



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Summer Issue 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. Not long to go now until the end of term. Where has the time gone? As you might imagine, it has been a very busy couple of weeks at The Weald. We are certainly not winding down just yet! In fact, it feels like we are winding up!

Last week I attended the Year 6 residential at Thames Young Mariners Outdoor Centre. A great time was had by all, despite the incessant rain on Friday. The children appeared to thoroughly enjoy the water-based activities. As always, a big 'thank you' to the staff for going the extra mile and enduring the sleepless nights - Ms Whiting, Miss Lucas and Ms Deacon.

Our Year 5 children attended the Capel Military Show last Friday. They had a great time despite the weather!

I had the privilege of attending the Newdigate Bowls recently. A big thank you to Newdigate Bowls Club for allowing our children to practise their bowling skills.

Bowling has been one of our most popular clubs this year thanks to the hard work and efforts of Alison and George. We are very grateful to have them on board for next year.

Thinking ahead, we are very much looking forward to the Year 6 leavers' service at St Mary Magdalene Church on Monday 22nd July and their leavers' party in the evening. Wishing you all a good week.

Best wishes,

Mr Baguley
(Head Teacher)



Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

Please could we remind you to call/email the office if your child is being collected by anyone other than the parent/carer otherwise the child will not be released. Also please inform the office if your child is not on the bus and who is collecting them. This is a safeguarding issue and we need the parent's permission before we can hand over their child to another person. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Please be reminded that only people with a blue disabled badge can park on the school grounds at pick up and collection times. We are very limited on space in the front car park and this can be dangerous if too many cars are manoeuvering. If you do not have this badge, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 St Magdalene for having the best attendance this week. You are the winners of the attendance cup which is given out every Friday in the achievement assembly.

ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent





We are Athletes



It was a pleasure to take our bowls club children to Newdigate Bowls Club the other week. They absolutely loved it! It provided them with an opportunity to practise their bowling skills outdoors. As always, a big thank you to Newdigate Bowls Club for hosting and in particular, Alison and George who provide this after school club every Friday at The Weald.

Kick Boxing Champion



Tyler competed and represented his kick-boxing club at the GB Grand-slam, at the K2 in Crawley. After a very nervous and wobbly start thinking he couldn't compete, as this is a huge event, he managed to overcome this and got on that mat and did it! We are so very proud of his accomplishment, and he did amazingly and came in 5th place! Well done Tyler.

We are Scientists



Year 5 visited Beare Green pond to research habitats as part of our enquiry: How Can We Save the Planet. We worked as scientists, observing and recording many different varieties of plants and animals that make up the pond habitat. We will use our observations to create leaflets for our local community about why this habitat is so important and how we can work together to preserve it.



NHS Fundraising



The Weald celebrated the NHS's 76th birthday. Lots of pennies were brought in by the children which were put on the lettering in the playground. We raised £139.25. Thank you to all the parents who made a donation and for your support.



Year 3 Surrey Arts Sing! Picnic



Our Year 3 Sing! Club enjoyed a happy and harmonious morning at the Surrey Arts Primary Schools Singing Picnic today. We joined 3 other Surrey schools, taking part in lots of fun singing games and activities hosted by the amazing Surrey Arts singing coaches.

Each school sang a song that they had prepared especially for the event and Sing! Club performed a lively rousing rendition of 'Waving Flag'.

The highlight of the event saw all the schools joining together to sing a 'round' that they had been taught earlier in the session. The sound was amazing!

The children had a fabulous time and all agreed that it had made them enjoy singing EVEN more! We can't wait to go again next year! The only thing we would change is the weather!

Year 5 Capel Military Show



Year 5 enjoyed a very wet day at Capel Military Show on Friday. Despite the weather, we had lots of fun and really enjoyed visiting different stalls and learning about military history. The children were very engaged and asked lots of questions. We loved seeing and exploring all of the different military equipment and reenactments. We even got the chance to board a Chinook helicopter, which is still in operation today! One of our favourite parts of the day was watching the enormous tanks circle the arena- one even got stuck in the ditch and had to be pulled out! As we were leaving, we also had the opportunity to meet Ted, a 100 year old D-Day veteran. We thanked him for his service to our country and began the muddy walk back to school.





We are Athletes

Year 6 Thames Young Mariners



Once we came off the coach, we took many trips to and from the campsite to put all of our bags in the marquee. Once we had all the bags in the marquee, we ate lunch as we discovered our teepee groups. We moved in and then met in the fire circle to discover our activity groups as we started our activities. *Oscar*

Paddle-Boarding

Once everyone was changed into their wet-suits, we went paddle-boarding. I really enjoyed paddleboarding because you could jump and fall into the water. I thought the ankle strap was really useful because if you fall in, you don't lose your paddle board. I did not want to fall in at first because I thought the water would be very cold. As I finally got balanced standing up, Joey pushed me off! As I was standing up, I realised how much I had enjoyed falling off. When we did yoga poses, I kept my balance on the floor, but when we stood up, I kept falling. My favourite pose was the tree of life because I kept falling in the water. Paddle-boarding was my favourite activity; I loved falling in. For anyone trying paddle-boarding for the first time, I suggest trying to get your balance before you jump off, be brave: try jumping in and don't go near people who will push you off. *Jess*

Once everyone had finished their activities like football, resting and skin care, we went for some woodland skills. When we went to a small place in the forest we did lots of cool things like - making our own fire, making our survival tent from sticks, camouflage and rope and other things. At the end we even ate some popcorn on the fire and while we were participating in activities, we saw lots of squirrels and even a little baby fox that was running around us in circles. *Nasty*

Canoeing

On Thursday, group 1 (the Wet Waffles) took part in canoeing. We were split into two teams, where we helped each other to bring the canoes off a rack and onto the water. We chose our partners and were taught how to get onto our canoes. Once we were in our canoes, we used teamwork to make it to the other side of the lake. We needed to instruct each other on which side/way to paddle. We managed to play some games and row around. Then we made our way off the lake. Once we were off the lake, we took our buoyancy aids off and got dressed. *Amber*

Raft building

Once everyone had split into their groups, some of the groups went to the bank. They each created a raft in their teams; they had to gather objects to create their raft. The objects were: 4 blue ropes, 8 white ropes, 4 barrels, 2 small wood panels and 2 longer wood panels. We used a knot to tie our raft together. Once we had

finished, we got changed into our wet suits. Then we put our life jacket on and carried our raft into the water and got on. We had some games and a competition to see who had the better raft and better teamwork.

Chelsie :)

Kayaking

My favourite part of this legendary trip was kayaking as it is my favourite water sport. I like this sport as it is a very calming activity and I have done it more than once. I would rate this experience a ten out of ten. I can't thank the teachers enough as this was the best ever residential trip I have ever been on and I loved it. Everyone who works there are so kind and caring to us. They were also very friendly. All together this was an absolutely phenomenal trip for the whole class and I will never forget the amazing activities we did in groups. Thank you so much.

Patrick

My overall experience was brilliant, there were so many different activities which were fun, useful and exciting. Sleeping on the first night was tough as energy levels were high however the second night was easier because everyone was tired from the day. The food was amazing on both mornings, a full English breakfast gave us fuel and energy for the day, lunch was similar, I had an egg and salad baguette on both days. Finally we had burgers, sweetcorn and chips on the first night then fajitas. I would recommend Thames Young Mariners for these reasons: everyone is friendly and kind, you will always be doing something as when there are no activities there are regular teepee inspections. I want to thank Miss Lucas, Mrs Deacon and Miss Whiting additionally, every member of staff who helped organise this event.

Raph



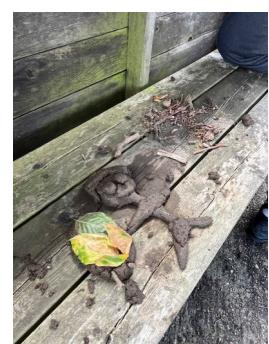
We are Athletes Pixham Athletics



On Thursday 4th July, a group of our Year 5 children represented the school at the annual District Athletics. They took part in a range of track and field events against other Dorking schools. We achieved some great results throughout the competition, especially with the 60m sprint races. This is a great experience for these children and will hopefully help them when they compete again in Year 6.



We are Philosophers - Wild Church



Who knew June 29th was International Mud Day?! We talked about Jesus healing the man born blind by smearing mud on his eyes, and about God creating humankind from dust. We then made creatures of our own invention from mud. The best bit was that I had brought clay in but couldn't find it, so we made proper mud from dust and soil and water - a bit too much water perhaps! Thank you so much Mr Brown for dealing with the aftermath.



We are Philosophers Collective Worship



It was a joy as always to welcome Reverend Jane to our Collective Worship assembly last Thursday. There were also some volunteers from St Mary Magdalene Church in attendance. Alongside our faith ambassadors, they told the story of Moses. It was a wonder to behold. Thank you Reverend Jane and her team.

Collective Workshop - Neurodiversity

Last week, during a special collective worship led by Mrs Hopkins, we celebrated neurodivergent children in the school with assistance from Year 6s Oli Dudman, Amelia Clear-Jeeves, Isabelle Bennett and Keller Ford. We learnt about the differences between the terms 'neurodiversity', 'neurodiverse', 'neurodivergent' and 'neurotypical'. After explaining the language we often find hard to define, we looked at famous neurodivergent people in the past that have shaped our lives and also people alive today and thriving because of their amazing brains! We were lucky enough to finish the assembly with the four year 6 'ND Ambassadors' talking about what it meant to them to be neurodivergent, with lots of very powerful messages for us all to take away.



Celebration Assembly - 12th July 2024



Congratulations to Owen, Reece, Toby, Thea, Joel, Lacey, Finn, Patrick, Alexander, Eady and Molly for receiving their golden ticket. You are all superstars!



We are Musicians Ashcombe Junior Orchestra



We were lucky enough last week to be treated to a performance by the students in Ashcombe's Junior Orchestra! Our children loved listening to the pieces and it was wonderful to hear the amazing pieces and watch the students perform. This was a great way to inspire our musicians to take up an instrument and learn to be part of an ensemble in the future.



Music Showcase Concert - 15th July 2024



Following the inspirational concert from Ashcombe students, our very own talented musicians from The Weald took to the stage and performed to a packed hall this week. Thank you to all the performers, some of whom had never before performed in front of an audience - both the soloists and ensemble members did a wonderful job, and we were all so proud of what they achieved! A huge well done and thank you to: Amelia G, Patrick, Amelia C-J, Luke, Logan, Amy, William, Freya, Lexi and Bethany.

Dates for your Diary Summer Term 2024

- 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Production (9:30am)
- 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Production (2:00pm)
- 22nd July - Whole School End of Term Service at St Mary Magdalene Church - please provide a packed lunch.
- 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers Party - 6:00-8:00pm
- 23rd July - Break up for the Summer holidays at 1:15pm
- 5th September - Back to School

After School Clubs Timetable - Summer Term

Monday:

Gym, Dance - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (spaces available)

Cricket - 3.20pm - 4.30pm (spaces available)

Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm (FULL)

Wednesday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm **FULL!**

Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm **(spaces available)**

Thursday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm **(FULL)**

Dodgeball - 3.20pm - 4.30pm **(spaces available)**

Friday:

Bowling - 3.20pm - 4.15pm **(FULL)**

Lunchtime Clubs Timetable

Monday:

Gym - 12.30-1pm - Main Hall

Tuesday:

Dodgeball - outside

Gardening - 12:30-1pm - outside

Rock Band - 12.30 - 1pm - Music Room

Thursday:

Wild Church - 12:30-1pm - outside

SING! (Year 5 and 6) - 12.30 - 1pm - Main Hall

Friday:

Dodgeball - outside

SING! (Year 3 and 4) - 12.30 - 1pm - Main Hall

Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene.

On July 21st we celebrate our very own St Mary Magdalene. Join us at 10 am for our Parish Communion.

Everyone is very welcome.

At 1 o'clock do come along to our Community Barbeque £6.00 for an adult, £3.00 for children.

Bring your own drink (soft drinks provided)

Please ring or text **07771591457** to let us know that you are coming.

Fun promised, sunshine hoped for !



In the news this week

Supermarket chain, Asda, has launched fan zones for elderly people to enjoy the UEFA EURO 2024 football tournament (the Euros). The idea came about as new research found that over 1.9 million individuals over 65 will be watching the matches alone. Many other places, where people choose to watch the football, can be very busy, with standing space only. The Nanzone spaces have been specially developed with older people in mind, ensuring they have somewhere enjoyable to watch the matches with others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you been watching the Euros football competition this year? If so, who have you watched with? Who will you watch with? Do you prefer to watch sport and big events with others?
- Do you think you have to be alone to feel lonely? Is there a time when you have ever felt lonely?

THREE B's SWIM SCHOOL
Summer Crash course
2024

Learn to swim and stroke corrections with Muhib (Head teacher of Three Bs Swim School) and team.

Price.

£49 for 5 days course

Dates:

Week 1: Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August

Week 2: Monday 5th to Friday 9th August

Week 3: Monday 12th to Friday 16th August

Time: 8.30am to 10am

All sessions are 30 minutes, small groups and 1:1 lesson also available
Venue. St John's Primary School, Goodwys Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR.

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Summer Holiday LEGO® Club

Lego® Club is suitable for mainstream children age 6-11 who need to build on social communication skills. The club promotes social inclusion and helps to build confidence. Children will have the opportunity to make new friends while developing social communication and interaction skills. £40 for the full week, payable in advance (reduced rates for those on income-related benefits)

Monday 5 - Thursday 8 August 2024
09:30-11:00

Mole Valley Family Centre,
Goodwys Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR

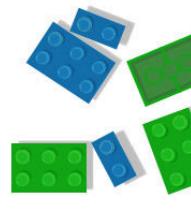
If you think this group might be right for your child,
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A Wildlife Adventure

Saturdays & Sundays in July & August, 11am - 5pm
Free entry with a recommended donation of £10/group to the Surrey Wildlife Trust

Calling all nature explorers! Enjoy a self-led trail through the vines featuring bat and barn owl boxes, bug hotels, bee hives, butterfly scrapes, an insect highway, wildflower meadows, compost pits, a pond and a huge bench shaped as a cow horn! We encourage you to enjoy the outdoors and discover nature.



A Musical Adventure

Sunday 4th August, 11am - 4pm
£13/adult, £10/child (+booking fee)

Families are invited to join us on a self-led musical adventure through the vines, making new musical friends and finding out about the instruments they play. Discover interesting musical facts at each stage to solve our musical mystery!

BOOK EVENTS ONLINE VIA WWW.ALBURYVINEYARD.COM

JUNIOR
TENNIS LESSONS
SATURDAYS TERM-TIME

@ Capel Tennis Club

Beginner orange ball 1-1:30
Advance orange/green ball 1:30-2
Beginner yellow ball 2-2:30
Intermediate yellow ball 2:30-3:15
Advanced yellow ball 3:15-4

(new starters welcome any time)

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