



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Summer Issue 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Sadly, it feels like autumn is still with us.

It has been a busy couple of weeks as always. The undoubted highlight was The Weald receiving the Heritage Schools award on Tuesday. We are the first school in Surrey to receive this award! This is given to schools who have very good curriculum provision in place for children, especially in relation to how they use the local area to support the children's understanding. We are all very proud to receive this award. A huge thank you to Mrs Poole and Ms Lucas who have driven this project forward.

It has also been great to welcome back Reverend Jane after the Easter break. She is going to be working alongside the 'Faith Ambassadors' to develop spirituality across the school, as well as introducing it to the children through our Collective Worship assemblies. As you will read in this newsletter, Mr Brown has erected a history timeline in the corridor. It looks superb! The children will be using the timeline to support their understanding as historians.

I wish to personally say a huge 'thank you' to the Friends of The Weald, especially Pippa Bennett who over a number of years has worked tirelessly behind the scenes organising events to raise much needed funds for the school.

We bid a sad farewell to Ms Barton this Thursday. Ms Barton has worked at The Weald for 15 years. She has been very loyal to both myself and the school. She will be sorely missed by both children and adults alike. There will be an opportunity on Thursday for the children and staff to say 'thank you' for everything she has done. We wish her all the very best in her new venture. Ms Whiting will be supporting the children in Ms Zlateva's class for the remainder of this academic year.

I hope you all have a good 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 permit holders 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 manoeuvring. If you do not have a permit, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 St Joan of Arc 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?

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



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

89% and below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

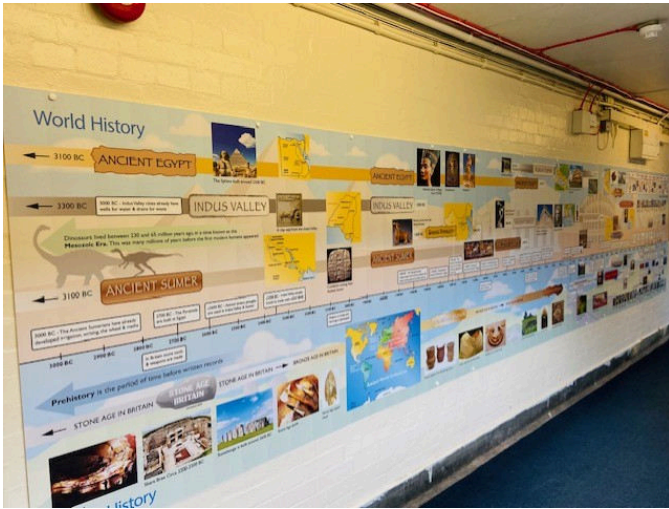
100% - 96%
Excellent





We are Historians

Timeline



THANK YOU to our parent body and local community who have helped to raise funds for our school through Friends of The Weald events. Your money has bought so many fantastic resources to support your child's learning. This week, we have installed our huge timeline to develop children's understanding of chronology as historians. Over the last two years, money raised has also bought engaging, high quality and knowledge-rich books to support the teaching of our enquiries.

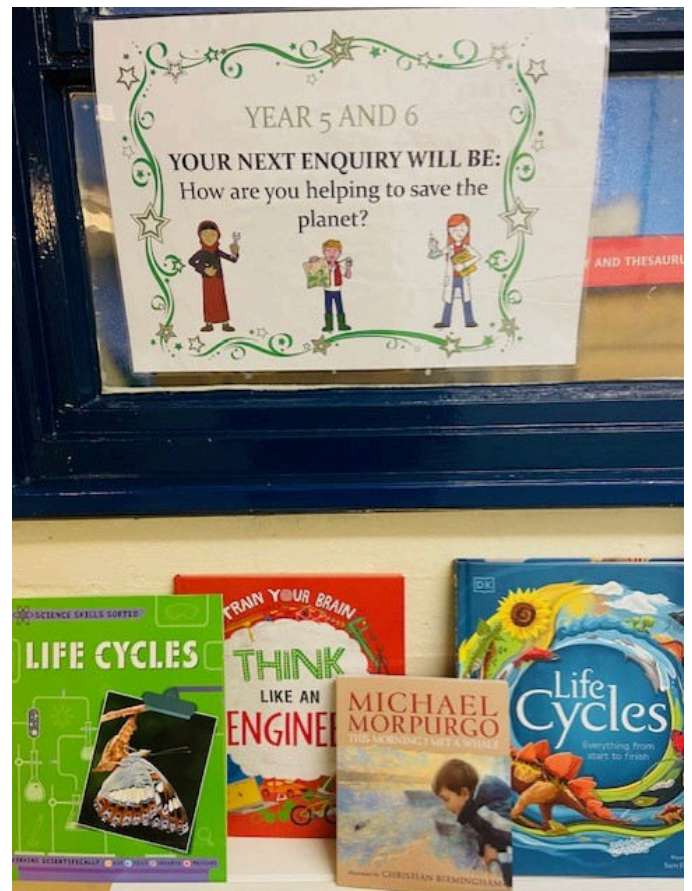


We are Authors and Readers

Year 3 and 4 Enquiry



Year 5 and 6 Enquiry



Celebration Assembly - 19th April 2024



Congratulations to Ruby, Benj, Will, Amalie, Frankie, Amber, Eleanor, Oliver, Charlie, Amelia, Patrick and Connor in Year 5 and 6 for receiving their reading certificates.



Congratulations to Lyra, Rosie, Joseph, Annabel, Milo, Logan, Choe, Tyler, Tommy, Sam and Leah for in Year 3 and 4 for receiving their reading certificates.

We are Musicians

Composer of the Half Term

We are excited this half term to be learning about the life of Scott Joplin, 'King of Ragtime'. During our music lesson assemblies we shall be finding out about his life, what made his music so unique and why it is still enjoyed to this day. What does your child know about this composer? What will they learn about beat and rhythm through this style of music?



We are Historians



This week, we were excited to celebrate a rather special and unique achievement thanks to the remarkable Heritage Schools initiative from Historic England in collaboration with Surrey Heritage and Surrey Museums Partnership. Becoming a Heritage School shines a spotlight on school's best practice for enriching children's experience of *local* history, heritage and cultural opportunities and at The Weald we are very proud to become the first *ever* Surrey school to receive a *Heritage Schools* award.

Haidee Thomas from Surrey Museums Partnership who presented the award on behalf of Historic England said, "The Weald captures the spirit of this initiative completely, keeping 'local' at the heart of every opportunity to pique children's curiosity and embed a sense of pride in where they live. They continue to deliver an excellent localised curriculum embedding children's understanding of people and places that have shaped their area, and their importance to the wider county and world.

Our partners at Historic England were only too happy to grant them *Heritage School* status."

As Historians, year 5 enjoyed spending

time exploring the timeline as part of our new Enquiry, 'How Do We All Live Together?'.

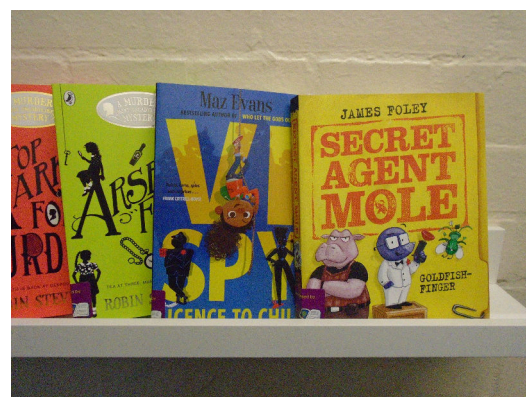




We are Readers

Recommended Reading

A recent delivery of brand new, purple-stickered books have caused quite a buzz within The Weald corridors and classroom reading areas. Each class has been given a set of 6-10 brand new books. The books have been specifically chosen to widen pupils' literary cannon and include a diverse range of authors and characters. The books were purchased thanks to the money raised through our Book Fair, so we want to say a huge thank you for your support. It is so important that our children have access to high quality texts that not only enrich and extend their vocabulary and understanding of the world but engage children in the magic of story-telling. At The Weald, we aim to encourage a life-long love of reading and reading for pleasure so with this in mind, we are continuing this years' World Book Day theme of 'Recommend a Book' across the school with each teacher selecting, reading and recommending books with their classes. We would like to create a whole-school display and invite all children (and teachers) to join in and write a short recommendation (3-5 sentences - no spoilers- handwritten or typed) for a book they have enjoyed. Please give these to Mrs Read in Year 5 when completed. Thank you.





We are Scientists

Year 3 and 4 Enquiry

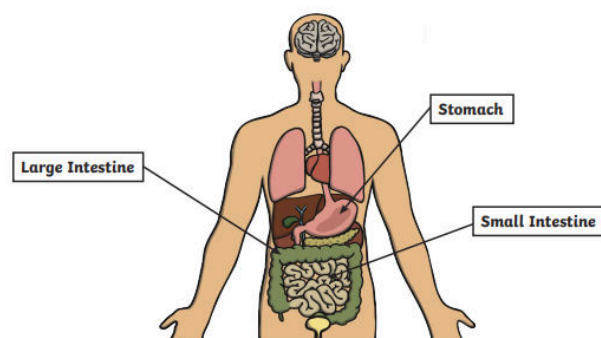
Digestive System Investigation

You will need:

- Wheat biscuits cereal
- Orange juice
- A small, clear plastic bag
- A pair of tights
- A metal dish
- Two paper cups

Instructions

1. Place several wheat biscuits into the plastic bag (stomach).
2. Pour a small cup of orange juice (the stomach acids) and some water (saliva) into the bag.
3. Squeeze the bag until the contents are mushy. This represents food being broken down in the stomach.
4. Carefully, pour the contents of the 'stomach' into one leg of the tights (small intestine).
5. Squeeze the tights over the dish. The liquid that pours out represents the nutrients our body needs.
6. The leftover food in the tights is the waste that is no longer needed by the body. Cut a hole in the bottom of a paper cup (the large intestine) and place the solidified waste inside.
7. Insert another cup on top of the waste. Use it to push the waste through the hole in the bottom of the first cup. Your body has now got rid of what it does not need!



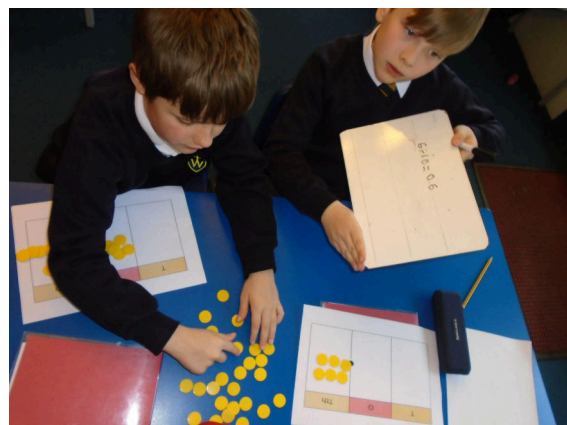
Children learnt about the human digestive system with this fun experiment, demonstrating clearly what happens to our food after we have eaten it. This digestive system experiment KS2 resource is ideal for use at home, children will find the experiment great fun, and it is a good way to educate them on how the digestive system works.



We are Mathematicians



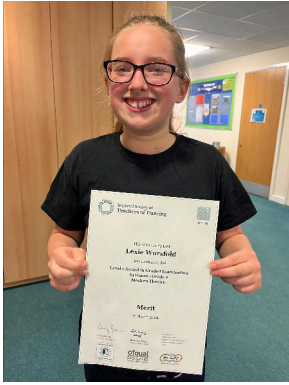
Year 3/4 St Peter are learning to divide a 1 and 2-digit number by 10. They used counters on a place value chart for this concept.



We are Athletes



Congratulations to Sophia for receiving her yellow belt for kickboxing. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of her.



Congratulations to Lexie who has completed her Modern Dance Exam and has received a Merit. She always puts 100% into her dance and is extremely dedicated and her results really show this. We are very proud of her.

Celebration Assembly - 26th April 2024



Congratulations to all the children who received their golden ticket last Friday. We are very proud of your achievements.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

3rd May - Year 3 start their swimming sessions
 13th-16th May - Year 6 SATS
 12th and 13th June - Year 3 Feet First Road Safety Training
 14th June - Year 4 start their swimming sessions
 19th June - Year 6 Leavers Service, Guildford Cathedral
 25th June - Year 3 and 4 trip to Butser Farm
 3rd-5th July - Year 6 Residential Thames Young Mariners
 5th July - Year 5 Chapel Military Show School's Day
 8th July - Year 6 can wear their new hoodies at school
 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers Party
 23rd July - Break up for the Summer holidays
 All dates and more details can be found on the School Calendar

<https://www.wealdprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2023/11/>



In the news this week

Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race. Jasmin is one of only twenty people to have successfully completed the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA. She crossed the finish line in March with less than 100 seconds to spare before the 60-hour cut-off time. Jasmin said she wanted to inspire others and test the limits of her capabilities.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you imagine how Jasmin might have felt when she finished the event? Make a list of the different feelings you believe she may have had.
- Can you think of a time when you found something really difficult? Were you able to complete the challenge or task? Talk about the experience and what you learned from it.

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 (1 space available)

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 (spaces available)

Lunchtime Clubs Timetable

Monday:

Gym Club - 12.30-1pm - Main Hall

Tuesday:

Dodgeball

Rock Band Club - 12.30 - 1pm - Music Room

Thursday:

Dodgeball

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

Friday:

Dodgeball

YMCA EAST SURREY

Community Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshops

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+. Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.

For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

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Earn up to £700 per stay by offering your spare room to a French student this summer (depending on region, number of students hosted and duration of stay).



Students are out all day on weekdays, at lessons and afternoon activities.



You don't need to speak French!



24/7 assistance available from the local coordinator.

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