

A MESSAGE FROM MRS ROUSE



Firstly, a huge thank you to our Young Reporters for doing such a marvelous job producing this edition of the Wybers Wood Weekly 😊 I have loved reading each and every article. You are all stars!

Well, we have made it to half term! The support we have received from parents and carers over the past few weeks has been incredible – you have supported all the changes we have had to put in place and embraced the new technology of Seesaw and Zoom. Many of the families that have needed to engage with the remote learning have fed back to us about how effective it has been – so rest assured, if we have further bubble closures before Christmas, we are ready and prepared to ensure no learning time is lost. I would also like to praise the teachers on this too – they have very quickly had to learn new ways of teaching and have all embraced it – I couldn't be prouder of all the staff we have here at Wybers. Every single one has played an important part in keeping us all safe, well-educated and happy in school. Thank you everyone.

Please enjoy some quality family time over the half term break. Teachers will not be accessing Seesaw over the holidays so they too can rest and recharge. Keep safe and thank you again for supporting the school throughout this very difficult time.

YOUNG REPORTERS CLUB!

Welcoming our new 'Young Reporters!' who have taken time out of their lunches to interview and write this term's newsletter. These keen, young writers will be keeping their eyes peeled for hard hitting, exciting stories of what goes on at WWA to inform you – our avid readers! In this issue of Wybers Wood Weekly, the children have added some extra fun activities such as the jokes section and spot the difference in the hope that we can engage not only parents but also the children of WWA. Huge congratulations to all of our Younger Reporters for a job well done on your first issue!



Anna

Dylan

Evelyn

Gracie



Jacob

Neve

Amelia

SCHOOL DINNERS

Unfortunately, we are still not able to extend our hot school dinner offer to KS2. As soon as guidance changes we will of course review this. We will offer Christmas Dinner though to all pupils in school on Wednesday 2nd December over an extended lunch break. This can be pre-booked on ParentPay.

WEBSITE

Don't forget to keep on checking the school website as it is being updated regularly with everything that we are getting up to. It is also being updated with information that you may find interesting or need.



NATIONAL BUG BUSTING DAY

October 31st is National Bug Busting Day. Please visit our website where there is some helpful information in the Parents section on dealing with headlice



THRIVING AT WWA

Mrs Clark loves Thrive. It's fun, creative and every child in the school will have an opportunity to participate. Thrive lessons will take place in the old library, which is now the Thrive Room, every afternoon at 1:30-3:00pm. When we interviewed her, Mrs Clark stated, "the Thrive Room is here for children who have worries or feel scared about anything, also to make them feel safe at school and have fun". Every class will be split into three groups and Mrs Clark will come to collect a group and they will have Thrive for 6 weeks then, when that's done, she will take another group and by the end of the year each person in the whole school will have a go in the Thrive room.

Activities that will be on offer are: Crafting, Board games, Sewing, Weaving and Toys. It will depend on what year group she will take as to what activities will be available. Mrs Clark said, "I felt very tired after decorating the room it took a very long time". We think that the room looks incredible and makes us feel happy and calm. During these sessions, children will be learning to be kind and work together as a team.

Mrs Clark is our pastoral care leader and her job is important because she wants to make people happy, feel safe in and outside of school and ensure the children are not worried or struggling in anything. This is all part of Thrive.

By Neve and Anna



E-SAFETY

Over half term, please try to check your child's security settings on any devices they have and reinforce how to stay safe on line. There are a number of activities on <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s> which are best done with an adult. Remember that some social media websites have age limits – they are set for a very good reason.



INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION - ATTENDANCE

	Ross Tiger	Sheldon	Trojan	Aquarius
Overall/Termly	97.6	97.9	96.9	97.7

Attendance is a huge focus for us here at WWA. We aim for a minimum of 96% across the school. This term we have been so proud of our attendance as you can see from the above table, every house is above 96%! Well done to all.

Huge congratulations goes to Sheldon, who are leading the attendance competition for Autumn Term! They are winning only by 0.2% and are closely followed by Aquarius! Make sure you are coming to school everyday in order for your house to be crowned the winners!



SUPERSTAR FOOTBALLER

Alfie Sowerby is being signed for Grimsby Town Football Club in 2021.

Q1: Do you love football and why?

He responded, "I love football because it's really fun and you can always improve so try your best."

Q2: Are you excited about your new signing?

He stated, "I'm really excited about it."

Q3: How do you think you will play there?

He responded, "I think I will play well and work as a good team."

We look forward to watching Alfie grow as a player and hope to see him progress in his football dream.

By Dylan



LLOYD GRIFFITH VISIT

On Thursday 24th September, Lloyd Griffith came to the Year 6 Griffith. He came into the class because he is the name of one of the Year 6 classes. The class had to move to the other Year 6 class (George class) because of Covid-19 and how the class had to social distance from him. In the afternoon with Lloyd Griffith, the class learnt a lot about his childhood and how his career all began. They also challenged him to a penalty shoot-out and they all had a lot of fun. He inspired the whole class by saying 'don't worry if you don't know what you want to do when you're older, just try your hardest in school.' In conclusion, the children had a lot of fun seeing Lloyd Griffith.

By Gracie



KS2 PLAYGROUND GAMES

On Wednesday 7th October, Mrs Baxter showed everyone from KS2 how to play her smart and creative games. Each teacher and TA in KS2 taught the children a new game. Mrs Baxter doesn't like how some children are bored on the playground and just standing around, her solution is that children play games that she has created, such as: Hopscotch, Kirby or French skipping, which is called Elastics. Her ideal achievement is to see children up and about, moving and being more active.

During break and lunch times, Mrs Baxter would love to see children playing the games outside on the KS2 playground.

The children in KS2 will be going around the KS2 playground in a social bubble keeping away from the other classes

By Anna



BOOK REVIEW

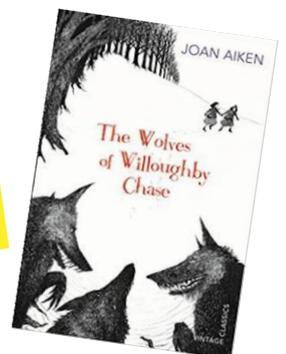
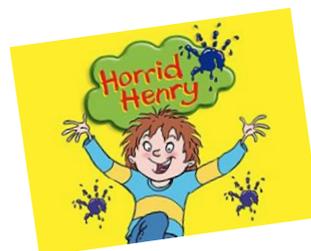
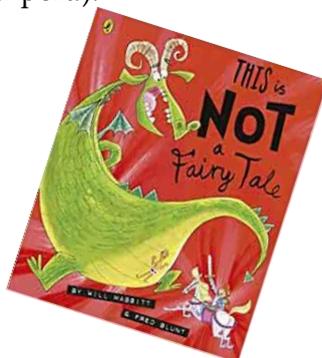
In KS1, a book Mrs Merchant would recommend is 'This is not a Fairy tale' written by Will Mabbitt. The story is recommended for KS1 because it's been quoted by Mrs Merchant that it's a funny story that is the opposite of a normal fairy tale. For example, the princess has a transformer and saves the prince!

If you are a child in Y3/4, then Mrs Merchant recommends the book Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon. This is also a show and movie.

However, if you are a Y5/6 child she has recommended the book 'Wolves of Willoughby chase' which is by 'Joan Aiken'. This book also has a movie you may watch.

So whatever year you're in, you can always read one of these books if your struggling to find a good book or ask Mrs Merchant (she's our local expert!).

By Gracie and Jacob



TEACHER OF THE TERM

This term, we chose to interview Mrs Travis (who is one of the class teachers of 5 Martin Class). Mrs Travis has been teaching at WWA since 2014 and is the MFL lead (which means she's in charge of languages in school.) She is a fluent French speaker so there's no surprise she leads us in it!

Q1. What do you think your new book, Kensuke's Kingdom, is going to be about?

A: "I think that there will be a boy who is going to meet a gentleman and they get on really well. They'll go on an adventure together," she replied with confidence as if she already read it!

The next question is in French. It means: 'what did you do on your holidays?' Just a heads up.

Q2. Qu'est-ce que tu aimes faire en vacances? (Which means what did you do in your summer holidays?)

A: She stated, "In the summer holidays, we went to London, we went to Harry Potter Studios because Eli (her son) is obsessed with Harry Potter. We also went to Cambridge and the Peak District and while we were there the weather was beautiful."

Q3. Can you tell us something in French?

She replied, "Je m'appelle Mme Travis, je vis à Grimsby, je suis marié, j'ai deux garçons (Eli et Felix)."

"My name is Mrs Travis, I live in Grimsby, I'm married, I have two boys (Eli and Felix)."

Q4. Why are languages an important part of the curriculum?

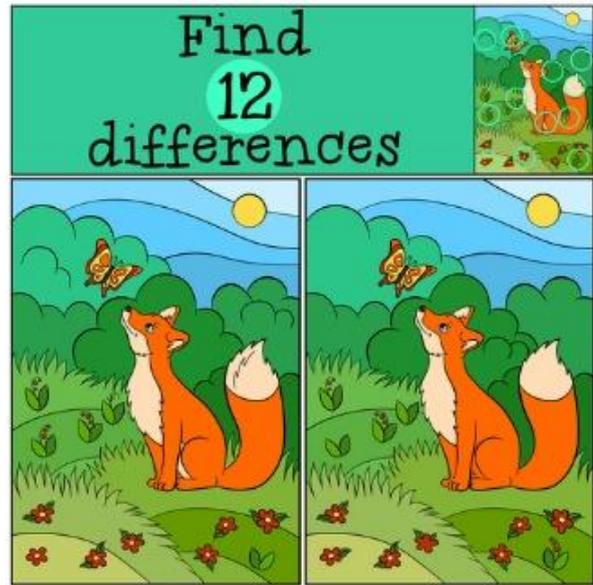
A: "Because it gives people cultural knowledge, a chance to learn new languages to use on holiday or if they work away in the future, gives people the chance to meet new people and also helps with health. Research highlights this as it is good for brain development. I hope my French assistants and I will hear lots of French around school."

By Dylan and Evelyn.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Take a look at these images below. Can you spot 12 differences in them?



ECO COMMITTEE

There is a new team to help Wybers Wood: The Eco-Warriors Team! Can you guess what they do? Maybe you are one! Well if you have no idea what I'm talking about, I am about to fill you in!

Miss Wesley and Mrs Green run this committee along with the help of one child from every class (apart from Early Years). They are looking to see what needs improving in the school in relation to being 'greener'. The message that they hope to spread across school is to take care of the school. **THE CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU!**

Miss Wesley stated, "It is important to stop littering / waste and make the world a better place for the future. We are hoping to achieve the Bronze level eco-schools award by the end of the year."

So, watch out for these eco-warriors! They will be appearing in more assemblies in order to make us think about how we can make the world a better, healthier place to live. Take part in their poster competition that has been posted on Seesaw for a prize!

By Evelyn



DANIELLA DRAPER VISIT

On the 1st October 2020 (between 10am and 12pm), Y3 Draper had a very special guest come to visit them! Daniella Draper (their class name) came in to visit them to tell them all about why she is a famous Grimsby woman. The visit was a positive one and if she had the choice she said that would come back again. This was an inspiring visit because Daniella Draper makes her jewellery out of recycled materials. She has lots of shops in a variety of places such as: Beverly, The Lake District, Cleethorpes and Louth. She is a successful entrepreneur and even some celebrities wear her jewellery. Miss Smith told us that not only did the girls enjoy the visit but the boys did too. The children were very excited about the visit and were even asking her the morning before! At break they got to design jewellery and got tips from Daniella Draper and everyone had a lovely morning.

By Jacob



HARVEST FESTIVAL

At Wybers Wood, we celebrated our Harvest festival on Thursday 15th October at 9:10. Reverend Anne came in to the zoom assembly to tell us the importance of Harvest. While in the zoom assembly, we showed off our lovely Harvest work. The classes did lots of different pieces of work, such as: art, poems and even acrostic poems. To get us in the Harvest spirit, we brought in plenty of food to donate to the Harbour place. We brought in: canned food, pasta and some people even brought in toothbrushes / all sorts of essential needs. Usually, Reverend Anne would come in to visit us, but due to Covid-19 she sadly couldn't come in.

By Gracie and Violet.



JUST FOR FUN

Take a look at these amazing jokes that tickle your sense of humour.

Why did the cookie go to the hospital?
Because he felt crummy.

Why was the baby strawberry crying?
Because her parents were in a jam.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs?
Hailing taxis!

How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?
About a buck an ear.

Why aren't koalas actual bears?
They don't meet the koalafications.



COVID-19

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/askfor-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Symptoms The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirussymptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.



Safeguarding Team



Mrs Clark
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Green
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Spindlow
Safeguarding Governor

At Wybers Wood Academy keeping children safe is our number one priority.
If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety please contact us at school:



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help@nspcc.org.uk

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0800 1111

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the table below with a list of diary dates. These are updated to reflect guidance on Covid measures. Unfortunately, it is highly unlikely that our EYFS/KS1 Christmas nativities will go ahead as normal. We will be doing something in school though so the children can still experience the magic of performing a carols and dressing up – even if it is just to themselves.

Autumn Term Diary Dates	
31.10.2020	National Bug Busting Day
05.11.2020	Stone Age Workshop – Year 3
20.11.2020	Y5 Bikeability
November	Parents' Evening telephone consultations – please check your child's Seesaw account for updates
13.11.2020	Children in Need day – wear something spotty
23/24.11.2020	Flu vaccinations
30.11.2020	Christmas Enterprise Week – we are unable to hold a fair but each class will be making products to sell for their class – more details to follow nearer the time
02.12.2020	Christmas Dinner Day
08.12.2020	EYFS nativity 2pm – sadly, this will be in school only
09.12.2020	KS1 nativity 2pm – sadly, this will be in school only
10.12.2020	LKS2 carol service - sadly, this will be in school only
14.12.2020	UKS2 carol service – sadly, this will be in school only
15.12.2020	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party
16.12.2020	LKS2 Christmas party
17.12.2020	UKS2 Christmas party
18.12.2020	End of Autumn term