



Warren Wood Primary School



Newsletter – November 10th 2023

Next Week

...our Year 6 pupils will be undertaking their own First Aid training course. This is part of our undertaking to support pupils with skills for life that will support them in the world beyond the window of our school.

We hope that no one ever needs to use first aid skills for anything too serious but by preparing our children with some basics, we believe that they will be best placed to deal with anything they may need to in the future!

This Week...

...children in years 2 - 6 have been taking some tests in English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. Some children love doing tests like this, seeing them as quiz booklets and wanting to get a good score. Other children don't like them so much, finding them boring or a bit pointless! (They've even told us so!)

Teachers definitely don't like the marking of all of them but they do like what the scores tell them. They are helpful to show what children DO know but they are also helpful to show what gaps there are in learning and what they still NEED TO know.

It is just one measure of what children learn in school but we know that not everyone shines in tests. Therefore, please know that we use other ongoing informal methods of assessing children, such as book looks and pupil voice interviews, on a daily basis too because it gives a more rounded picture of each child.



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A Message from the Headteacher

Testing, Testing...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been packed with tests for most of the school but the usual curriculum excitement in all year groups. It is also a very busy term with lots to remember so please keep checking the dates at the bottom of the newsletters to keep you up to date!

In classes, Nursery children have been learning about Divali – The have acted out the story, made their own diva lamps from clay and have looked at mendhi art. They have also made their own poppies for Remembrance Day.

In Reception, pupils have been learning about Bonfire Night and taking about their experiences of it. The children have made their own breadstick sparklers and firework biscuits – This is not as dangerous as it sounds! They have also tried some drama about the gunpowder plot!

Year 1 children have been looking at the story of Guy Fawkes – they too have done some drama about this in History. They have also made bonfire collages and written recounts of their Halloween and Bonfire experiences and have learned how to create hues in Art.

Year 2 pupils have been completing some tests and have been writing about Little Red Riding Hood. They have also been preparing for their Christmas nativity too!

Year 3 have written a description of a Stone Age Camp and have been learning about three different types of soil! Ask your child what they are called.

Year 4 children enjoyed an Ancient Greek workshop. They have re-enacted a battle (safely, of course), they have been Greek scribes by using reed pens, ink, papyrus and the Greek alphabet. They also played Greek board games and democratically learned how to run a Greek city! Mrs. Taylor tells me they all ended up penniless, in poor health and at war but they had fun!

Year 5 pupils have been learning more about the slave trade, painting backgrounds for their poetry art and started sharing a new class text called 'Africa is my home'.

Year 6 children have been learning about Carl Linnaeus and the classification of living things. The have all been really good sports and begun to learn how to dance the Charleston!

Over the coming weeks, you will notice some own clothes days. We try to keep these things to a minimum as we acknowledge that not everyone likes things to change or be different and so for that reason, if your child would prefer to wear their uniform they may do so. We also know that times are tough and appreciate that not everyone will be able to donate something. Please know that everyone can take part or choose not to and will do so without judgement. We just want to help to support the PTA with their fundraising and support our families too!

Have a lovely weekend!

Many Thanks

Mrs. Reyes xx

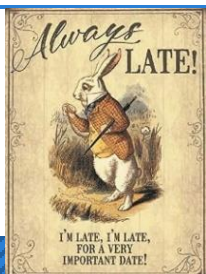
Boo the Badger



Each Monday in assembly, our school mascot, 'Boo the Badger' visits two classes in school – one infant and one junior and stays for the week in their classrooms He is presented for good attendance, good behavior and good attitudes to learning. This week, Boo has gone to stay with:

**Reception – Miss Edwards
and
Year 5 – Mrs. Collins**

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



Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th November – Y6 First Aid Training – (in school)

Wednesday 15th November – Reading Meeting – 6pm– Reception Parents – School Hall -(See separate letter)

Friday 1st December – Christmas Jumper Day – Please bring chocolate donations – (Separate letter to follow)

Wednesday 6th December – Y3+Y4 pupils to St Georges – Christmas Carols – (See separate letter- 40 pupils only)

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day – please bring bottle donations – (Separate letter to follow)

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair – 3:15 onwards – Further details to follow

Week Commencing 11th December – Nativities for Reception and Year 2

Reception – 9:15am - Monday 11th/Thursday 14th and **Year 2** - Tuesday 12th – 9:15am/Thursday 14th 2:00pm

Wednesday 20th December – Year 1 Christmas Carols – 3:15pm – ((Further information to follow)

Further detailed information will be sent via School Spider nearer to the time of each event.

