

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 11th April – Friday 15th April 2016

Important Dates:

- * Tuesday 19th April – Monday 25th April – Book Fair
- * Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May – SATs week
- * Tuesday 17th May – Reception children (sight & hearing tests)

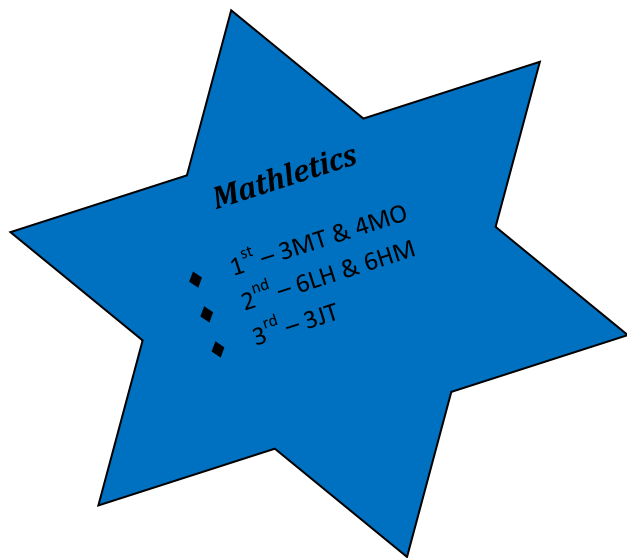
Wexham's Amazing Awards and Achievements Wall of Fame!

Spellodrome

- ▲ Year 6 – Sukman, Khuzaam, Zane
- ▲ Year 5 – Maddu, Zakariyya
- ▲ Year 4 – Cerys, Dhillon, Dominik
- ▲ Year 3 – Arani, Soudhais, Alina
- ▲ Year 2 – Lasya, Rayya, Adam

Top Attendance

- 1st – France – 98.7%
- 2nd – Tanzania – 98.3%
- 3rd – RSB Hedgehog – 97.7%



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

Mohammad Sahil
Eldritch
Ekampreet S.
Eshal
Faiza
Sahiba
Alisha G.
Zayne
Rida
Samar
Isma

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

Rayyan
Arjun
Calista
Lola
Hasan M.
Ameen
Inayah
Jay
Matthew
Jozef

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome back to all our families. I think we have had a real range of weathers but hopefully it will soon settle into warmth and calmness. We need this as our lovely flowers are all blooming, making the school site look truly marvelous. I hope you all had a pleasant break and enjoyed your Easter celebrations.

Over the break we have had the car park resurfaced. We are unable to lay concrete due to the drainage issues but I think the new surface has covered up any pot holes. We will keep an eye on this and ask you to keep an eye on your parking. A reminder that parents MUST NOT park their cars outside the gates for Nursery pick up. Please park in the parent car park. We have also purchased new interactive whiteboards for Early Years which means that all classes have now had all their technology replaced and updated.

Year 4 Viola Concert



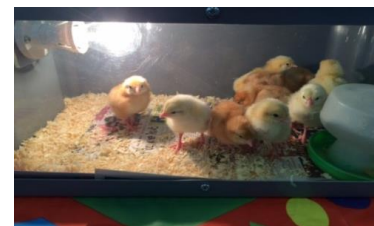
On Thursday 24th March 2016, the last day of term, Year 4 were able to perform their brilliant viola skills at the Centre. Along with other schools, the children showcased compositions they had been working on based on the composer Tchaikovsky. They had the opportunity to be part of an orchestra and play alongside trumpets, guitars, and even steel drums. We are very

proud of how professional they sounded.

The Chicks are Back at Wexham



This year we have had the Living Eggs project back and the children have been fascinated. The eggs arrived on Monday and began hatching on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children are so excited and cannot tear themselves away. Children and staff alike keep finding excuses to go and see them! Next week, once our chicks are a little stronger, the children will be allowed to hold them under supervision. The chicks are with us until Friday 22nd April, after which they will be re-housed at a suitable farm.



Dogs Trust – Years 3 & 4

The Dogs Trust visited Years 3 and 4 and discussed how to take care of dogs and explaining to the children what a responsibility it is to have a pet. They discussed with the children, the reasons why dogs are kept in their kennels and that dogs are really very loving animals and nothing to be afraid of.



Show Racism the Red Card



Year 5 had the privilege of taking part in workshops lead by “Show Racism the Red Card”. The children were fully immersed in debates surrounding stereotypes, culture, nationality and appropriate definitions for people. The children learnt a lot more about their own identity; the key message was that

the only race is the human race. The children have learnt to take responsibility for their actions and to be respectful of one another. It would be great if parents could speak to the children about the workshops in order to help them reinforce what they have learnt.

Rocket Science

Rocket Science is one of a number of inspiring projects for schools initiated by the UK Space Agency to celebrate the Principia mission of British European Space Agency astronaut Tim Peake to the International Space Station. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Campaign for School Gardening, are working with the UK Space Agency to encourage children and young people to become space biologists in order to weigh up whether it is possible to grow our own food on other planets, millions of miles away from Earth. Rocket Science has been designed to introduce pupils to the practice of working to a structured scientific method, as well as showing pupils the fascinating, ‘hidden’ science behind horticulture. Throughout the experiment pupils will measure and record key data for their seeds as they germinate and grow. At the end of the experiment, schools will be asked to upload their data onto a national database, enabling every school taking part to contribute to our global scientific understanding of growing plants in space. The experiment will be starting next week and will last for six weeks.



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Wexham Court from Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd April. This is always a popular event and last term we sold over £1000 worth of books! There will be a selection of popular titles at reasonable prices, with a share of the sales going to the school to purchase books for the Library. There will also be items of stationery, posters and bags for sale. Please do come along and have a look.

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.



Healthy Lunchbox Award!!!!!!!!!!



We are pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the 'Most Improved Lunchboxes' award in the annual Schools Food Survey. There are only two awards given out in Slough each year and we received one of them! I would like to say thank you to all of the parents, especially those who came in and helped set up the healthy eating display. Also a big well done to staff and children for working hard to ensure that they understand the importance of healthy eating. Lunchboxes are important and so it is great to have this acknowledgement. We will continue to teach the pupils about healthy options and link this to our work with the horticultural show.

Attendance

Mrs Done will be sending out a letter regarding attendance, please read this as we have detailed the amounts of missed lessons according to time out of school. The persistent levels of absenteeism and holidays during term time have had a significant impact on the school's attendance figures and pupil's education.

Vasakhi

A very happy Vasakhi to all those who are celebrating. I hope that you all had a lovely day and it would be lovely to see some of your photographs. There will be a parade taking place in Slough next week to commemorate the day. The pupils will spend time looking into the festival so please share your pictures.

Sports Relief



A huge thank you to all parents, staff and children for helping us raise a whopping total of **£1809.40** for Sports Relief. Well done everyone!

Miscellaneous

1. It has been noted that there are children bringing in Nutella or other similar chocolate spreads. Please could we bring to your attention that we do have children with severe nut allergies in the school and a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please therefore do not send such items in your children's packed lunches.
2. We are again receiving a large number of payments in cash in the office for lunches and trips. Please could you try and make all payments through the cashless sQuid system. Should you require any help using sQuid, please ask at the office.

Kind Regards and Happy Vasakhi to those celebrating it.

Miss Mehat and the team

Next Week's Assembly Theme:

Shakespeare's Birthday

Collective Worship:

Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) / Passover (Jewish) / St George's Day (Christian)