



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another month has flown by at Westfield. Outlined below are some of our highlights for the months of April and May

Legal Eagles



Earlier this month, teams Picasso and Lowry were lucky enough to learn all about the criminal legal system from a Magistrate and an Ex-Magistrate who call themselves “The Legal Eagles”. Children from each class played the parts of: Magistrates, a defendant, his solicitor, a solicitor for the prosecution and witnesses to an alleged crime. Based on the evidence they heard and statements from the solicitors, the Magistrates had to give a verdict declaring the defendant guilty or not guilty. Despite hearing **exactly** the same evidence, the Magistrates from team Picasso found the defendant guilty, while those in Lowry

found him not guilty. Proof that it must be a very difficult job!

Well done Year 6!

A very BIG well done to all of our Year 6 children who sat their end of key stage SAT’s the week beginning the 8th May. We were extremely proud of all of the children who put themselves in the ‘stretch zone’ and tried their very best. Thank you to Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Ayles and Mrs Shirley for serving the children with breakfast each morning. This proved to be extremely successful, where the children enjoyed starting each day chatting with their friends. The children commented that this and the short meditation delivered by Mr Bethune before each test helped reduce their anxiety.

Learning outside the classroom

This month our Year 4 and Year 6 children have attended their residential trips.

Year 6, enjoyed five ‘fun packed days’ under canvas, camping on the Phasels Wood site, organised by Wildchild. During the week, the children were involved in a variety of outdoor experiences, some of the highlights included – bush craft, rock climbing, pot holing, kayaking and tobogganing. The children and staff showed true resilience as they braved the monsoon weather conditions during the week. We were extremely proud of all of the children who demonstrated excellent behaviour and lived and breathed all of our school values throughout the week. Thank you to Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Ayles, Mr Jones and Mrs Shirley for all of their hard work and care for the children.



This week, Year 4 spent three days at Hudnall Park in Ashridge woods where they too enjoyed developing their independence and taking part in a range of outdoor activities involving den building, mini-beast hunting, natural art sculpture, a river study, as well as them developing their team building skills. Thank you to Mr Bethune, Mrs Huke and Ms Keegan for all of their hard work in supporting the children and a very special thank you to Mr Jones for going on two consecutive weeks of residential!



Empty Classroom Day –

Last Thursday (18th May) the school building was strangely quiet. Year 6 were at Phasels Wood, and the other classrooms were empty too. Outdoors however it was a hive of activity, as Year 3 Warhol played a game to learn how bees communicate with each other. There was phonics on the field and playground, maths problem solving in the courtyard, and reading in the Inspirational Shed. Year 4 Monet also visited the Inspirational Shed to write acrostic poems on a sacred theme in RE. The Year 5 classes took their English lessons outside, with open-air dictation and a conscience alley on the playground. The weather was kind and we look forward to a lot more outdoor learning this term.



This Month's Sporting updates...

It has been an exciting half-term packed full of lots of sporting events.

On Thursday 11th May, we took part in the Berkhamsted Inter-schools swimming competition organised by Berkhamsted Swimming Club. We were extremely proud of all of our children who really showed our school values of team-spirit, determination and perseverance. All children showed a growth mind-set attitude where they put their nerves behind them and swam their very best! Well done to the following Year 5 and 6 children who took part :- Ebony, Emily G, Jessica T, Lucy R , Yasmin P, Gracie, Daisy, Emmy, Lucy B, Jack R, Rohan, Luke , Eze and George. Thank you to Mrs Ayles and Mrs Banton for supporting me at this event and to the parents for cheering the children on! We hope that this has inspired the children to continue to enjoy swimming and it has given them a taste of competitive swimming.

On 24th April, Westfield was represented by a team of girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 in their first netball match against Thomas Coram. The girls quickly overcame their nerves and played extremely well against a predominantly Year 6 team. Despite being defeated the girls enjoyed the challenge and experience of playing in a team. Thank you to Mrs Sparks for her valuable coaching input.



We had our first ever girls and boys football tournament against Bridgewater School. Girls and boys from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the tournament hosted at Bridgewater and they all played brilliantly. The behaviour was exemplary and the teams all displayed values of respect, determination, resilience and perseverance.



We have also had the excellent 'Chance to Shine' cricket coach, Mr Ahmed, in again coaching pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. The children have been improving their fielding, throwing, catching and batting skills! Any girls from Year 4 to Year 6 who have enjoyed the cricket have been invited by Mr Ahmed to attend a free cricket coaching session at Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club. A letter will be sent home with the details.



On Saturday 20th May we entered our second football tournament of the month where a team of Year 3 and 4 boys took part in the South Hill Inter-School Football tournament. All boys had a fantastic morning of football playing against other schools across Dacorum. Well done to the following boys for demonstrating their football skills and all of our school values during this event : Year 3

team - Ben A, Will D, Ben J, Sam J, Arin, William and Chris and our Year 4 team – Louie, William, Frankie, Isaac, Felix and Lucas.



Thank you to all of the parents for giving up their Saturday morning to support the boys and a very special thank you to Mr James and Mr Barnes for supporting Mrs Stace manage the teams.

Finally, the organisers of The Daily Mile have been in to film and interview pupils from Year 4 Monet. They are creating a promotional video to try and encourage more schools across the country to take up the Daily Mile. When the video has been edited and released we will post a link on our website.

Well done to the following children for their sporting achievements outside of school

Dance competition - Congratulations to Olivia and Isabelle S in Year 5 and Molly in Year 6 who took part in the "Starpower Dance Competition" in London recently. Isabelle and Olivia performed as part of a trio and won a first place trophy each and Molly took part in 6 dances including 3 group dances, 1 duet and 2 solo performances coming first in 4 of them! Well done girls, a fantastic achievement.

Squash Tournament - Well done to Jacob in Year 5 for winning the U11 Berkhamsted Squash competition.

Tennis Tournament - Well done to Ryan in Year 2 for achieving a medal in the Berkhamsted tennis competition and the other Westfield children who took part.

Diving - Well done to George in Year 5 who passed Levels 1-3 of Dacorum Learn to Dive programme and has now started his training with the Dacorum dive development squad.

Swimming - Well done to Jack R in Year 5, who swims for Berkhamsted Swimming Club and has been selected to swim in the Dacorum team - Good luck Jack!

Football – Congratulations to Salvador and Ryan who won individual trophies at Tring Tornadoes award ceremony and fun day last Saturday for all of their efforts this year - for the second year in a row!

Congratulations also to all the children across the Year groups who play for Raiders and were awarded trophies at the recent Raiders Awards.

We love to hear about your sporting achievements outside of school, please let us know if you have anything you would like to share and inspire others to take part in your sport.

Introducing a 'school dog' to Westfield

This month we announced that in September we will be introducing a new staff member to our team. We have been delighted by the overwhelming positive response from both the children and parents. We have never seen so many suggested names!!! Over the holiday we look forward to shortlisting these. After half-term, we will announce whether we will be having a male or female cockapoo. On Thursday 8th June, on General Election Day, Westfield will be having their very own Polling Station where all children and staff will have the opportunity to vote for the dog's name. We look forward to updating you next month.

Well done



A special mention to three of our Year 5 and 6 girls, who worked incredibly hard baking and selling cakes last Saturday to raise money for the Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital. Congratulations girls for raising a fantastic £86.65! We are extremely proud of you!

Year 5 Visit The Rex

As a special reward for all their hard work in successfully completing their reading challenges, Year 5 Picasso and Lowry had a special cinema showing at The Rex today. Well done Year 5 and a very BIG thank you to The Rex for providing this wonderful experience for our children.

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a relaxing half-term in the sunshine!

Regards

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team

APRIL / MAY 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 6
Caitlin	Abby Mazie Anthony Theo Tyler Ellie	Poppy	Ben Ellie Alice Emma Belle Zack Elliott.C. Lucas Charlotte Amelia Holly Tilly Sam Brayden William Sophie Carmen Chris Matilda	Fred.S. Freddie Isaac Lexie Martha Skye Frankie Saffron Lucas Lucy Cody Louie Nadia Brandon Riley Suri Hari	Kaitlin Jessica.T. Ella-Mae Neve Leon Isaac Bethany Joseph Jacob George Annie	Daisy Erin Noah Lily

Values Awards

Trust

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Avery	Bella	Harriet	Alexa	Elliot.C.	Jack	Isabelle.C.	Olivia	Georgie

Trust

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Hector	Emily	Eryn	Seb	Chloe	Jack	Patrick	Maybelle	All of Year 6

Tolerance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Sam	Tyra	Amelia	Evie	Phoebe	Oliver	Eila	Ella-Mae	All of Year 6

Big Write:

Mbali, Kadin, Amelia, Maisy, Emily, Isla, Thomas, Dylan, Daisy, Lucy – Reception
Rebecca, Zack, Carmen, Rosa – Year 3