Year 1 Sing at the Centenary Hall

On Friday 3rd March, Year 1 were invited to take part in a music festival at the Berkhamsted School's Centenary Hall. Children from all of the local Berkhamsted schools joined together to take part in this music event . During the afternoon, the children sang and performed a variety of action songs. Well done to all of the children who took part and performed on stage – we were extremely proud of you. We would also like to thank Mrs O'Brien and the staff of Berkhamsted School for organising this event.

K'Nex



This half term, Year 5 was lucky enough to partake in the K'NEX challenge, a STEM activity provided by Setpoint, Hertfordshire. Working in pairs, the children had to design a bridge using only the K'NEX pieces they were given. It had to be enough to hold a 500g weight and span 30cm. There were some brilliant, well thought out designs varying in size and innovation. This activity really gave the children the chance to use their imaginations and take time to think about how to build a stable structure.



Both classes produced a range of different designs, but there had to be one that took first place. In Team Lowry the worthy winners were George and Jay and in Team Picasso the successful duo were Sarah and Ebony.

Science Week



It was British Science Week in the week beginning 13th March 2017. Westfield Primary School celebrated with a special science day on 15th March, when classes were encouraged to take part in a variety of science activities. These did not need to be linked to the areas of the curriculum currently being studied but were designed to simply be fun and engaging.

So many investigations took place, it is probably impossible to list them all but they did include changing the colour of milk, picking up jelly with chopsticks, experimenting with bubble shape, making spaghetti bridges, combining coke and mentos and also combining bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.

The School has also entered the Setpoint paper challenge again this year. This time the children had to make flowers using just paper and scissors. Congratulations to those chosen to represent the school in this competition and indeed to all the children who created such amazing designs.

Governors' in school morning

On Tuesday 14th March, seven of our Governors joined the children in class to experience what life is like for them in the classroom. During the morning, the Governors visited English and Maths lessons, where the children had the opportunity to share their learning with them. They also joined the children for assembly and were finally treated to lunch!



Fantastic performance from our choir



On Tuesday 14th March, the choir took part in the Dacorum Song Concert at St Johns' Church in Boxmoor. During the evening, the children did themselves and Westfield proud. They performed two songs, one of which they really challenged themselves by putting themselves in the 'stretch zone' by singing in numerous parts! Thank you to Mrs Lambert who prepared the children for this event and to Mrs O'Brien for organising this community event.

Online Safety

On Friday 17th March, local Police officers visited our Year 4-6 children to talk about and raise awareness on how to keep safe online. This was part of our ongoing e-Safety work in teaching our children how to keep safe online. For more information on keeping your child safe online, please refer to the following websites:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.net-aware.org.uk and www.getsafeonline.org

This month's sports updates...

It's been a busy couple of weeks of sport here at Westfield with a Year 5 team heading up to Bridgewater for a friendly Tag Rugby tournament and more recently a Year 5/6 team taking a trip to Ashlyns for a football tournament.

Tag Rugby competition

The Tag Rugby team did themselves extremely proud as they didn't let the cold stop them and battled in every single game. With a couple of victories under their belt they left with their heads and tags held high!



Year 5/6 Football competition

The football tournament was a fantastic afternoon and the children loved every minute of it, with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. We just missed out on going through to the knockout stages but they played extremely well even with a very tough group.

As always the children have been fantastic and done us all proud.

Lots more sport to come soon!

Year 5 put themselves in the 'stretch zone' and dance their socks off!!!

On Friday 17th March, Year 5 took part in the annual Dacorum Dance competition, where this year the dance theme was 'cartoons.' We were delighted to enter two dances this year, where Team Picasso's dance was inspired by the Flintstones and Team Lowry's was inspired by 'Tom and Jerry'. We would like to say a very 'BIG WELL DONE' to all of the children who took part in this competition, where they displayed their creativity, sense of humour and certainly entertained the huge audience with their dancing skills.



We would like to thank Mr Jones, Mrs Huke and all of the Year 5 staff for all of their hard work in choreographing the dances, organising costumes and preparing them for this event. Thank you also to the parents and carers who supported them on the night.

Ashlyns Leaders visit Year 3

Last week, a group of Ashlyns Learning Ambassadors visited Year 3 to lead a lesson on descriptive writing. The Ashlyns students played guessing games with small groups of children, who had to describe pictures to each other. The students then supported the children to write about the pictures using imaginative, exciting, ambitious and appropriate WOW words. Here are a few comments from the children:



"I enjoyed the game when we tried to describe the picture, then we made two paragraphs to describe it with your imagination."

"When the Ashlyns people came I enjoyed playing the back to back game where we had to guess the picture."

"They were all very kind and they helped us when we got stuck."

"I really enjoyed the fun games we played and I was proud of my handwriting."

"I loved it because I learned new things and we played lots of games."

"I liked trying to guess where the place in the picture is!"

"I enjoyed writing about the sea."

"I liked describing the rainforest."

"I liked making Ashlyns laugh!"

Thank you, Ashlyns!

Red Nose Day



Last Friday was Red Nose Day and the School Council worked hard all week selling Red Noses, making posters and preparing an assembly. They researched Comic Relief and some of the brilliant projects that have been set up with money raised. They proudly reported that we raised £273.10 so a big well done to everyone in team Westfield.

Early Years' Easter Production



Well done to all of the children in our Nursery and Reception class who performed 'Chicken Licken' on Tuesday 28th March to an audience of parents, friends and family. All of the children did themselves proud with their fantastic speaking, singing and dancing. There wasn't a dry eye in the house! Thank you to Mrs Evans and Mrs Brown 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 hard work preparing the backdrop and scenery and our fantastic face painters.

Travelling Book Fair

A very BIG thank you to all the parents and children who attended our Travelling Book Fair, enabling it to be a huge success. Thanks to your support we raised an amazing £381 in commission to spend on new books for the library. A special thank you to Mrs Arnold, Mrs Stace and Mr Bray for helping to organise and run the fair.

Children do themselves and Westfield proud

A special mention to Freddy, in Year 6, who demonstrated a random act of kindness this month when he gave up his Saturday to stand outside Waitrose collecting money for the charity 'Smile for a Child', which helps disabled children to take part in sporting activities. Congratulations Freddy for raising a fantastic £512.95! We are extremely proud of you!

Also well done to Patrick, Jack R and Leon in Year 5 who demonstrated our school values in the local community when they saw a child fall and hurt their head. The child's parent was so impressed with their kind and caring attitude she posted the following, 'A small group of boys from Westfield were very sweet, immediately jumping up and asking if she was ok. Really nice behaviour from Westfield pupils.' Well done boys we are very proud of you!



Child Shows Parent

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend this term's Child Shows Parent. The children enjoyed having the opportunity to proudly show their work and talk about their learning.



The Big Pedal

As a school we have taken part in the Big Pedal again this year, along with more than 1,600 other schools around the country. Thanks to all the children who have cycled or scooted to school, hopefully we have encouraged more of you to come to school using bikes or scooters. We hope the breakfast offered to those children who have travelled to school using their own powered wheels, to say thank you for helping us travel to school in a green way went down well!

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

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
Maddie Jack Poppy Yann Charlotte Charlie Dominic	Tamsin Megan Oliver Lacey Molly Amelia Evie Alice Elliot Anabel Chloe Zaki	Eve Thales Ryley Saffia Martha	Alice Sarah Eloise Ben Rosa Will Lara Arin Rebecca Phoebe	Suri Daniel Hari Hannah Hally	Bethany Josh Maybelle Jack Daniel	Yasmin William Beth.R. Sami Isabelle.C. Emily Samuel Lucy Ella Jessie Leona Lauren	Eloise Eze Noah Emily Za=ch

Values Awards

Love

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Olivia	Frankie	Alice	All of Year 2	Charlotte	Courtney	Calum	Maisie	Georgie

Freedom, Respect & Responsibility

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Maya	Jack	Anabel	Luke	Rebecca	Fred	Ebony	August	Eze

Hope, Respect & Responsibility

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Lorelie	Emily	Lola	Frank	Arin	Saffron	Jenson	Luke	Gracie

Happiness

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Imogen	Molly	Ollie	Ben	Nadia	William	Sammy	Molly

Ross and Andy Football Awards

KS1 Player of the Term	KS1 Fair Play	KS2 Player of the Term	KS2 Fair Play
Luke	Harriet	August	Ryan.C.

Big Write: Eve, Martha – Year 2