



# WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

April and May have been very busy months here at Westfield, full of a variety of rich experiences for our children. Here are just some of our highlights ...

## British Science Week

As part of British Science week the children took part in the challenge of creating a tree out of a sheet of A4 paper without using any adhesive. Well done to all of the children for their creative skills and co-operative team work. Congratulations to Finn in Year 6 who won a Special prize, from across all of the schools who took part in Hertfordshire, for the Most Lifelike Tree.



## Big Pedal (25th- 29th April)

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Big Pedal at the end of April. It was fantastic to see so many of you scooting and cycling to school! Thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Harding, Mrs Green and Miss Dossett for organising this event and for arranging the celebration breakfast at the end of the week. We hope that you will continue using this fun and healthy mode of transport in the future!

## Her Majesty the Queen visits Berkhamsted

Friday 6th May, was a very memorable day for Berkhamsted when we were honoured to have Her Majesty the Queen visit our town. It was fantastic to see so many of our children and families able to join in with this celebration by lining the streets, waving flags and cheering as she arrived in the High street. I feel extremely honoured to have been invited to Berkhamsted School as a local Head to meet and speak to the Queen in person and shake her hand. A very memorable day for all!



## Well done Year 6



This month our Year 6's sat their end of Key Stage 2 SAT tests. To support the children in reducing their anxiety levels, each morning the children enjoyed coming in early to have breakfast with their friends. They certainly have healthy appetites where each day we had to visit Tescos to purchase more food - in total they consumed an impressive 120 crumpets, 120 brioche, 6 loaves of bread, a variety of cereals, 20 litres of juice and to end the week bacon and sausage rolls!

It was such a pleasure to see our Year 6 children relaxed and laughing with their friends each morning and to approach the assessments calmly and confidently. Thank you to Mr Bethune who then led a short meditation session before they took the tests. I would like to thank all of Year 6, Mrs Edwardson and Mrs Ayles for all of their hard work this year, you have all done yourselves and Westfield very proud!

### **Year 3 visit Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum**



As part of their history topic on transport in Berkhamsted, Year 3 recently visited the Canal Museum in Stoke Bruerne. The children got to take a short boat trip, walk along the towpath and dress up in clothes from hundreds of years ago! Everyone had a great day out and really enjoyed learning about the history of canals and boats. The staff at the museum were very impressed by the positive interest and engagement shown by the children and their fantastic behaviour throughout the day – well done Year 3.

### **Year 2 visit Berkhamsted Castle**

On Monday this week, our Year 2 class visited Berkhamsted Castle as part of their “King of the Castle” topic. The children enjoyed a guided tour of the castle and got to learn more about the features of one of the oldest motte and bailey castles in the UK. The tour of the castle was kindly provided by staff and volunteers from the Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society. I would like to thank Mrs Davidson for organising the trip and Mrs Edwardson for stepping in to take the children at short notice.

### **Year 4 Residential Visit to Hudnall Park**

Over the past two weeks, both Year 4 classes have visited Hudnall Park for two nights and three days. During their stay they enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including pond dipping, den building and creating natural sculptures. Another highlight of the trip was the food, especially the cooked breakfasts! The children had a fantastic time and they were a credit to Westfield. Well done Team Picasso and Team Monet - we were very proud of you all! I would like to thank Mr Bethune and Mrs Banton for all of their hard work in organising and leading these trips and for the support of Mrs Boothroyd, Miss Dossett, Mrs Huke , Mrs Dix and Mr Jones who went on both trips.



## Skills for life..

### **First Aid**

St Johns Ambulance came in to school to work with our Year 6 children for the day teaching them a variety of First Aid life skills. The children were commended for their prior knowledge and focus throughout the session. Following the training, the children were really positive about the session and Noah and Jacob said: "All the activities were interactive and engaging. I've really learnt a lot" and "the asthma experience was eye-opening. I understand how it feels now to have an attack." I am also delighted to say that Rachel was so inspired after this workshop that she has now joined the Cadets. Well done Rachel, we are very proud of you!

### **Pedestrian skill training**

Last week on a wet Wednesday morning, Year 4 Monet took part in our annual Pedestrian skills training to prepare them for walking to and from school independently when they move up to Year 5. I would like to thank two of our parents, Mrs Harding and Mrs Green for running these sessions with the support of Mrs Banton, Mrs Huke and Mrs Dix who all returned to school looking like drowned rats!!! After half-term Year 4 Picasso will have their session, hopefully it will be a sunny summer's day!



### **This Month's Sporting Updates**

Congratulations to Molly in Year 5 who took part in the "Starpower National Talent Competition" earlier this month in London where she performed a contemporary solo dance piece and came first in her event as well as first overall in the age 9-11 category! Well done Molly – a fantastic achievement! We are all very proud of you!



Thank you to Steve McHugh from Raiders for coming into school to work with our Year 2 and Year 3 girls to give them a taster football session and inspire them to take up football . Next year Raiders are very keen to get more girls involved in playing for this fantastic football club. Thank you to all of the girls in Key stage 2 who already play for Raiders and supported Steve in these sessions. If your daughter is interested please contact: [admin@berkhamsterraiders.com](mailto:admin@berkhamsterraiders.com)

Congratulations to Lucy in Year 4 who has just been awarded the Raiders Girls Club trophy for 'Role Model of the Year Award'. Well done Lucy – we're all very proud of you!

Year 3 and the two Year 4 classes have enjoyed 6 weeks of cricket coaching by Chance to Shine this half term. The children have improved their fielding, catching, throwing, bowling and batting skills. If your child wishes to enjoy a FREE cricket coaching session at a local club, please pick up a Chance To Shine 'golden ticket' from the reception area.

### **Big Board Game Day**

Today the children have taken part in the NSPCC Big Board Game day. The children enjoyed time playing games with their friends as well as other children across the school. Thank you all for supporting this event. We will update you after half term as to how much money we raised for this very worthwhile charity.

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your continued support this term and wish you all a relaxing half-term . Let's hope we enjoy some sun!

Regards

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team

# APRIL / MAY AWARDS

## Values Awards

### Caring

| Nursery   | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 Monet | Year 4 Picasso | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Annabelle | Anabel    | Ryley  | Holly  | Ellie  | Isabelle     | Edward         | Max    | Emma   |

### Thoughtfulness

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3  | Year 4 Monet | Year 4 Picasso | Year 5   | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Jack    | Skye      | Henry  | Amelia | Findlay | Jessica      | Jamie          | Emily. H | Jacob  |

### Trust

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3  | Year 4 Monet | Year 4 Picasso | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Jack    | Oliver    | Thales | Carmen | Brandon | Emily        | Maisie         | Rohan  | Max    |
| -       | Henry     | Evie   | Sophie | Josie   | Cameron      | Joseph         | Archie | Olivia |

### Humility

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 Monet | Year 4 Picasso | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Laila   | Evie      | Poppy  | Eloise | Lexie  | Patrick      | Jay            | Lily   | Jacob  |

### Tolerance

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 Monet | Year 4 Picasso | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Poppi   | Zaki      | Seb    | Alice  | Lucy   | Jack         | Logan          | Eloise | Pierce |

### Headteacher's Awards

| Year 1 | Year 2  | Year 3  | Year 4   | Year 5   | Year 6  |
|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Saffia | Rebecca | Felix   | Bethany  | Emily. H | Stevie  |
| Poppy  | Rosa    | Hari    | Salvador | Archie   | Max     |
| Ollie  | Lucas   | Nadia   | Cameron  | Eloise   | Finn    |
| Ellis  | Holly   | Saffron | Lucy     | Eze      | Leah    |
| Alex   | Chris   | Josie   | Jenson   | Zach     | Robbie  |
| Alexa  | Ben     | Lexie   | Jessica  | Eve      | Aimee   |
| Henry  | Ellie   | Cody    | Ebony    | Georgie  | Livia   |
|        | Arin    | Hally   | Kaiser   | Daisy    | William |
|        | Emma    | Martha  | Shane    | Yasmin   | Poppy   |
|        | Matilda | Skye    | Calum    | Rosanna  | Callum  |
|        | William | Brandon |          | Freddie  | Summer  |
|        | Belle   | Hannah  |          | Gracie   | Leah    |
|        | Sam     | Isaac   |          | Erin     | Gemma   |
|        | Sophie  | Riley   |          | Etian    | Emma    |
|        |         | Freddie |          | Freddy   | Mia     |
|        |         |         |          | Lily     | Robbie  |

### Big Write

Yasmin, Patrick, Ella, Lucy, Daniel, William, Samuel, Emily – Year 4

Isaac, Ellie, Nadia, Cody, Riley – Year 3

Alexa, Renee, Nicholas – Year 1