

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 18th April – Friday 22nd April 2016

Important Dates:

- * Tuesday 19th April – Monday 25th April – Book Fair
- * Monday 25th April – Year 5 Orienteering competition at Langley Grammar School (selected children)
- * Tuesday 26th April – Year 4 Tennis Session at Wexham Secondary (selected children)
- * Thursday 28th April – Year 3 Trip to Look Out Discovery Centre (Bracknell)
- * Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May – SATs week
- * Tuesday 17th May – Reception children (sight & hearing tests)

Wexham's Amazing Awards and Achievements Wall of Fame!

Spellodrome

- ♠ Year 6 – Zane J.
- ♠ Year 5 – Aaminah
- ♠ Year 4 – Hammad, Dominik
- ♠ Year 3 – Jessica, Igor, Rochelle
- ♠ Year 2 – Abbi, Rayya, Adam

Top Attendance

- 1st – Mexico – 99.3%
- 2nd – Jamaica – 98.7%
- 3rd – RSB Hedgehog & Canada – 98.3%

Mathletics

- ◆ 1st – 3MT & 4MO
- ◆ 2nd – 5LH & 6HM
- ◆ 3rd – 3JT

House Points

- ♥ 1st Place – Horse Chestnut
- ♥ 2nd Place – Sycamore
- ♥ 3rd Place – Copper Beech
- ♥ 4th Place – Majestic Oak

Running Total: MO: 11,940/ CB: 11,247/ HC: 11,329/ SYC: 11,762



Stars of the Week

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

Hibba
Victor
Mustafa
Zak K.
Lillian
Laiba
Maliha
Sian
Hafsa K.
Humna
Randeep

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

Kamran
Saif Ali
Haneefa
Norris
Hasan
Hurairah
Tobi
Bobby
Aidan
Edwin

Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally – we had some sun! It has been lovely watching the pupils play outside in the sun. They look so relaxed and happy, on Wednesday they even caught a glimpse of the deer we have living in the school grounds. All very exciting. Talking of animals, unfortunately the Reception hamster is with us no more, however the chicks are really growing up fast. They are such a delight to have in school and enable us to teach the pupils so much. Year 1 particularly are learning about life cycles and gaining a lot.

In assembly this week the pupils learnt about Shakespeare, sampling lines from his most famous plays. They will be discussing the Queen and thinking about her birthday celebrations. As you are aware, we enter the horticultural show each year and this year the theme will be based on the Queen's 90th Birthday and the space seeds from the RHS. There have been some interesting ideas generated already so please get your thinking caps on and come along to the show.

Talking of local events, Aidan in Year 6 and his mum completed a 15 mile sponsored walk representing Slough Town F.C. and raised money for Sebastian's Action Trust and other charities on the weekend! A big well done to them. Coming up is the London marathon – a very exciting event but hard work for those involved. One of the school

governors, Mrs Birk, will be running alongside her family to raise money for the Alzheimers Society. If you wish to donate please follow the link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=manjitbirk>

Good luck to all involved!

A reminder that we have a Bank Holiday on **Monday 2nd May**, so we will see all children on Friday 29th April and again on Tuesday 3rd May.

SATs

Parents will be aware that there have been a lot of changes to Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2 examinations. This year Year 6 SATs will take place on the **week starting 9TH MAY!** All Year 6 children must be in to sit the tests as it is this test that all secondary schools use to predict GCSE outcomes etc.... Schools have to look at the progress pupils make from their previous Key Stage. Please DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS during this week. Year 6 pupils will sit:

- One reading test
- Two spelling, grammar and punctuation tests
- Submit a writing mark
- Three maths tests

Year 2 SATs will also take place in the month of May. Please ensure that pupils are well rested and in school. The tests will take place over various days. Pupils will sit:

- Two reading tests
- Two maths tests

Parents may have heard today's news that the Key Stage 1 Spelling and Grammar tests have been cancelled due to the Department for Education leaking the exam paper. They will therefore no longer be taking place.

Year 6 tests are marked externally. Year 2 tests are marked internally and moderated by the Local Authority. The tests scores are compiled and submitted to the Department for Education. They return the outcomes of the scores and report back to school late in the summer term. We will then report the score to you. You will be given the following as a result: Your child is working 'At expected' or your child is working 'Below expected'. By expected they mean what is expected of that year group, i.e. they have met the curriculum outcomes for that year group. They may also give out more information, however they have not provided this information yet. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, I know it is an anxious time for us all.

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.



Attendance

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, attendance is extremely important to your children's education. Please see attached a copy letter that was sent out to all classes this week regarding the impact of persistent absenteeism. I would be grateful if you would read the attached letter carefully.

Space seeds - Rocket Science

Waiting for a write up from Sarah



Junior Bake Off

Applications are open for the BBC's Junior Bake Off. The deadline for applications is Sunday 1st May 2016. The BBC are looking for children that are between the ages of 9 and 12 years old for the period 1st July 2016 – 1st September 2016. Please click on the link below to download the application form – once it is completed you will need to email it back to The Junior Bake Off Team or send it to them in the post – all details are on the application form.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/junior-bake-off-4-be-on-a-show

Maths Tip of the Week

Have you looked at the MyMaths website? This is a fantastic resource for home learning. Not only can it be used for homework, but it also has lots of lessons on different maths topics. This means you can learn and practice at home! If you would like to support your child in maths but you are not sure on the methods you should be using, the lessons will explain everything clearly and interactively. There is a link on the school website to access this site.

Literacy Tip of the Week

This week, try discussing homophones: words having the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins, or spelling (e.g. **new** and **knew**). How many of them can you find? How do you remember which spelling choice to use? How many homophones can you spot in your reading book? There are many homophone games and activities on Spellodrome (accessible on our website!).

Wexham Court's School's Council Healthy Eating Tip of the Week



Now that the warm weather is arriving, make sure you stay hydrated with lots of water!

Kind Regards

Miss Mehat and the team

Next Week's Assembly Theme:

Collective Worship:

British Value focus:

Global Poverty

Pascha (Christian)

Tolerance