



# WESTFIELD NEWS

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Edition 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to welcome you and your children back to school this term and try to resume some form of 'new normality' for us all in this ever changing Pandemic time we still find ourselves living in.

Over the past month, we have been so incredibly proud of how your children have settled back into school and how quickly they have adapted to our new routines to keep themselves and everyone safe. They have shown to be extremely happy to return to see their friends, get to know their new teachers and have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to 'THANK YOU ALL' for the big part you have played in continuing to work so closely with us, quickly adapting to our new drop off and pick up arrangements and for really appreciating the importance of following our socially distanced queuing / waiting arrangements. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback we have received from parents and carers with regards to the positive impact they feel the new calm start by dropping children off at the class door has had on their child's and own wellbeing at the start of the day – something that has been a positive from the pandemic!

These new arrangements will now be the way we always start our day at Westfield, as we strongly feel that this new system fully embraces our whole school ethos focusing on supporting our whole school community's mental health and wellbeing.

Despite, us not being able to operate in the way we used to due to health and safety COVID restrictions we have already started looking at how we can adapt our practice using technology to continue to communicate as a whole school community; for example with regards to holding whole school virtual assemblies and remote parent information events. Over the coming months we will update you on additional plans we put in place to keep us all connected.

With regards to the ever changing COVID-19 situation, we are extremely mindful that despite the additional health and safety measures we have put in place, we are not in control of this pandemic. I do feel that it is important for me to stress that it is extremely likely over the coming months that we may need to close a class due to a positive result or due to a class Bubble's teaching staff having to self-isolate. I hope that you can appreciate that in the event of this decision being made, I will not have taken this lightly and it will be with the best interests for your child and the staff's health and wellbeing at that time.

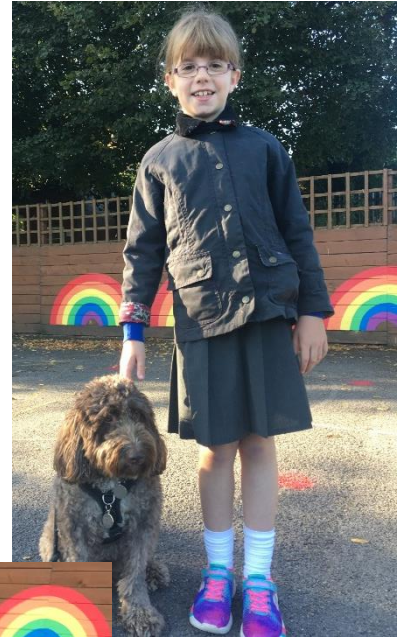
My Senior Leadership Team and I are currently reviewing the home learning provision to enhance what we provided in the Summer term. We will contact you in due course with further updates. Again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during what is a very unpredictable and challenging time for us all.

We would now like to share some of this month's highlights as we have done so in previous Monthly newsletters .....

**Welcome back Milo!**

We are very pleased to be able to welcome Milo back to the school after having time off during Lockdown. It has been lovely for Milo and myself to greet you all each morning as you arrive at school; see the children's happy smiles as they say good morning to Milo as they arrive at school. Thank you also to Rachel one morning for helping myself and Milo.

Well done to all of Reception class who have already taken on the responsibility of doing the daily run with Milo each morning.



**Wow what a sunflower!!!**



Thank you to Henry in Year 4 for sharing this fantastic photo of his Grandfather's sunflower! We are hoping that he will donate the seed head to the school so that we can try growing some of the seeds next year.

## Leadership roles and responsibilities

### School Council

A very big 'well done' to all of the children who put themselves forward for School Council. We were extremely impressed with the number of children who put themselves in the 'stretch zone' to stand up and deliver a presentation in front of their class. Congratulations to the following children who will work with Mrs McGovern during the year to organise fund raising events, continue to support our Kenyan link school and share their ideas in finding further ways to improve school life:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Izzie Jack	Ben Legacy	Lyra Hector	Amelia Dylan

Year 5	Year 6
Henry Alice	Alexa Harvey

### Westfield Ambassadors

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who formally wrote to me applying for the role of Westfield Ambassador this year. I was extremely impressed by the quality of their applications and their reasons for why they felt that they would be suited to the role. During the year the ambassadors will be involved in supporting staff in daily school life as well as promoting the school's culture and ethos to prospective parents and visitors ( socially distanced this year!) and sharing what we offer our children at Westfield.

**This year we are proud to share that the following children will take on this important role –**

**Alexi, Evie, Saffia, Ellen, Martha, Alex, Ryan H, Poppy, Nicholas , Ruby and Riyaan**

### Sports Leaders

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Annabelle Anna Harvey Jack Ran	Josh Sophia S Olivia Kaito Edward	Charlotte Lucy Maisy

Year 5	Year 6
Megan Harriet Ophelia Nina Sonny	Hannah Ollie Ryan H Jack

### Eco-Team

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Tilly Tom	Jayden Cora	Tyra Imogen

Year 5	Year 6
Kai'rell Amelia Anthony	Eve Alexa Renee

## **Day of Languages**

On Monday 28th September, we will be celebrating European Languages Day. This year we are focusing on celebrating Spanish and its country of origin Spain. During the day, the children will be involved in a variety of rich experiences where they will learn about the culture as well as learn the language through spoken word and song.

## **Charity events this month...**

Thank you to everyone who supported us today to raise money for our annual fundraising event Macmillan Coffee morning where children had the opportunity to bring in a cake and make a donation. We look forward to informing you next month how much we raised.

Thank you to those parents who have already donated wellies and trainers. We will start to put all donations out at the Meeting place on a Friday for you to have the opportunity to donate to support our Kenyan Community and our environment by recycling them.

All donations can be dropped off at the office door – thank you for your continued support

## **Sporting updates this month ...**

**At Westfield children's mental and physical well-being continues to be extremely important to us and now more than ever we feel that it is vitally important. Here are some of the ways we will continue to support the well-being of your child in the coming months –**

**Forest School** This term we are delighted to be introducing Reception class to Forest school activities as well as welcoming back Chiltern Forest school to run half a term with each of our classes from Year 1 – Year 6, in addition to other outdoor learning activities which take part across the curriculum. We will inform you which half term your child will need to bring in Forest school clothing. Research shows that spending time outdoors within nature is extremely beneficial for our wellbeing and we would encourage all families to embrace outside activities at weekends and in your spare time. You may see Milo and I on our weekend walks!!!

**Welcome back ....**We are pleased to be able to welcome back Coach PJ from Storm Basketball to work with our classes again this year in PE. Each year group will receive a term of Basketball coaching, with Year 2 and Year 6 receiving it this term. We also welcome back Rebecca from Co-create Dance academy to continue teaching our children Dance this year, again the children will receive a term of dance, with Year 3 and 4 receiving it this term.

This year, we have also arranged for the children to receive Gymnastics teaching through Game-on, with Years 1 and 5 receiving it this term.

N.b All of the above coaches are following government guidance regarding COVID health and safety measures.

**DAILY MILE TRACK** – Over a year and a half ago, we were successful in a grant application to have a Daily mile track installed. I am delighted to be able to inform you after a very long wait, we have finally received planning permission! This has certainly been a project where Mr Bray and I have demonstrated our school values of patience, perseverance and sheer determination to get this planning application agreed! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bray for all of his support with this. We look forward to having the track fitted the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> October and then for the children to start using the track.

## **2020 the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.**

Sunday 4th October is the date of the Virgin Money London Marathon, which will feature the world's best athletes racing in St James's Park live on the BBC, while 45,000 adults across the UK and all over the globe take part in a virtual event – running 26.2 miles, their way, between midnight and 23:59:59 BST, with thousands raising money for charity.

For this year only, schools can also be part of the world's greatest marathon by joining the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon and running 2.6 miles between Monday 28 September and Friday 9 October.

Children need to complete 2.6 miles between Monday 28 September and Friday 9 October.


They can do the distance over two days, three days, or longer – or some older children might be able to do the whole distance in one day!

As we have been unable to raise funds through WISPA organised events for the last six months we will be raising funds for the school by taking part in this event. Please see further details in the Westfield Bulletin and WISPA facebook page as to how you can support your children and the school by taking part.

Kind regards

Suzanne Stace and the Westfield team

## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

**Birthday celebrations** - Last year we introduced celebrating each child's birthday by giving them a book as a gift, further fostering the love of reading in the home. This is something that we will continue to do this year. These books have been chosen with specific authors in mind for each year group. We appreciate that there may be occasions where your child may already have the book. We are sorry if this does occur; however  ask that you don't return it to school asking for it to be swapped for a different one. Instead, you may want to pass it on to another child to enjoy.

**Happy Birthday wishes this month go to....**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Marina	Elisia Jessica	Anya Tilly	Jayden	Poppy Bella Lucy Shenagh	Sonny	Riyaan

Congratulations to the following children who have received awards this month. These are now celebrated within school during our Friday Virtual celebration assembly.

**Head teacher's Awards**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				Dylan Lucy Jessica Amelia		Harvey

## Values Awards

### Responsibility

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
All of Kandinsky	All of Mondrian	Ran	All of Warhol	Jessica	Anthony	Alexi

### Friendship

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harry Marina	Milly Elisia	Lottie Rudi	Freda Baen	Charlie Frankie	All of Picasso Harriet Megan	Martha Thales

### Reading Certificates



Well done to those children who received some outstanding reading certificates from the Spring term - keep up the reading this term! We look forward to sharing this term's achievements in future months.

### Maths Wizards



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tom Tilly Anya Oliver Safi	Will Lyra Caitlyne	Akshar Dylan Henry Yann Max Emily Holly	Elliot Kai'rell Megan Tyler Ophelia Felicity Zaki	Alfie Martha Ryan H Eve Ellen George Riyaan Sophia Renee Evie Ryan T Jack Luke Seb Alexa Evie Thales Nicholas Harvey Alexi Saffia Renee Alex

If your child has a sporting or music achievement, which they have received outside of school we would love to celebrate this with them. Please ask your child to hand this in to the class teacher for their Friday celebration assembly.

Well done this month to ....



#### Outside Sporting achievements

Gymnastics award – Katie W



#### Outside Music achievements-

We look forward to celebrating in future months