

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 4th March 2019



Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Wednesday 6th March – Parent Fitness Sessions (9:00-10:00am, The Barn)
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Friday 8th March – Year 4 Trip to The Living Rainforest (9:00-4:30pm)
- Monday 18th March – Year 6 Trip to Slough Baptist Church (8:45-12:30pm)
- Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March – Reception sight & hearing tests
- Wednesday 20th March – Year 1 Trip to London Transport Museum (9:00-3:30pm)
- Friday 22nd March – Science Fair (3:00-4:00pm, The Barn)
- Monday 25th March – Year 2 Trip to Ruislip Synagogue (9:00am & 12:00pm)
- Monday 25th March – Year 3 Trip to Legoland (9:30-4:30pm)
- Monday 1st April – Parent Oracy Sessions (2:30pm & 5:00pm)
- Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April – Parent Consultations
- Monday 8th – Tuesday 23rd April – EASTER HOLIDAYS
- Wednesday 24th April – Summer Term starts for children (normal time)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents please be aware that the date for the science fair has changed and will now be taking place on Friday 22nd March. Please see below and next week's newsletter for further details.

Book Week – Theme – ‘Share a book’ Remember to bring your £1 book in on Thursday.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

On Thursday 7th March it will be World Book Day. On Friday, your child(ren) should have come home with a £1.00 book voucher. There is a full list available of all the £1.00 books that are available to buy here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>.

On Thursday 7th March, please could your children bring in the book they buy with their tokens, as the theme for World Book Day this year is ‘Share a Story’. If your child has been unable to use their token, please could they bring it with them on Thursday. Throughout the week we will also be having activities including the following:

- *Book World Cup* – each class will be hosting a Book World Cup, where the children will use book suggestions and choose a winner as a whole class. The school will then buy that book for the class!
- *Bookshelf* – each class will be making a class bookshelf to showcase some of their favourite stories.
- *Tweet an author* – the children will be encouraged to write a 200 character tweet to any author. The best tweets will be tweeted from the school Twitter account!

- The children may also take part in quizzes, design bookmarks and take part in the Library Book Treasure Hunt.

The children will be able to dress up as a character from their favourite book and staff will be joining in too! Throughout the week it would be great if you could tweet what you have been doing with your children and tag in the school @WexhamPS and also add the hashtag #WCPareaders. Staff will also be tweeting about the activities all week so that you can keep up with all of the exciting things going on. We have attached a copy of the Reading Stars activities worksheet so that you can work on these with your children at home.



Mental Health Week - Theme: Healthy Inside and Out



Last week we took part in Mental Health Week, this work will continue as part of our holistic wellbeing curriculum. We focused on the theme of Healthy: Inside and Out. The children explored what mental, physical and spiritual health is and how they are all just as important to as each other. The children had opportunities to practise

mindfulness, exposing them to strategies and techniques that will support them through feelings of anxiety and worry. The mindfulness workshops enabled the children to really connect with their emotions and understand how to self-regulate them. We wholly believe that



good mental health is essential for children to learn and achieve. By providing opportunities for children, and the adults surrounding them, to develop the strengths and coping skills that underpin resilience and emotional intelligence, we can support children and our community to flourish and succeed. We look forward to continuing this work through our PSHE curriculum. Staff joined in during the week as well and had the chance to take part in mindfulness sessions, smoothie



making and massages! We also held parent mindfulness sessions which I hope many of you found useful. Here are some websites that you may find helpful:

- www.jigsawpshe.com
- <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/mental-health-suicidal-thoughts-children>
- <https://www.childnet.com>

"I loved becoming a Mindfulness Superhero, Mindfulness really helps me to empty my mind of thoughts and really concentrate on my emotions" Zara, Year 6

"It was great to learn what strategies and exercises to use to support my child's well-being, it is important that we can continue to use the strategies they so effectively use in school at home too" Rita, Year 4 Parent



Parent Fitness Sessions - We are lucky enough to have Conrad from Thames Valley Athletic Centre working with us to improve our children's fitness. Conrad will be running a parent session on Wednesday 6th March between 9:00-10:00am in The Barn. During this he will discuss what types of sessions you would prefer and like to see more of. Please have your say and bring along a buddy. Parent Governor Mrs Ahmad has attended a few and loved them. Please speak to her if you want to

know a bit more. Conrad is very easy to talk to, considerate and will make the sessions as challenging as you wish. There are no judgements, just come along and see. Above all learn some techniques and ideas for improving not only your children's health and fitness, but the whole family's. With summer approaching it would be great to set some family fitness goals so that when the sunshine finally does arrive, you can take advantage of it and get outside and be healthy!

Litter – We are finding a lot of litter around the school site, particularly after the children leave at the end of the day. Please can I encourage you to make sure that litter is thrown away, either as you leave, as we have dustbins around the site. Alternatively, please could you take rubbish with you and throw it away at home. Let us keep our school looking tidy and beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



Spoken Word – Two of our very talented teachers, Miss Butt (Year 5) and Mr Grist (Year 3) debuted at the @empowordslough spoken word platform over the weekend. Both of them performed their deeply thought provoking poems to a very supportive audience. In the summer term, we will be hosting our own spoken word night

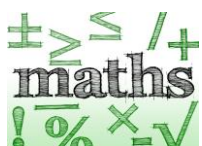


for adults across Slough, so please get your pens and get scribbling, it would be great to see parents performing there.

Parent Consultations – Please be aware that parent consultation are coming up on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the last appointments will be at 5:50pm, on Thursday however the last appointment will be at 4:30pm. Sign up sheets will be going up outside the classrooms shortly. If you are unable to make any of these dates, please see your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time. Children's work will be exhibited as usual. Please come and have a look at the hard work they have been doing this term.

Kind Regards, Miss N Mehat

Curriculum



Maths Word of the Week - this week's word of the week is '**Non-unit Fraction**'. This is a fraction with a numerator greater than one e.g. two thirds is a non-unit fraction.



English Word of the Week – this week’s word of the week is **‘Barbarous’**. This means something or someone who is uncivilised. So for example: “The way he is treating that dog is barbarous”.

Award & Honours – Week Ending 1st March 2019

LATE CHILDREN								
Early Years								
Nursery AM – 1					Nursery PM - 2			
England – 3			Scotland – 2		Wales – 2			
Lower Primary								
Year 1			Year 2			Year 3		
Fiji	Australia	Tonga	Jamaica	Canada	Mexico	Ecuador	Peru	Chile
1	3	2	6	1	1	3	0	0
Upper Primary								
Year 4			Year 5			Year 6		
Mozambique	Morocco	Tanzania	France	Italy	Hungary	Thailand	China	Nepal
3	2	2	1	5	5	12	3	1

ATTENDANCE								
School Target: 96% So far we have reached: 94.6%								
Early Years								
Nursery AM –94.7%					Nursery PM –92.9%			
England –98.1%			Scotland –96%		Wales –94.5%			
Lower Primary								
Year 1			Year 2			Year 3		
Fiji	Australia	Tonga	Jamaica	Canada	Mexico	Ecuador	Peru	Chile
95.7%	95.7%	97.3%	96.7%	95.8%	99.2%	99.1%	98.3%	97.4%
Upper Primary								
Year 4			Year 5			Year 6		
Mozambique	Morocco	Tanzania	France	Italy	Hungary	Thailand	China	Nepal
97.9%	98.7%	93.3%	97.1%	98.8%	99.1%	99.2%	94.2%	95.4%

Well done to Nursery, England and Tonga for improving their attendance this week! Also well done to Mexico for maintaining a high attendance score!

House Points this Week					Total Year - 18/19	
House Name (Alphabetical)						
Copper Beech				2 nd	3178	2 nd
Horse Chestnut			4 th		2853	4 th
Majestic Oak		3 rd			2994	3 rd
Sycamore	1 st				3327	1 st

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Name		
Reception	Zoya – England	Mobeen – Wales	Tejinder – Scotland
Year 1	Zoya – Australia	Deetya – Tonga	Ines – Fiji
Year 2	Harry - Canada	Inaaya – Jamaica	Abhijoy – Mexico
Year 3	Alishba – Ecuador	Ilyas – Peru	Daniel – Chile
Year 4	– Mozambique	Dahir – Tanzania	Kaden – Morocco
Year 5	Alina Q. – Hungary	Samuel – France	Ibrahim - Italy
Year 6	Aaban – Thailand	Aditya – China	Zainab – Nepal



Pupil Sporting Achievements and Trips/Events

Science Week – this will be taking place in the week commencing 18th March. We will be having so many fun activities during the week, including:



- Daily quick science - a quick 10 minute science experiment each day
- Monday - Y2 and Y3 - 2:10-3:10pm
- Tuesday - Y4 and Y5 - 2:00-3:00pm
- Wednesday - Morning Nursery - 9:15-9:45am
Afternoon Nursery - 1-1:30pm
Reception - 9:15-9:45am
- Thursday - Y1 - 2:10-3:10pm
- A science fair in the barn on Friday 22nd March at 3pm (not Friday 15th March as previously advertised) – this will be a celebration of all of our work during the week. Please do come along and have a look at all of the hard work the children have been doing and all of the information they have been discovering.

If you are a scientist, or work in a scientific profession and would be willing to come in to talk to Years 3, 4 or 5, please could you contact Miss Snaddon.



Not Such An Ugly Duckling – On Wednesday 27th February, Nursery and Reception enjoyed a performance of 'The Not So Ugly Duckling'. The children enjoyed listening to and joining in with the songs, and watching the performers in their elaborate costumes. The story links to what children in Nursery and Reception will be doing in their Talk for Writing for the next few weeks. It was also a really good opportunity to



introduce the children to the similarities and differences they have with their peers and how to be a good friend. This all linked in to 'Mental Health Awareness Week' last week.

Key Messages and Reminders

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

- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Reading
- Empoword Slough