

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 5)
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer in to complete sibling photographs
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning for Reception Parents (8:45-9:00am)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery/Reception Parents Learning Book Workshops in the ICT suite (9am & 2:30pm)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Walk Around Wexham
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Charlotte's Web performance
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 Trip to The British Museum (8:30am-4:30pm)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Walk Around Wexham
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Toilet Training Workshop for Nursery Parents (9am & 2:45pm)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term holidays (full day)

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week was great, despite there being a nasty bug in the air. A number of classes took part in the BBC Live Poetry lessons for National Poetry Week. They logged in during the day and listened to some very creative poets talk about poetry and how easy it is to get involved. I know Years 5 and 6 definitely got a lot out of it.

As you know, Reading is a big priority for all children. To help create a rich reading culture, each class has created a special book corner as part of our Reading Corner competition. Here are some examples of our book corners – the winner will be announced on Twitter! Building reading areas can be so much fun and really help to inspire readers. One of our targets this year is to help engage more boys in reading and writing.

Last week, a number of staff went on Phonics development training to ensure that our phonics knowledge remains up to date. We have a phonics development day this week lead by our Phonics consultant and Mrs Williams. They will audit the provision together, celebrate the many strengths and identify areas that we could develop further. We do incredibly well in phonics at Wexham, and this is due to the commitment of staff and parents working together. We need to continue this through the school with reading.



Our school development targets this year are:

## Objectives

1. Engaging boys in Reading and Writing
2. Targeting the pupils who make slower than expected progress
3. Attendance target 96%
4. To develop the use of more accurate vocabulary in reading and maths
5. Develop challenge through questioning and critical thinking
6. Implement a school mental health first aid kit form staff and pupils

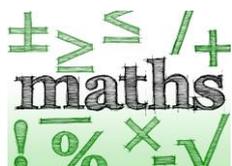
I wish you all a pleasant week ahead

Best wishes,

Miss N Mehat

## Curriculum

**Mathletics Competition** - from Monday 15th to Friday 19th October, Wexham's first Mathletics competition of the year will be taking place! The idea is simple - whichever class earns the most points in these five days will be the winner!! There will be some exciting prizes on offer for the best classes in Upper and Lower Primary, as well as for the highest scoring individuals. Which class will be crowned as our first Mathletics competition's winner?! Only time will tell...



**Maths Word of the Week** - this week's word of the week is '**Distributive law**'. This math's rule means multiplying a number by a group of numbers added together is the same as doing each multiplication separately. So for example:  $3 \times (2 + 4) = 3 \times 2 + 3 \times 4$ .

**English Word of the Week** – this week's word of the week is '**Crevice**'. Crevice means a small narrow, crack or space especially in the surface of a rock. So for example: "A lizard crawled out of a crevice in the cliff".



**Assembly Theme** – our assembly theme this week is the International Day of the Girl Child. This day is celebrated annually on 11th October. The main aims of the day are to promote girl's empowerment and fulfilment of their human rights while also highlighting the challenges that girls all over the world face. This year the focus is on empowering girls before, during and after conflict.

## Awards & Honours – Week Ending 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Attendance

Wexham Court Target is **96%**

So far this year we have achieved **96.4%**

Please see the table below for our **gold**, **silver** and **bronze** winners this week:

ATTENDANCE								
Early Years								
Nursery AM – 91.4%				Nursery PM – 97.8%				
England – 98.7%			Scotland – 93.75%			Wales – 94.1%		
Lower Primary								
Year 1			Year 2			Year 3		
Fiji	Australia	Tonga	Jamaica	Canada	Mexico	Ecuador	Peru	Chile
95.3%	96.3%	97.7%	96%	98%	94.3%	98%	98.6%	97.3%
Upper Primary								
Year 4			Year 5			Year 6		
Mozambique	Morocco	Tanzania	France	Italy	Hungary	Thailand	China	Nepal
97.7%	99.3%	97.7%	92.7%	94.3%	95.5%	96.3%	92.9%	96.2%

House Points this Week					Total Year - 18/19	
House Name (Alphabetical)	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place		
Copper Beech				4 <sup>th</sup>	418	4 <sup>th</sup>
Horse Chestnut			3 <sup>rd</sup>		405	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Majestic Oak		2 <sup>nd</sup>			599	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sycamore	1st				615	1 <sup>st</sup>

	STARS OF THE WEEK			
	Year Group	Name		
	Reception	Sagan – England	Qirat – Wales	Emery – Scotland
	Year 1	Waheg – Australia	Hailey – Tonga	Abu – Fiji
	Year 2	Aiza – Canada	Fahad – Jamaica	Anaya – Mexico
	Year 3	Haitham – Ecuador	Aiza – Peru	Inayah – Chile
	Year 4	Taranjeet – Mozambique	Deqa – Tanzania	Mariam – Morocco
	Year 5	Shyanne – Hungary	Joshua – France	Zakaria – Italy
	Year 6	Zara – Thailand	Amina – China	Amyrah – Nepal

Mathletics	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	China – 180,715 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Italy – 86,922 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jamaica – 74,940 points
Let's Improve	France – 12,612 points

Well done to China – keep it up!!

## Sporting Achievements and Events

**Year 3 & 4 Football Competition** - the Wexham Court Primary Year 3/4 football team took part in an inter school football competition last week. Being 1 of 20 teams to take part in the competition the children from Wexham Court did an amazing job and progressively improved with each game. The children worked tirelessly to learn their roles and competed to the best of their ability, having lots of fun along the way. The team have done us proud as a school and I hope you will join me in congratulating them on their efforts. All children returned with a medal and a certificate which will be presented to them in assembly. Football is such a great team sport and we enter competitions in order to teach our children not only about community and being part of the local community of schools, but also the key value of resilience as they have to work hard and accept that they will not always win each match.



Congratulations to Ilyas in Year 3 on becoming the World and European Champion for Brazilian jiu jitsu. Ilyas has featured a number of times in the newsletter and that is because his success highlights our vision. He has achieved so much at such a young age and I am certain he will continue to do so. I highlight him as a Slough citizen who is achieving great things, as often the pupils in Slough schools do not get the opportunities available in other areas. Ilyas competes in a year group above his



age and through determination, hard work and skill, he has achieved so much. A big well done to our little sports hero. I urge all parents to keep supporting and nurturing the hobbies and talents of their children as it will stand them in good stead later on in life and we have so many super skilled pupils.

## Key Messages and Reminders

**Toilet Training Workshop** – this will take place at 9.00am and again at 2:45pm on Friday 19th October. Please sign in at the school office in time for the start of the session and a member of staff will come to escort you to the small hall.

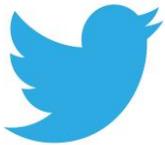
**Plastic Bottles** - Year 4 parents, please could your children collect empty, clean, plastic bottles with lids and bring these into school over the next few weeks. We will be using the bottles in order to make poppies for Remembrance Day. Thank you.

**School Photographs** – the photographer will be back in again on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to complete the ones that are remaining. Please ensure that your children come to school in full uniform with the correct shoes. If it is your child's birthday please send them in uniform and they can bring their own clothes with them and change after they have had their photograph taken.

**Breakfast Club** – this is currently at full capacity and we are operating a waiting list. Please do not simply arrive with your child(ren) and drop them off if you have not booked in advance. Please call Mrs Thistle in the office to check availability.

**Online Secondary School Applications** – applications have now opened. You will already have received a letter with a unique pupil number for your child. Please register and begin the process as soon as possible, as the **deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October**. You may wish to book a visit or go to an open day at your chosen school, please look at their websites or contact them directly for further details. Should you require any help, please speak to Mrs Thistle in the office.

### Twitter



Do not forget to follow us on Twitter for daily updates, news and photos. We are keen to share our Twitter page with everyone, so please tell people about it. We do monitor it daily and if anything

inappropriate appears, we will remove it.

**@wexhamPS**

### Trending last week:

- Nursery's magic land book corner
- BBC Live Poetry
- Sharing Herstory