

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Important Dates:

- \* Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Trip to the Globe Theatre (9am-4:15pm)
- \* Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Literacy Workshop for Reception Parents (9:15-10am in the Small Hall)
- \* Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Fire Safety Visit Year 1 (1 class)
- \* Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 4 Egyptian Feast (2:15-3pm)
- \* Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 2 Around the World Day
- \* Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Phonics Workshops for Nursery Parents (9am & 12:30pm)
- \* Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – School Nurse in to do height & weight checks for Reception children

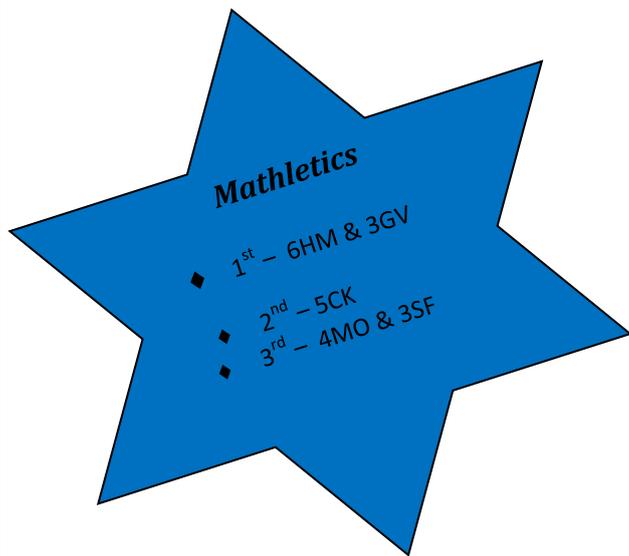
## *Wexham's Amazing Awards and Achievements Wall of Fame!*

### **Spellodrome**

- ▲ Year 6 – Maja, Khuzam, Aaron
- ▲ Year 5 – Faryal, Ysabella, Inayah
- ▲ Year 4 – Arjun, Heebah, Bogdan
- ▲ Year 3 – Aban, Igor, Amina
- ▲ Year 2 – Abbi, Isra, Raheem, Muhammad S.

### **Top Attendance**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tanzania 4KG – 100%!!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamaica 2LK – 99.7%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mexico 2CC – 98.7%



**Stars of the Week**

Hedgehog RSB  
 Badger REL  
 Squirrels RKW  
 Fiji 1RV  
 Tonga 1FLB  
 Australia 1MS  
 Mexico 2CC  
 Jamaica 2LK  
 Canada 2MO  
 Chile 3SF  
 Peru 3GV

Gurnoor  
 Hiba  
 Vishon  
 Arisha  
 Dawud  
 Jameela  
 Zak F  
 Raheem  
 Kajus  
 Ans  
 Harleen

Ecuador 3TG  
 Morocco 4AM  
 Tanzania 4KG  
 Mozambique 4MO  
 Italy 5AP  
 France 5CK  
 Hungary 5LH  
 Nepal 6SB  
 Thailand 6VB  
 China 6HM

Ahmed  
 Gursamer  
 Rehan  
 AJ  
 Hassan A  
 Sabihah  
 Aliza  
 Iqra  
 Sara  
 Hannah R

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year Six Trip to Windsor Castle**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Year Six went on an exciting trip to Windsor Castle. When we arrived, the children were shown to the Learning Centre, where they were told about the day. After this, there was time to explore St. George’s Chapel, The State Apartments and the Upper and Lower Moats. We were also lucky enough to be able to watch the Changing of the Guard Ceremony. The highlight of the day was the workshop on Medieval Knights, in which we learnt about the Code of Chivalry and staged our very own knighting ceremony. Some of the children were even lucky enough to catch a brief glimpse of the Queen as she drove out of the Castle from her private apartments! The children and staff in Year Six would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers as the day would not have been possible without them.

## Fire Safety Visit for Years 1 & 5



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Year 1 had a visit from the Fire Station! We got to have a look at a great big fire engine. The firemen showed us all their gizmos and gadgets. They showed us how they use the equipment in the fire engine, we even had a closer look inside and everyone got a chance to have a go at spraying the hose! We then came back inside and had a talk with the firemen, and they showed us why it is important to never play with matches or fire and what to do if there ever is a fire. They also showed us all the clothing and equipment they wear when they go to fight fires. It was very informative and we had lots of fun!

## Literacy Workshops for Nursery Parents

Thank you to all the parents who attended the literacy workshop for nursery parents, with Mrs Aslam. Children become mark makers, long before we give them any recognition as writers. For example, when they are babies, children are writers as they learn to make marks when they are making marks in their food you give them on the highchair rather than eating it! Becoming a



writer involves many skills and one of the foci of the discussion was how large movements from your arms, learning how to navigate on your bike, are skills which children need to master before being able to hold a pencil effectively, in order to write recognisable letter. Children love to write when they have a purpose behind it and also when they see others, including parents as good role models. Mrs Farooq commented, *'very informative and helpful in understanding the stages of writing a child goes through the years and what is expected in the school'*. Zenona, commented *'Good ideas in getting a child involved with daily routines such as shopping lists'*.

## The Hare and The Tortoise



Young children need to develop a love for stories in order to become enthusiastic readers or writers. If the stories are based on experiences it enables children to have something 'real' to discuss and act out. I am sure you have all been an audience to your children, acting out 'teachers' or 'mums and dads', which are often a child's favourite narrative to retell.

To enable children to have other stories to add to their repertoire, we arranged for a travelling theatre company to come in and perform the well know story of 'The Hare and Tortoise' on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February for Nursery and Reception. The story was performed using songs and really interactive.

Reception and Nursery both sat beautifully and listened carefully to the music and show. In Reception we will continue to learn about this tale over the next few weeks and think about the moral that it teaches us. In Nursery we have planned many activities around the performance; to teach not only literacy skills but also personal, social and emotional skills.

## Book Week

This year, we will be celebrating Book Week during the last week of term. This will start with a day to dress up as your favourite character on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. There will be several exciting events in the following week, so watch this space for more details.

### Library Opening Times

The Library is open on Friday afternoons from 3.15 -3.45pm for families to come and choose books for the weekend together.



### Parent Car Park

Just a reminder that we are currently arranging to resurface the parent car park, we are hoping to do so during the Easter holidays for your convenience and to minimize disruption.

### Bungalow

Just to let you know that we are currently refurbishing the bungalow to provide the children with another large learning space. The works will be completed shortly.

### Gardeners

Your child's class may have mentioned that they have discussed class gardeners. They can be any parent/carer or perhaps even a grandparent who would like to help out. It would be lovely to have your input, as we have won the Horticultural Society competition two years in a row and plan to win again this year! Food grown in the school is used by our lovely ladies in the kitchen to produce food for the children.

### Menus

Please find attached a copy of the menu, in case you did not receive one, or have misplaced yours. Next week will be week

### Free Parent Courses

Please see attached fliers from Slough Borough Council regarding free courses that have been set up for parents including:

- Literacy skills for mums and dads
- Embroidery
- Introduction to social work.

These are a great opportunity to try something new and perhaps learn a new skill or start a new career even!

Lastly, it will be St David's Day on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. A very happy St David's Day to everyone who is celebrating. Children can bring something in to show the class should they wish to. Have a lovely weekend all!

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Kind Regards,  
Miss Mehat and the team

**Next Week's Assembly Theme:**  
**Collective Worship:**

**Positive Mental Health**  
**St David's Day – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**