



# WESTFIELD NEWS

SPRING 2023

Edition 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a term! First, and most importantly we would like to extend our thoughts and wishes to Mrs Stace who continues to recover. We are so sad to hear of her decision to step back and we hope that she is well enough for us to plan a well-deserved send off.

Despite many of the staff stepping into different roles and supporting in ways that are above and beyond to ensure that the day to day life for the children remains as positive as always, we have still managed to pack in lots of wonderful experiences into the term and it has been wonderful to see so many smiles around school over the last term. I hope you enjoy reading about these events below.

Thank you to everyone that has supported the journey this term and we look forward to an exciting summer term.

## Young Voices

Year 6 visited Wembley Arena as part of a group of over 4,000 other children to sing with Young Voices. We can't put it better than the children themselves, who said:

*One of THE best experiences of my life. I really enjoyed singing with 4,731 other children! If I had the chance to go again, I would definitely take it. Maisy, Year 6*

*Amazing. The best experiences. Andre, Year 6*

*It was an AMAZING experience, and I will remember it of the rest of my life! Dylan, Year 6*



## Feel Good Week

We had the amazing charity Electric Umbrella come into the school and deliver an interactive performance to our children, as always, they were inspiring!

We also enjoyed a carnival themed dance workshop delivered by Dance Days. The children learned some key moves for samba dancing and enjoyed adding a little colour to their routine with colourful flower necklaces.

*"It was good because it was a fast pace and good to learn a new thing. It was from Brazil." Max Year 6*

*"I was happy that I could put the flowers around my neck. It was fun that we could dance like carnival dancers." Natalie Year 3*

*"It was great. We learnt new and forgotten dance moves. Also, we got to wear flowery necklaces. I loved the music too." Imogen Year 6*



## World Book Day

This year we focussed our learning around a book, 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. We immersed ourselves into the story with a dance workshop where we retold the story in the role of one of the animals.

There has been a variety of learning across the school linked to The Great Kapok Tree such as Geography lessons learning the layers of the rainforest, recreating Henry Rousseau's bold jungle scenes in Art and some children have even created and filmed their own nature documentaries. Thank you to all the children and grown-ups for making a special effort to dress up for World Book Day. It was lovely to hear children share the book that inspired their outfit choice.



## Year 4 Dance Competition

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Year 4 took part in the Dacorum Dance competition. They worked incredibly hard in the run up during many rehearsals to perfect their dance. The dance competition was a great evening, with the Year 4 performing fantastically with beaming energy and charisma, they were a great support to all schools who took part and fun was had by all who attended. Well done to the Year 4 Dancers!



## Magical Maths

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March we were visited by Professor Poopenshtinken from Magical Maths. He and his assistant, Catherine, visited Reception to Year 6 showing the children some amazing maths tricks. The children loved the workshops and can't wait for Magical Maths club to start after half term.

*"10/10 because he was really funny."* Scarlett Year 3

*"I liked the game when we played heads and tails. We needed to make a tail or touch our heads. I was heads both times but I didn't win."* Eleanor Year 1

*"I really want to go because it was fun doing all those tricks!"* Lottie Year 4

*"It made maths really fun."* Edward Year 3

*"I liked putting the counters on the shapes."* Elissia Year 1

*"I liked that we get to bring a booklet home each week and that he could read our minds."* Elisia Year 4

An invitation to Magical Maths club was sent home with children on Wednesday. The club will run on Thursday after school starting after Easter. There will be a Reception and KS1 club and a KS2 club. Seize this opportunity before all the places are taken!

### **Westfield Eggstavigansa!**

The Westfield Eggstravaganza was a great success and we had tables full of decorated eggs! Well done to everyone who took part. All the eggs were fantastic and the judges had some tricky decisions to make.

The best in class winners are:

Nursery - George

Reception - Esme

Year 1 - Elodie

Year 2 - Riya

Year 3 - Sofia

Year 4 - Mia

Year 5 - Cora

Year 6 - Kadin

The overall winner for Early years is George in nursery.

The overall winner for KS1 is Elodie in year 1.

The overall winner for KS2 is Mia in year 4.

The whole school winner and our 1st prize goes to... Imogen in year 6!

A huge congratulations to all our winners and to all those who took part. Well done!



## Sporting Highlights

### Dodgeball

We have been fortunate to be able to offer a funded after-school Dodgeball club run by Ace Sports and a team was chosen to represent the school in a Year 6 Dodgeball competition organised by Dacorum School Sports Network. Twelve teams from Dacorum attended the event at Ashlyns School. Westfield played exceptionally well and qualified for the semi-finals. With only one point in it the team were sadly defeated but happily remained to support those in the final match.



### Football

Well done to the mixed Y5/6 football team who qualified for the second round of the Dacorum School Sports Network football league. Unfortunately, their winning streak ended against Greenway School despite an early lead and amazing perseverance in tricky conditions.



### Celebrations

We would like to say well done to all the children who received Value of the week award, Math wizard award and head teacher's award this term, there were too many of you to list, but huge congratulations!

Take care  
The Westfield Team