



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Summer Issue 5

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you all well. Thank you as always for your ongoing support and enjoying some much needed sunshine! What a couple of weeks it has been. The highlight of course was our annual Summer Fair last Friday. A huge thank you to all involved, especially Friends of The Weald led by Pippa Bennett. Thank you Pippa, you did a tremendous job and without your superb organisation and support, this event would never have taken place. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was great to see not only parents from The Weald, but also from Scott Broadwood and Newdigate. A big thank you to all the staff from The Weald who helped run a stall, along with Mrs Puckett and Mrs Mee who lead the dance and choir clubs at The Weald. Mr Brown (Site Manager) also did a fantastic job on the day setting up all the stalls. All the money raised will be used during the next academic year to develop the outdoor learning environment for our children.

As usual, our enquiry curriculum has led to some wonderful learning opportunities over the past couple of weeks. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a lovely day at Butser Farm on Tuesday as part of their current enquiry question - who has stood here before us?

It was also a pleasure to welcome a local beekeeper as well. The Year 5 and 6 children learnt about the roles and responsibilities of a beekeeper and how honey is made. It was fascinating! Thank you to Mrs Read for organising this workshop.

On a separate note, we have a new catering company called Caterlink who started providing food this term which is prepared by our two wonderful cooks, Kim and Hayley. We will shortly be sending out a survey to obtain your views and opinions on the different menu options. Your feedback would be most welcome. And finally, I had the pleasure of visiting Guildford cathedral last week to attend the Year 6 Leavers' Service. The whole morning was an absolute joy and the children represented the very best of The Weald. Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.



Best wishes,
Mr Baguley
(Head Teacher)



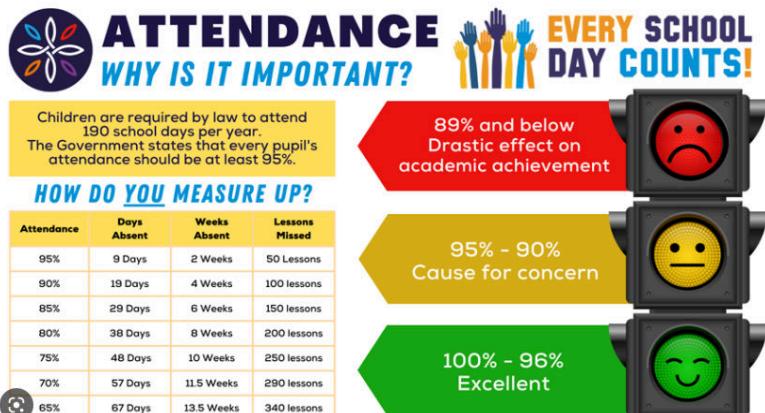
Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

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 6 St Petroc** 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.





We are Philosophers



We are Authors



At Wild Church this week we looked at the story of Noah's Ark in the bible. God put a rainbow in the sky to remind Him - as if He needs reminding how much He loves us. And when we see a rainbow we remember that we love Him - this is a covenant promise. We made a rainbow from petals and leaves that we found in the beauty of creation.

Church Service At St Mary Magdalene

It was an absolute joy to attend a church service on the 16th June at St Mary Magdalene Church. The service was led by the Bishop of Dorking. Our own Reverend Jane was ordained! It was a lovely service and I wish to personally thank Ava (year 4) and Ethan (year 6) who performed some readings. It brought a tear to my eye! Thank you for being wonderful role models for The Weald.



The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 is coming to Dorking Library! Starting on the 6th of July, your children can take part in the Challenge by reading six books and getting prizes each step of the way!

The theme this year is Marvellous Makers. Be it arts and crafts, photography, making music, or dancing, we are celebrating everything and anything creative!

At Dorking Library, we will be offering free craft sessions to complement the Challenge to keep your youngsters busy for the summer.

For more information, please visit us at the library, or go to the website:
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



We are Philosophers

Year 6 Leavers Service



On Wednesday 19th June, we visited Guildford Cathedral. When we arrived, we went to four activity stations: Wow, Please, Thank You and Regret. At the Wow station, we created flags with our

accomplishments written on the front. At the Thank You station, we created a mini person out of pipe cleaners. This represented someone we wanted to thank. At the regret station, we washed dirty rocks as if we were washing away our sins. We also created a little prayer at the please station.

During the service, we learnt about how your life can change and that Jesus will guide you through the dark times. We discovered that our bishop (Paul) used to be in the RNLI and he saved peoples' lives at sea. He told us that Jesus, who is the light of the world, will always be with us, during Secondary School and in further life. We got to end the service by singing some gospel songs.

By Eleanor Puckett

When we arrived at the Cathedral, we all split into different groups and went inside and sat on the floor. We made a little flag that said what we were proud of that we had done in primary school. We moved to another place to make a little stickman out of a pipe cleaner to represent the people we are most grateful for. The last thing we did was to write down what we were most worried about going to our new school.

By Rosie White

When we arrived, we went to four different stations. A Wow station, a Please station, a Regret station and a Thank You Station. We made a flag with our Wow Moment written down on it. We made stick people out of pipe cleaners as the people we said we were thankful for. At the Please station, we wrote a prayer and at the Regret station, we washed a stone to wash our sins away.

Later, the bishop held a service about the dark and fear of starting secondary school. We sang some school hymns (Shine Jesus Shine and One More Step Along the World I Go). We also said a prayer and finished the service. At the end, I saw my friend from St John's, who is going to secondary school with me. We said thank you to the people who worked at the Cathedral, had our lunch and began the journey back to school.

By Amelia Green



We are Scientists



As Scientists, Year Five have been exploring our beautiful school grounds as part of our Enquiry, 'How are you Helping to Save the Planet?'. We have been carefully

discovering and investigating various habitats in our field, sensory garden, wildflower meadow and beautiful oak trees. Please ask your Year Five Scientist which habitats we encountered during our outdoor learning!



As Scientists, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from local Beekeeper Karen Ford this week as part of our Enquiry: How Can We Save the Planet. Karen is part of the Reigate Beekeeping Association who are based locally in Beare Green. She told us all about beekeeping and how important it is to look after these important pollinators. She showed us a real hive (empty) and explained how

the Queen Bee lives in the bottom section laying 1000 eggs each day! We even got to taste some of her honey! It was a great visit and we learnt so much about preserving habitats, plant pollination and beekeeping. We are so thankful for Karen's time and were delighted to have raised over £75 to donate towards the charity. The Reigate Beekeepers meet regularly and are always open to new members who are interested in beekeeping: <https://reigatebeekeepers.org.uk/>



TAKE HOME



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In the news this week

Singer, Taylor Swift, is in the midst of her Eras Tour, singing to venues all around the world. One superfan has made hundreds of Taylor Swift inspired friendship bracelets to donate to people in care homes. 11-year-old, Devon, came up with the idea to give out the handmade bracelets after seeing how happy her 92-year-old great-grandmother, Margaret, was with the one she gave her. She hopes to inspire all generations to get involved in the bracelet craze.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever been to a show or concert? If so, what was it like? Ask someone at home about their experiences.
- Thinking about your own friends, what is it about them that makes them special? Ask others at home about their friends.

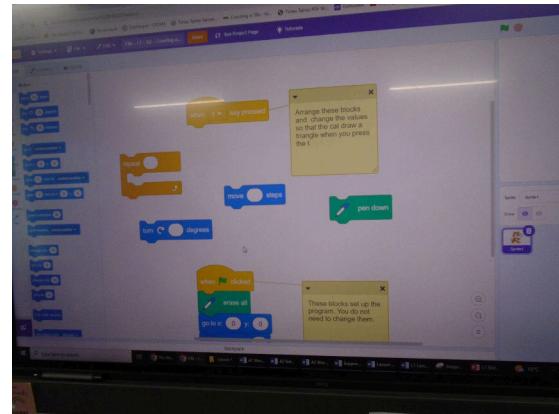


We are Engineers



Year 3/4SP has been digital engineers this week. Learners used Scratch, a block-based programming environment, to create shapes using infinity and count-controlled loops. They consider what the

different values in each loop signify, then use an existing code to modify and create a new code, and work on reading the code and predicting what the output will be once the code is run. They also developed a design/game that includes two or more loops which run at the same time. The learners were able to modify an infinity loop in a given program and explain the effect of their changes.



Performances at the Summer Fair

The summer fair was a wonderful opportunity for our amazing gymnastics and dance club children to perform some of their skills, and Rhiannon and Susy were so impressed with all of our students. They are all superstars! Well done to all of you for your hard work.

A big thank you to Mrs Mee who has led our small but wonderful choir this year. They performed with gusto recently at Dorking Halls and it was a privilege to see them live again at our Summer Fair, along with our wonderful dancers led by Mrs Puckett.



We are Historians



Year 3 and 4 visited Butser Ancient Farm so we could learn more about the eras we are studying (Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Norman) as part of the current enquiry 'Who has stood here before us?'. The children were based inside a recreation of an Anglo-Saxon house. They carried out a range of activities to immerse them and improve their understanding. These activities included: Archaeology - exploring the process of being an archaeologist and finding artefacts. Spinning - using sheep wool and a spinning tool and experiencing how they would begin to make clothes. Jewellery - Making a piece of jewellery from the eras, studying by looking at the patterns and recreating it out of wire. Site Tour - Discovering more about Iron Age, Romans and how that links to and impacts on the three eras we are studying.





Based on our topic 'Who has stood here before us', after our educational trip to Butser ancient Farm, where we learnt about artefacts, today we have tried to create our own version of an artefact. Y3/4 learners were introduced to clay and made simple pinch pots as a starter to making their clay heads. They explored different techniques to shape up the clay pot.



We are Athletes



Archie and Thomas were involved in a regional football tournament (run by SCI) in Woolacombe, Devon for Capel Comets U10s. The boys came runners up in the whole age group and got their trophies presented to them by ex Southampton and England player Matt Le Tissier.

Also Thomas was involved in the St Paul's Panthers Meadowbank tournament and this time he was part of a winning team in the U10s age group.

Well done boys. We are all so proud of your achievements.

Dates for your Diary Summer Term 2024

- 2nd July - Move Up Day
- 3rd-5th July - Year 6 Residential Thames Young Mariners
- 5th July - Year 5 Capel Military Show School's Day - parents to drop and pick up from Scott Broadwood
- 5th July - Year 3 Singing Picnic with Mrs Mee/Mrs Hopkins
- 8th July - Year 6 can wear their new hoodies at school
- 9th July - Sports Day - 9:15 to 11:30am
- 9th July - Ashcombe Orchestra visiting (pm)
- 15th July - Summer Showcase Music Concert
- 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Production
- 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Production (pm)
- 22nd July - Whole School End of Term Service at St Mary Magdalene Church (am)
- 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers Party
- 23rd July - Break up for the Summer holidays at 1:15pm

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

Celebration Assembly - 27th June 2024



Congratulations to Finnley, Jenny, Tyler, Finn, Ellen, Archie, Poppy, Teddy, Amelia and Lottie for receiving their Golden Ticket. Well done to all of you. We are so proud of your achievements.

Are you aware of teenage brain development and how it impacts on behaviour?



Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...."

Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset



Two-hour online talk **Monday 15th July 7-9pm**
Book Now £24
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Addictive Behaviour

Thursday 11th July (7pm to 9pm)



An online session looking at the process of addiction and how we can fight back

Available to book now £24

facefamilyadvice.co.uk
on the PARENT page

DORKING LOVE RUGBY

FREE TRAINING SESSIONS

19 & 26 June
3 & 10 July
6:30 - 7:30pm
At Dorking RFC
Years 4-6

For more info:
girlsrugby@dorkingfc.com

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Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (Roman Road)

Summer Tennis Camps 2024

24th July - 30th August
CHOOSE ANY DAYS

KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old

Mondays - Fridays
930-12pm



TEENAGERS 12-16 Yrs Old

Wednesdays
2-4pm



COST: MEMBERS £20 / NON MEMBERS £23

PAYMENT: Bank Transfer: Brian Love

Account: 74084211 Sort 09-01-28

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN:
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