



Dear Parents/Carers

Keeping your children safe is the most important priority for us and we have done a lot of work with the children to help them understand this better. During the autumn term every class completed a programme of work called Protective Behaviours which gives children a better understanding about how to keep themselves safe and manage their feelings.

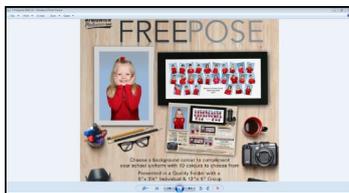
More recently we have revisited definitions for bullying in our assemblies and have had some excellent discussions about what bullying is and what it isn't. Bullying is such an emotive term; it is so important that we can understand it properly and share the same definitions. We have clarified definitions of bullying with the children (although Reception and Year 1 still struggle with this) but we have also spoken about 'one-off' incidents and 'mutual disagreements' which are not acceptable behaviours but need to be treated in a different way.

Bullying can happen anywhere and we all need to be vigilant to ensure that we a. take preventative measures and b. deal with it reasonably and proportionately to ensure it stops. If we all work together on this we can ensure our children continue to feel happy and safe when they come to school.

Andy Mitchell
Headteacher

What's Going On

Friday (am) 2nd February—Class Photos (including Saplings)



This week in music, all of the Reception children have been learning how to play the boomwhackers and chime bars to accompany their South African song 'Hands, Feet, Heart.'



Governor Focus

Last July parents and carers were invited to complete an online questionnaire designed by governors on some of the initiatives that have been implemented in school in recent years. Thank you to those who found time to complete this. We had 62 responses from parents across the school and the overall response was very positive. We have considered all responses and the additional comments and have developed recommendations and an action plan for the school based on these. Some actions have been carried out already such as the school newsletter being weekly and including content from across the school which we hope you are finding informative. We have found it a useful way of communicating what we do.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2L (Miss List) with 99.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 100 pupils = 24%

What I love about Woodloes

I like Woodloes School because of the teachers. They make me smile and help me to learn and to get more skilled at my work.

Kyle Year 6



eSafety

Be careful not to give away personal information in photographs, such as the logo on school jumpers or a door number - you don't know who will end up seeing these photographs.

Recommended app: Exploring this interactive Dr. Seuss storybook, children can learn new vocabulary, encourage their literacy skills, and even personalise the story with their own narration. The new improved version has a 'record and share' feature that lets you record and save the narration of multiple readers. This early reading app is available for £2.49 in the Apple Store.

Pupil Voice (This week Sports)



There was an amazing response to Year 3/4 being offered non-contact Boxing club on a Friday lunchtime this term with all 20 places being taken up and a reserve list also having to be created due to such high demand. This is now the second year that the club has been run and it has proven to be very successful. The aim of each session is to teach the children some of the technical aspects of boxing and improve their levels of fitness, as well as highlighting the personal qualities required for the sport such as self discipline, confidence and composure. It is great to see such keen and energetic individuals giving up their lunchtime to learn a new sport and have fun while getting fitter!

Focus on Excellence

Year 6 are thinking of others as well as themselves. After studying the topic theme 'Water', they have designed and made water bowls; all proceeds of the sale of their beautifully coloured bowls will go to water-related charities.

In the first half of the Spring Term, our topic theme is 'Past and Present' with a focus on the British Monarchy. So far we have studied the British royal family tree and researched facts about past and present monarchs. We have produced some outstanding non-chronological reports about British royal weddings in English lessons and children have extended their learning by producing some delicious royal treats/admirable 3D models!



Other News

Book Week is fast approaching. We will be sending out a letter with further details soon. Meanwhile, can you help with the book fair that we will hold Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 3.00- 3.45pm? If you can help with one or two days (or all) it would be much appreciated. Let the school office know.

Healthy Eating Our school promotes/encourages healthy eating—our school dinners offer 3 choices daily, with seasonal vegetables and/or salad, fruit platter, plus fruit juice/cordial/organic semi skimmed milk/ water to drink. If your child has not yet tried a school dinner (cost £2.18 per day), why not encourage them to try one? Packed lunches from home should be healthy and balanced too ie., including items such as a sandwich/wrap/ pasta salad, vegetable sticks, yoghurt and a piece of fruit. (Creating a 'pick and mix' affect can make fruit look more attractive, even if it is just taking the time to cut an orange into segments and add in a couple of grapes – it takes just minutes to prepare). Please discourage your children from bringing unhealthy options ie., crisps, cakes and chocolate bars into school. Thank you

School Crossing Patrol Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol on Deansway on the afternoon of Thursday 1st February.

Round Oak School have asked us to advertise that there will be a tour of their school for prospective parents of students on Monday 26th February at 1.30pm. Please advertise to any family/friends that this may be of interest to. For any interested attendees, please email bureautro@welearn365.com to confirm attendance.

Extra Curricular

Warwick School are advertising their half term 'February Action at Warwick School'. Please log onto:- www.warwickschool.org/February-half-term to see what exciting activities are on offer.

Six Nations Promotion—We have been asked to promote an 'England v Ireland' Rugby event on Friday 16th March at the Ricoh Arena—England Women KO 5.30pm, England U20 8pm. Tickets available at www.eticketing.co.uk/ricoharena (2 games for £10 per adult, £5 concessions).