

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Important Dates:

- ★ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Mrs Aslam & Mrs Thistle helping parents with Reception applications (9am & 12:30pm)
- ★ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Level 2 Bikeability Cycle Training in school (10am-12pm) (letters have gone out about this)
- ★ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Slough Baptist Church (9:45-11:30am)
- ★ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Level 2 Bikeability Cycle Training in school (10am-12pm)
- ★ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Parents invited in to observe literacy lesson (9-10am)
- ★ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Parents in for Great Fire of London recreation (1:20pm)

## Top Attendance

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chile – 99.3%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nepal – 98.7%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Italy & France – 98%

## Mathletics:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 4KG
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6SB
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6VB
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6HM, 4MO & 3SF

## House Points

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Majestic Oak
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Horse Chestnut
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sycamore
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Copper Beech

## 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 3TM

Erin  
Saaliha  
Jasdeep  
Zakaria R  
Amelia  
Qadar  
Zakaria  
Layla  
Ruby  
Shivani  
Taranpreet

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

Isaac  
Paige  
Chantelle  
Laylah  
Mia  
Huma  
Alisha  
Jasleen  
Madiha  
Nabiha

## Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see you all at parent consultations this week. We had some lovely comments from parents, for which I am grateful. I hope you too felt that the pupils had produced some good work and progress was evident from their books.

You will have agreed a target with your child's teacher, which will be sent to you next week. Please work on this as it will be reviewed next time. During the evening we had various leaflets displayed across the school regarding spelling, reading lists, handwriting style, Mathematics, Spelldrome and MyMaths. If you require any more information about any of these, please ask at the office. All children should be logging on to these programmes and doing their homework through the MyMaths site.

It would be very helpful if parents could rehearse the handwriting style at home, over and over again – alongside tables, spellings and reading. These things require constant revision but have a big impact, more so than any other homework.

## Black History

This week at Wexham Court, the children have been learning about Black History. The focus this year has been on Black British people who have shown resilience to achieve whatever it was they wanted to achieve. It was interesting speaking with the children about what they learnt. I was particularly impressed when children in Year 3 were able to speak about Member of Parliament, Diane Abbot, the first black lady to gain a seat in the Houses of Parliament! Year 3 explained that we should all be given the same opportunities whatever our race, gender or religion. What wise children we have!

Year 6 spoke confidently about how they are inspired by the political campaigner Doreen Lawrence who has shown resilience in campaigning for justice after her son was sadly killed in a racist attack. They have learnt about how awful racism truly is and understand the importance of treating everyone fairly.

Across the school the message was clear: we do not tolerate racism! It was lovely to hear that our children understand that there are no barriers stopping us from becoming whatever it is we wish to become!!

The various year groups covered the following topics:

- Reception & Nursery – public figures in education, politics and jobs such as teachers.
- Year 1 – authors and poets. The main focus was Benjamin Zephaniah who is a poet, performer, writer and cultural commentator.
- Year 2 – people in sports. The children focused on people who have struggled to get where they are because of their race e.g. Viv Anderson.
- Year 3 – people in politics. The children focused on political figures in the UK eg Dame Jocelyn Barrow.
- Year 4 – Queen Charlotte (18<sup>th</sup> Century).
- Year 5 – people and the war.
- Year 6 – Doreen Lawrence's Campaign.

## Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be available soon and went well.

## Charity Collections

I am pleased to announce that we have totalled up the monies collected for Children in Need and for the Poppy Appeal. We have raised the following amounts:

Poppy Appeal: £244.74  
Children in Need: £570.17

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support for these great causes. The children in particular, have made me proud with their spirit of giving.

### Bikeability Training

Level 2 Bikeability training will be taking place in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November for Years 5 and 6. The children will start on the Upper Primary playground and then be taken off-site onto the road, as the trainers feel the children are more confident. Please ensure that if your child is taking part they bring in their own helmet and lock for their bike. All bikes must be stored in the bike shed when the children arrive in the morning.

### Great Fire of London

During their history and design technology lessons Year 1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and have been constructing houses from that era. To bring the topic to life they have planned to recreate the great fire on the lower play ground on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Parents are invited to come and experience the fire with your child and would have received a letter about this already. We can unfortunately, only accommodate one adult per child. Please be in the school's main reception by 1:20pm and the event will start at 1:30pm – however, if it rains that day the event may have to be rescheduled or cancelled.

### Year 4 Talk For Writing

Parents are invited in to observe Talk For Writing. When you drop your children off in the morning please come into the classroom and stay to help with reading or early morning work. We will begin the literacy lesson at 9:15am and you will be able to observe how we use Talk For Writing in our literacy lessons. Letters will go out, please ensure that you complete and return the slip to your child's class teacher.

### Cold Weather

Finally with the weather taking a turn, please ensure children have appropriate clothing and footwear. They **MUST** have a coat each day! During PE they are expected to go outside and so will need tracksuit bottoms and jumper (not school jumper as it may get damp or dirty). As it gets windy please avoid the temptation to drive pupils to the gate and ask them to jump out and run in.

Have a lovely weekend  
Kind Regards,

Miss Mehat

*Assembly Theme for Week Beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:*

*Anti-Bullying Week/Mutual Respect (British Values)*

*Collective Worship:*

*Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh)*