

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Charity of the Year/Making a difference/National Children's Day

Reminder: We do NOT allow bicycles or scooters to be ridden anywhere on the school site.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6 SATs Week KS1 Football Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Y3/4 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Y2 trip to Singers Hill Synagogue		Celebration Assembly 2.40pm Y5/6 Rounders Club 3-4pm

That Time of Year

I cannot quite believe that we are at SATS week again. It doesn't seem like 5 minutes since I was writing a similar article last year.

SATS are the statutory tests that are completed at the end of both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The children are tested in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Mathematics.

At Key Stage 2, the process is conducted very much like GCSE examinations, with strict guidance on when they can be administered and how this must be done. ALL staff in school have received training about the procedures around these tests in case they are involved in the administration. For some pupils, where it is appropriate, school have applied for additional time to ensure the pupils fulfil their potential. There are strict regulations around this and school have followed the application process to the letter. For those pupils, they have been prepared well and understand how the process works.

At Key Stage 1, there are equally stringent guidelines about the storage and sharing of test materials but the tests can be completed at any time in May. At our school we have opted for the week beginning the 20th May.

The tests are to inform school and the wider world about the progress that has been made by pupils within our school and the outcomes they have achieved. The data is used to construct league tables however school judgments from OFSTED are less reliant on outcomes and are more focussed about the current picture in school. This worked in our favour during our recent inspection at Wood End.

As with everything, our staff and pupils have approached these tests with a positive attitude and everyone understands that they are 'just a piece of paper.' We are not a school that limits the curriculum in Year 6 to only focus on English and Maths. The outcomes we achieve will simply be a reflection of our children at that moment in time. All we ask is that children do 'their best'. We aim to make them as relaxed as possible and look forward to celebrating the outcomes with children and parents in July.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher



Y6 enjoying the Dance Workshop

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Street Dance Workshop

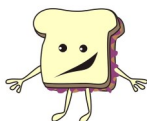
Yesterday, Years 5 & 6 pupils were lucky enough to take part in a Street Dance workshop with an instructor from The Hippodrome. This was another opportunity for our pupils to be exposed to an alternative style of dance which they may not have experienced before. Some of our children felt nervous before the session as they were unsure of what to expect. It was wonderful to see how engrossed they became in the dance once they started. Afterwards, the children spoke highly of the workshop, with some pupils even suggesting they would like to take it up outside of school.

Our work with The Hippodrome this year has been a success and as a result we have decided to buy into a package next academic year, where we will have an instructor working with us once a week and also have tickets allocated to us at a discounted price to watch shows at the theatre. This is certainly a school link which I am very proud to be a part of.

Miss McGroarty

New Menu's

The new lunch menu, which starts on Monday 13th May, is available to view on the school website, in the Parent's section. There will once again be four meals for children to choose from as the sandwich option has returned.



iPad App of the week

Meteor Math by Mindshapes Limited (FREE)

Arcade style game for learning calculations. Crash meteors together to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions and improve your mental maths skills.



Charity Update

Money raised so far

£437.85

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Please note that although we check the suitability of iPad applications, they can be changed without notice.

Vision

Children may not always know that they have a vision problem. It is therefore recommended that children have regular eye tests. These should be carried out at least once every two years, even if there are no problems with their eyesight. These tests can be done at a high street opticians and are free for all children under 16 years old (and those under 19 years old in full-time education). You can speak to your child's Optician if you have any concerns about your their vision.



The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.

Reporting absences

PLEASE report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answer phone or by emailing admin2018@welearn365.com. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. Not adhering to this policy wastes valuable office time phoning up parents to find out why a child is missing from school. Could you please also send a letter to explain the reason for your child's absence on their first day back. If we do not receive a signed letter stating the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for before the end of term.

Dates for your Diary

20/05/19 - KS1 SATs Week
 20/05/19 - New Parents Meeting for Reception 2019 at 6.00pm
 21/05/19 - Mr Rosten to see Y6
 22/05/19 - Y5/6 Tennis at Polesworth
 22/05/19 - Manor Adventure Meeting for Parents at 6.00pm
 23/05/19 - Class Photographs
 23/05/19 - Y4 trip to Birmingham Hippodrome
 27/05/19 - 31/05/19 Half Term Week
 03/06/19 - Term resumes for pupils
 06/06/19 - Storytime 1
 07/06/19 - 10/06/19 - Manor Adventure Residential Trip
 12/06/19 - Grandparents Lunch
 13/06/19 - Storytime 2
 20/06/19 - Y4 & 6 Road Safety
 20/06/19 - Storytime 3
 21/06/19 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
 27/06/19 - Transition Day
 27/06/19 - Y6 Parents Evening at Polesworth
 01/07/19 - Sports Day
 03/07/19 - Reserve Sports Day
 10/07/19 - N.W. Area Athletics
 12/07/19 - Reports out to Parents
 16/07/19 - Y6 Leavers Play
 17/07/19 - Y6 Leavers Disco
 19/07/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm
 These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Hawk



Here is what Hawk class thought of the dance workshop:

"Street Dance was really fun! We got to learn new moves and even include some of our own. It was tricky at first but then I was able to do it." Victoria

"Yesterday, I enjoyed creating my own dance. I learnt how to do hip hop moves. I felt happy about the experience." Sayan

"I really enjoyed doing Street Dance because it is something that not many people do and it was really fun." Maisie

"I thought that Street Dancing was awesome! I really enjoyed the bit where we had to pick our formation." Alan

"It was amazing and I am grateful that the Birmingham Hippodrome came to teach us Street Dance. It was awesome and we learnt some great moves." Caitlin

"When we did the Street Dancing with Claire from the Birmingham Hippodrome we learnt **LOTS** of new Street Dance moves! We even had a poppin' and lockin' section! We also got to add in our own section! Me, Maisie, Gracie, Caitlin and Iris did a dance battle which me and Maisie won!" Lydia



Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	98.3%	93.8%
Kingfisher	96.3%	95.4%
Swan	100%	96.4%
Owl	99.3%	98%
Swift	99.4%	96.9%
Hawk	96.7%	94.8%
Falcon	97%	95.9%

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Isla
 Kingfisher = Hattie
 Swan = Elliott A
 Owl = Ebony
 Swift = Ryley
 Hawk = Jade
 Falcon = Tommy

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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.
 After School Club 3.00-5.30pm.
 Monday - Friday, term time only.
 For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551
 (Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)