



WESTFIELD NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally summer arrived this month! Well done to the staff and children who have shown our school value of resilience as they coped with the heat wave conditions!

Here are some of this month's summer highlights

Parent workshops

Building children's resilience

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our town wide parent workshop on Thursday 8th June. Over 100 parents from across the town attended this successful workshop which was delivered by 'How to Thrive' and focused on 'Building children's resilience.' Please see our website to view a copy of the Power point slides or follow this link: [How to Thrive Resilience Workshop](#)

If you weren't able to attend and would like to, due to the positive response the Berkhamsted schools are planning to organise another workshop in the Autumn term. We will send more details at beginning of the academic year.

First Aid training

This month, thanks to one of our parents Mrs Sadie Clarke for suggesting this at Parent Forum, we organised one of two Basic First Aid workshops for parents delivered by 'Mini First Aid'. This workshop received very positive feedback including:

"I recommend the Baby and Child First Aid for everyone, parents or not – I loved it!"

"Mini First Aid was great! I would highly recommend this course. Covers everything you need to know"

"Very good class, enjoyed it and learned a lot – feel more confident now in an emergency. Thank you"

We will be running this workshop again next month on 11th July from 7-9pm and we still have a few places available. If you would like to book a place, please contact: sgilbert@minifirstaid.co.uk

Naming our 'School Dog'



On Thursday 8th June, while the country voted in the General Election, Westfield Primary organised their very own Polling Station, giving the children the opportunity to name our school dog. Applying our British value of democracy, each child and member of staff took part in a secret ballot, where they were able to vote for the two shortlisted male names, Ollie or Milo. The following morning, the children were extremely excited to hear in assembly the outcome of the vote where there was an overwhelming majority vote for Milo, receiving 234 votes and 47 for Ollie. This week the children received a special assembly delivered by the Blue Cross on how to care for dogs and read their behaviour. We look forward to Milo joining the Westfield team in September!

Supporting Save the Children – Den Day



On Friday 16th June, the children had great fun taking part in Den day. Many dens were built both indoors and outdoors using a range of materials involving a lot of team work! It was lovely to see many of our school values being demonstrated including co-operation, perseverance and determination. We managed to raise £94 for Save the children, so a big thank you for all your donations.

Here are three children's comments of their experiences:-

"I liked it because we could be creative. We made a den on the field using sticks, cardboard boxes, bed sheets and elastic bands."

'It was a team effort to make a big den. Everyone took part and we connected our dens together. "

"I really liked it. We worked as a team to build dens. We built Anglo Saxon houses and we are making furniture to go in them."

Westival

On Saturday 10th June, it was lovely to see the sunshine continue and to see so many younger families join us at our annual Westival event. Thank you to all of you who supported this and well done to those of you who braved their tents and coped with the early morning downpour!!! A very BIG thank you to WISPA and the team of parents who helped organise and run this event. Without your help and support, we wouldn't be able to raise these valuable additional funds to enhance what we offer your children at Westfield.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 visit Whipsnade



The above classes all enjoyed their school trip to Whipsnade which linked in to their learning about animals. The Reception and Nursery children watched the sea lions with envy as it turned out to be one of the hottest days for many years! Only the bravest animals showed their faces! Nevertheless, we had a lovely long lunch in the shade, and the children were a credit to our school.

Nursery enjoyed the fantastic bird show, saw the sealions splashing (who were fascinated by the fidget spinner) and learnt lots about giraffes during the giraffe talk including giraffes can clean their noses with their black tongue and have 7 bones in their neck.



Year 1 researched their favourite African animals and saw lions, zebra, hippos, giraffe, ostrich, gazelle, monkeys and many more! They enjoyed a special talk about flamingos where they had a go standing and moving like a flamingo and learnt why they are pink! They were also lucky enough to have a special session about animal colour and camouflage where they could handle lots of skeletons and skins to work out where different animals might live. They even got to touch a snake (everyone had a go, even Mrs Wortley-Taylor!). They had a fantastic day out and learnt lots about their

chosen animals and have been busy writing fact files on their favourite animals so please come to Open Evening to read them.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported the staff and children on this trip.

Berkhamsted Schools' Science Fair



Teams Lowry and Picasso have been out and about again and this time, it was for Science! The Ogden Trust held their annual Science fair at Berkhamsted Preparatory School and we were invited along. Across the morning we learnt that so much of Science is making informed judgements and then changing our thinking as we discover new information - it's all about that open, flexible mindset! Infra-red cameras taught us about body heat and showed us how we can track the footsteps of a hot-blooded mammal, even in the dark! Finally, the main event - the planetarium - had us all in awe as we visited the Moon, Jupiter, Mars and discovered the constellations of the stars. It's safe to say that everyone had a great time and a big thank you goes to the Ogden Trust for holding this event and to the parent helpers that came along - we can't do these events without you! Until the next adventure...

Introducing Forest School sessions to Year 3 –

Year 3 Warhol have been enjoying weekly Forest School sessions this term. These sessions give children the freedom to learn through exploration in our Wildwood and develop love and respect for our wonderful natural environment.



Every week they take themselves into the stretch zone, using their imagination, showing intense concentration as they learn and practise new skills, solving problems, and working co-operatively (mainly to build some fantastic dens!)



We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Lambert will start to deliver Forest School sessions across the school where all classes will take part over the course of the year.

This month's Sporting updates....

Daily Mile

Westfield have been helping lead the way by being one of the first Hertfordshire schools to embed the Daily Mile in our school day. The Daily Mile helps our children be more physically active, which has a whole range of health benefits but also aids their learning in class. The children love the Daily Mile and we are keen to keep it going. Public Health England asked some of our Year 4 children to be part of a promotional video to try and get more schools to introduce the Daily Mile. You can watch the video here – www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/thedailymile

Fitness Trail

The children took part in a whole school assembly outside this month, all about our brand new fitness trail. Mr Bethune lead the children through how to safely use the equipment, and what activities they can take part in, in each of the coloured zones. The children can use the fitness trail at playtime and lunch and we are pleased to see how popular it has become. Thanks to Allan Plenderleith for designing the fitness trail signs.

Tring Fun Run

Well done to all of the children from Nursery to Year 6, who braved the heat wave conditions on Wednesday 21st June and took part in the annual Tring Fun Run. We are extremely proud of all of the children who took part, where they showed true determination, perseverance and resilience. All of their hard work in the 'Daily Mile' proved to be great training for this event! A special mention goes to Ryan H (Year 2) who improved his 3rd place performance from last year to 2nd place this year! Also to Maisy (Year R) who came 2nd and finally, well done to Leon (Year 5) for coming 1st! Keep up with running the 'Daily Mile' everyone and we look forward to even more of you competing next year!

Summer Music Concerts

June has been the month to showcase our talented Westfield musicians. On Wednesday 21st June, we saw the first of three concerts, where forty-eight children from across Key stage 2 performed in our 'Music recital'. Well done to all of the children who entertained parents and carers showcasing their many musical talents from beautiful singing to playing a range of instruments which included; the acoustic and electric guitar, piano, recorder and electric drums! A very BIG thank you to Mrs McGovern for organising this musical ensemble and to her and Mrs Lambert for teaching the choir this year. Thank you also to the following peripatetic music teachers; Mrs Osmond, Mrs Maddock and Mrs Beqiraj for all of their hard work in preparing the children for this concert.



The following Monday, we were treated to our first Westfield Ukulele concert where Year 5 Lowry and Picasso performed a number of songs they have been learning during the year to their parents and carers. By the end of the performance, everyone's toes were tapping! Thank you to Mrs O'Brien, who works for the Hertfordshire Music Service, for coming in to school this year and introducing this new musical instrument to our Year 5 children. We hope that they will continue to learn this instrument in the future.

Finally, last but not means least, today our RockSteady Bands performed their second concert of the year to the whole school and their parents. Children from Year R to Year 6 formed the bands and each band comprised of two vocalists, two electric guitarists, drums and keyboard players. Everyone in the audience was wowed by how much they have learned over the term and were impressed by their performances. We look forward to further concerts in the next academic year. We will send out further details shortly if your child would like the opportunity to join Rock Steady next year.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported these events and supporting your child learn to play a musical instrument.

Well done also to the Choir who did us proud on Tuesday afternoon when they visited the senior citizens at Lagley House in Douglas Gardens. They entertained the senior citizens with a variety of songs throughout the afternoon.

Year 5 children have a taste of being an entrepreneur!

Year 5 took part in 'The Finance Challenge' this year, where they were given £5 and set the challenge to make it "grow". This has been a great opportunity for the children to begin to develop their business acumen and financial awareness. Much of their trading has taken place outside of school hours, however, like last year, we also gave the children the opportunity to sell in school at the Finance Challenge Market on: Friday 23rd and Friday 30th June. The hall was packed with excitement and a fantastic whole school community buzz as children from across the school supported this event by buying a range of items on sale. Year 5 Lowry and Picasso would like to thank everyone who supported them with this event and to Miss Davis for organising it with the help of Mrs Banton.



National Clean Air Day

Children were asked to "Wear something Green" on their way to school on Thursday 15th June to help raise awareness for the first ever National Clean Air Day. All drivers are being encouraged not to leave their cars running idle, particularly near schools in an attempt to improve air quality.

Regards

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team

JUNE 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
Caitlin	Jack Felicity	Henry Luke	Ben Chloe Arin Elliot.C. Will Lara	Hari Daniel Hannah Josie Hally Jack William	Evie Kaitlin Maisie Olivia Lucy Jack Maybelle Joseph Daniel Jamie Josh Edward Josh Sammy Logan	Isabelle.C. William Ebony Sarah Ella Jenson Calum Ryan Sumaiya Jessica.P. Jessie.B. Ruben Sami Jack Daniel Shane Lucy Salvador Eila Isabelle.S. Max Samuel Leona Lauren	Georgie

Values Awards – Celebrating All Our Values

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Toby	Amelia	Tyler	Thales	Carmen	Callum	Bethany	Joseph	Freddy.W
Amelia	Poppi	Chloe	Henry	Will	Hari	Sumaiya	Reece	Erin
Josh	Max	Felicity	George	Brayden	Josie	Ruben	Jay	Megan

Big Write:

Ben.A., Emma, Arin, Matilda, Eloise, Emma – Year 3