

# Wheelwright Lane News



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## Headteacher Weekly Update

What a busy first week back we have had at WWL! The children have been eagerly finding out about their new class topics and demonstrating our new curiosity learning behaviour. I was delighted to see so many children asking questions and finding out information to develop their understanding in class. What inquisitive pupils we have!

Meanwhile we have been implementing our new lunchtime system. Children have now fully returned to eating in our dining hall following the pandemic. It is lovely to see the children enjoying eating in mixed year groups and having more time to play outside. We have also given the children responsibility for their lunchtime coloured bands. This has dramatically reduced queuing time for our children and means they can collect their school meal more quickly.

Myself and our school senior leaders have been present throughout lunchtimes to ensure our new system runs smoothly and to develop our 'Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness' approach to supporting relationships and behaviour. In the coming weeks our school House Captains will be supporting this process - a new role for our junior leaders!

**YAY  
LUNCH!**

## Safe and Active travel

This week in assembly the children have been learning about staying safe when travelling. We are actively encouraging our children to walk or ride to school. The children will get a stamp on their travel passports when they walk, ride either all or part of their journey to school. The benefits to health and to our environment are great. However, there are many dangers, and we want to ensure our children are equipped with the knowledge about staying safe as they travel. Please do support and encourage your child to walk or ride to school safely. Please visit the link below to our Safe and Active travel for more information.

<https://youtu.be/w38GM5Hqi7M>

## Remembrance Day



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November the children and staff of WWL will be paying their respects and remembering those who have sacrificed their lives for a better future for others. We are reminded that the war in Ukraine continues and that many families have been separated and lives lost. Some classes will be making the short trip to St Giles church to mark Remembrance Day. We will post information on our Twitter page. Please check our website for further information.



## Class Assembly Award

Congratulations to year 4 who achieved our Best Class in Assembly trophy. They have been consistently calm and polite in assembly and demonstrating our Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair motto.

## Diary Dates to Remember!



10.11.22	Nursery parents meeting 3:30 – 5:30 Prospective reception parents open evening 3:30 – 5:30 <b>(For new pupils September 2023)</b>
10.11.2022	PA meeting – new people welcome!
14.11.22	SATS parent meeting 5:00pm – 6:00pm
17.11.22	KS2 Royal Shakespeare Company – A Christmas Carol

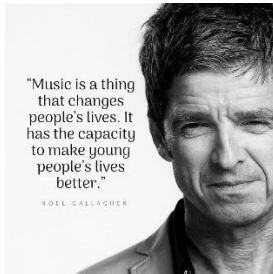
2.12.22	Christmas Jumper day and bring a bottle (any bottle) for our Christmas raffle
9.12.2022	PA Christmas Fair
12.12.2022	Christmas Play pm - TBA
13.12.2022	Christmas Play pm - TBA
14.12.2022	Christmas Play pm - TBA
14.12.2022	R, 1, 2 Warwick Arts Centre Stickman
15.12.2022	Nursery Warwick Arts Centre Stickman
16.12.2022	Break up for Christmas



### Class Attendance

Reception	87.67
Year 1	94.67
Year 2	96.45
Year 3	84.19
Year 4	95.75
Year 5	95.94
Year 6	95.76

## School Choir



In preparation for Christmas, we would like to start our very own Wheelwright Lane Choir. We are opening our choir to children in year 4, 5 and 6. We are extremely fortunate to have a music specialist at our school. Ms Wass in year 2 is a competent musician and plays both the violin and piano. As music standards leader, Ms Wass will be starting our new choir with the support of Mrs Hammonds. Please keep a look out for our after-school choir sessions. There will be limited places and they will be offered on a first come, first served basis. This is a great opportunity for children that enjoy music and performance arts or simply want to be part of our new initiative.

## Attendance Updates

Please see our additional autumn half term attendance newsletter. This provides further details regarding our attendance figures for last half term

Remember school opens at 8:45am and lessons start at 8:55am

Our school attendance target is 96%

This week our attendance was 92.92%.

This is a slight increase in last week's attendance

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Well done year 2. You have the best class attendance this week!



## Success at the Disco!

I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank the parents that came and supported with our School Disco. Without the dedication of our PA we would not be able to provide such great school memories for our children. I would also like to thank the teachers for helping at the disco. We have a hard working and dedicated staff team and I would like to send a personal shout out to them! The PA raised a total of £288.77 . These funds will go towards the next PA event which will be the Christmas Fayre. The more support and committed we can get the more opportunities we can create for our children and families.



## Parent partnership

We will be hosting our second parent workshop this half term. Following the successful attendance at our last reading event, we would like to invite parents to attend our maths workshop. This is a great opportunity to find out how you can support your child with maths at home. It is also an excellent opportunity to have a look at the end of year expected standard for your child's year group. All children develop at different times and rates and this is a good opportunity to find out how to best support your child's next steps.

Year 6 parents will be invited to our SATS event. This is an opportunity to find out about the year 6 SATs tests and have a look at some of the past test papers. We hope all parents get attend this important meeting.



## Learning at WWL

### Year 1

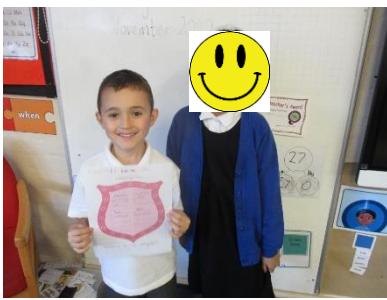
Isabella showed that she was a determined learner by finishing all of her reading assessment

Arley showed that he was a curious learner when we were looking closely at fabric and other materials



### Year 2

Irhaa and James H were being collaborative and working together to find things they had in common.



### Year 3

Arjun has been a determined learner in Maths this week. Teagon has been a curious learner in RE this week



### Year 4

Jack was resilient when making his lightbox. Even when things went wrong he didn't give up. He bounced back



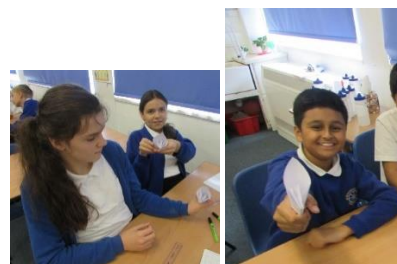
### Year 5

Kiera showed resilience during our space artwork. She diligently applied paint really thinking about the effect she wanted and as a result it looks amazing

Xavier was being curious when completing his space background. Not only did he use Peter Thorpe's techniques but he experimented and added to it to create an awesome space background

Year 6

Bella and Dhiran showed amazing determination in creating their origami work!



## Learning Behaviours Assembly

A special shout out to the children who received a Headteacher certificate in assembly for demonstrating our new learning behaviours.

Year 1	<u>Isabella</u>	<u>Arley</u>
Year 2	<u>Irhaa</u>	<u>James</u>
Year 3	<u>Arjun</u>	<u>Teagon</u>
Year 4	<u>Jack</u>	
Year 5	<u>Kiera</u>	<u>Xavier</u>
Year 6	<u>Bella</u>	<u>Dhiran</u>

Best Wishes

*Miss Rutherford*

Headteacher.



“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”.

## **Online Safety - YouTube**

There is no denying it, children love YouTube. They can spend hours searching and watching their favourite videos, researching a school topic or creating their own videos and uploading them to share with family and friends. Unfortunately, not everything on YouTube is child friendly, and young people can come across some very inappropriate content including violence, sexual videos, bad language and even bullying and trolls.

YouTube can be an amazing resource for knowledge and entertainment, as well as a great way for children to explore their creativity when making videos. However, don't forget that YouTube's own terms and conditions mean that it should not be used by anyone under 13 years of age. By following the advice and tips on the information leaflet (sent out with the newsletter), you can make it a safer place, but remember you can't make it 100% safe, so keep having regular chats with your children about what they are doing and take time to sit down with them and use YouTube together and have some fun as a family.

If your children are under 13 years of age then YouTube has created an App available on Google Play and Apple's App store especially for them called '[YouTube for Kids](#)'. Created especially by YouTube using stronger filtering algorithms to keep kids safe. Remember though nothing is 100% safe so maintain an interest in what they are doing and keep having those important safety chats. There is a second leaflet about YouTube for Kids with this newsletter.

If you have any further questions or need any more advice regarding this, please contact Mrs Hitchins.