



Warren Wood Primary School

Next week...

...will feel strange for a number of reasons. A Bank Holiday is nice once in a while yet on the horizon are two! Monday 1st May is the only Bank Holiday that schools usually have that doesn't fall within a main school holiday. Obviously, we also have the extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday 8th May too!

School will be partially affected by another strike day on Tuesday 2nd May (the affected classes have been informed directly) and then school is closed for Polling Day on Thursday 4th May. Please know that it is far easier to have our school family together 5 days a week than it is 2/3 days in a week. We find the changes to our routine every bit as confusing as the children do!



Newsletter – April 28th 2023

This week...

...has flown by – AGAIN! Behind the scenes, our fabulous PTA have been sorting out t-shirts for the King's Coronation celebrations and the children have begun designing and decorating their commemorative t-shirts ready for celebrations next week. Don't worry if your child hasn't done theirs yet. Even with next week being a short week in terms of school days, everyone will have designed their t-shirts and will wear them on Friday at school. They will then bring their t-shirts home to keep as a souvenir of this very special and historic time.



Thanks also to the PTA for beginning their arrangements for our school Summer Fair.
Save the Date: Saturday 24th June 2023.
More information about that very soon!



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A Message from the Headteacher

Explosive Antics and Amazing Exploration!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we fly towards a long weekend, we have had a productive week across all classrooms.

In Nursery, the children have carried on with their work on 'What the Ladybird Heard'. They have been sequencing numbers, counting spots on ladybirds and

In Reception, our pupils went on their first ever school trip to 'Imagine That!' in Liverpool. A great time was had by all – lots of very excited smiling faces arrived back full of stories of the fun they had, followed by some very tired grown-ups who had gone along for the ride. Thank you to everyone who made it such a fun and safe day to be a part of.

Year 1 children have been conducting their own market research this week. They have been looking at different fruit snacks that can be bought in the supermarket and used their senses to help them describe the products as part of Design Technology.

Year 2 pupils have been learning to tell the time and have also made their own working compasses – Just what every good explorer needs!

Year 3 pupils have been sowing seeds for a science investigation and in Year 4, pupils have learned about volcanoes in Geography. They even made their own version erupt in the classroom! Don't worry – all risk assessments were in hand! The children also tried to build earthquake proof towers and they tested fizzy drinks to see which was the fizziest by weighing the amount of CO₂ in each drink!

Year 5 and 6 'Borrowed the Moon' – real lunar and Martian rocks and meteorites. In handling and observing those, they have truly had a memorable experience – This has also given Y6 pupils a welcome distraction from their SAT's revision.

On the topic of SAT's, both Y2 and Y6 pupils take these tests over the coming weeks. Y2 tests are conducted informally in the classrooms and whilst under test conditions, pupils are reassured and approach these tests as 'quizzes' to keep the focus on what they know in a fun and non-threatening way. In Y6, pupils know that the focus is more formal in terms of the way that tests have to be administered. However, all children also know that we want them to do their best for themselves but not in a competitive way. The tests are only one measure of their knowledge and the pressure that these tests can put children under is often unhelpful.

We very much approach this time as a necessity but not the heart of what we stand for as a school. We take testing seriously and it is what we are measured on as a school. However, for our children, we also want them to be well rounded humans, good and kind future citizens and successful because of what they can achieve personally as well as academically. We have some gifted sports people, musicians, artists and linguists in school as well as those children who excel at computing, creative writing, mathematics and science. Without all of these skills and attributes, our society wouldn't be able to function and we are proud of all of our children, whatever the tests do or don't bring.

Mrs Reyes
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Boo the Badger

**This week, Boo has visited
Year 1 – Mrs. Belsten and Mrs Prior
And Year 4 – Mr. Parkes**



Boo's message is
'Miss school, Miss out' –
We love having you here
and so does Boo!



Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – Whole school closed
Tuesday 2nd May – Planned Strike day – Please check Ping for specific updates
Thursday 4th May – Local Elections – School closed to all pupils
Friday 5th May – Big History Day – Separate letter to follow
Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for The Coronation of King Charles III – Whole school closed
Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – KS2 SAT's and Y6 Breakfast club – separate information to follow