Weekly Newsletter

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Classroom Highlights

We have had a wonderful first week back in **Nursery** and it has been lovely hearing about the children's holidays. This week, we have explored Bonfire Night through our provision, creating colourful firework artwork using a range of materials and techniques.

This week, **Reception** have been learning all about Bonfire Night! The children have enjoyed creating their own chalk fireworks, learning about fire safety, and building a class bonfire in the construction area, where they pretended to toast marshmallows around it. They especially enjoyed eating the marshmallows too!

Year 1 enjoyed our Wellbeing Morning this week, where we focused on the theme of 'Give'. We explored the many ways we can help others and learned that giving can be as simple as sharing, helping, showing kindness, and making someone smile.

This week, **in Year 2**, we had the fabulous artist Paul Pickford come into our classroom. He helped us to create some wonderful pieces of artwork about the Great Fire of London. The children absolutely loved it and had a brilliant day!

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the new half term! We loved completing The Pebble in My Pocket and learning about the incredible journey of a pebble over more than four billion years. The children have also been exploring soil and have an exciting homework task that will see them digging and investigating.

Year 4 have been busy with some fantastic learning this week! In English, the children have been exploring poetry by Lewis Carroll, practising how to bring poems to life through intonation, volume and movement. They have really enjoyed developing their performance skills!

Year 5 have made a positive start to the new half term, exploring ways to show kindness within our school community. In History, the children have also enjoyed comparing life in ancient Athens and Sparta.

This week in **Year 6** we have been finishing our work on prime numbers and practising long division in maths. In class discussions, we have been talking about the word respect and what it means in school and in our wider community.



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start we have had to our second half term at Wardley! I hope all our families enjoyed a wonderful half-term break and had some time to relax and recharge.

Although it has been a short week, it has certainly been a busy one! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and see the children settling straight back into school life with such happy faces and enthusiasm.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed taking part in our Five Steps to Wellbeing Run, which was a fantastic way to start the new half term and remind ourselves of the importance of looking after our physical and mental wellbeing.

Year 6 welcomed visitors from Gangs for Life, who delivered an important and valuable session to support their PSHE learning. Meanwhile, Year 2 enjoyed a special visit on Thursday from Paul Pickford, a Lowry artist, who helped bring their learning about the Great Fire of London to life. What wonderful opportunities for our children!

With Bonfire Night upon us, I hope everyone who has enjoyed or is planning to attend a firework display has a fantastic time and, most importantly, stays safe!

A huge thank you to all the families who have already started donating to our Wood Street Mission Christmas Appeal. Your kindness and generosity really do make a difference, particularly at this time of year, and it is lovely to see our Wardley community coming together once again to support others.

As we begin the exciting run-up to Christmas, there is certainly lots to look forward to! Our dates for the diary have been updated slightly for this half term and are attached for your information. We will also be sending out separate details about our Christmas parties and performances, including dates and times, as we know families will be keen to get these special events into their diaries as soon as possible.

It promises to be another busy, exciting and magical half term at Wardley, and I am really looking forward to all the lovely things we have planned for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and continued support. It really is appreciated!

Mrs Kelly



'With God's Love We Can Do All Things'

Christian Value

The value of **Respect** is about more than being polite. It means treating others with kindness, listening to different opinions and valuing everyone for who they are. Through our words and actions, we can help others feel appreciated, included and respected, showing that everyone matters.



Collective Worship Theme

During Collective Worship this week, we explored our special value of **Respect,** thinking particularly about how we can show respect for God's wonderful creation.

We listened to the story of Saint Hilda and discovered how she showed love, care and respect for the natural world around her. Together, we talked about the beauty of God's creation and how we can all play our part in looking after our world. We shared ideas about caring for animals, protecting plants, keeping our environment tidy and appreciating the wonderful things that surround us every day.

We also thought about how even the smallest actions can make a big difference in caring for our planet. From picking up litter to looking after wildlife, we learned that showing respect for God's creation is an important part of living out The Wardley Way.

We finished by reflecting on our Big Question:

"Can I reflect on the wonder and beauty of the world around me?"

Attendance

Well done to Reception, who received our award for the best attendance for this week, with 96%.

Thank you once again for your continued support, as we work together to promote the importance of good attendance here at Wardley.



Year 6



Reception



Years 2 and 3

Diary Dates

- Mon 9th November - Parents' Evening (1)
- Mon 9th November - Y6 Swinton Cenotaph
- Tues 10th November - EYFS Diwali Dance Workshop
- Wed 11th November - Remembrance Day
- Fri 13th November - Children in Need - Non-uniform Fundraising
- Sat 14th November - All Saints Church Christmas Fair
- W/C Mon 16th November - Anti-bullying Week
- Mon 16th November - KS2 (B-Tales) Anti-bullying performance
- Mon 16th November - Parents' Evening (2)
- Thurs 19th November - Individual Photographs
- W/C 23rd November - Y5 Bikeability
- Wed 25th November - Y6 Church Visit
- Fri 27th November - Y4/Y6 Topic Visitor (Anglo-Saxons/WW2)

September	
Wed 2nd September	School reopens for Autumn Term
Tues 8th September	Y1 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
W.C 21st September	Ethos Committee and Attendance Ambassador Elections (Y2-Y6)
Fri 25th September	European Day of Languages
	EYFS Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – School Visit
Mon 28th September	Harvest Collection in school
October	
Mon 5th October	Y6 B-Safe Project
W.C 5th October	Mid-term test week
Fri 9th October	World Mental Health Day (10th October)
Mon 12th October	EYFS/KS1 Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 9:00 a.m
Wed 14th October	Year 5 Church Visit
Thurs 22nd October	Non-uniform Day – Fundraising Day for School Fund
	School Disco: EYFS 2pm-3pm. Y1-3 4pm-5pm Y4-6 5:15-6:15pm
Fri 23rd October	Harvest Assembly
	School closes for half-term
November	
Half Term Holidays – Mon 26th October – Mon 2nd November	
Mon 2nd November	School closed for staff INSET training
Tues 3rd November	School reopens
Thurs 5th November	Y6 Gangs for Life
	Y2 Artist Visitor – Paul Pickford – Great Fire of London
Fri 6th November	Ethos Committee Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
Mon 9th November	Y6 Swinton Cenotaph
	Autumn Term Parents' Evening 1 (3:30-6p.m)
Tues 10th November	EYFS Diwali Workshop
Wed 11th November	Remembrance Day Worship in school
Fri 13th November	Children in Need – Non-uniform Day - Fundraising
Sat 14th November	Church Fair
W.C Mon 16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks and Anti-bullying performance - B-Tales – Key Stage 2
	Autumn Term Parents' Evening 2 (3:30-6p.m)
Thurs 19th November	Individual Photographs
Mon 23rd November	Governor Visits in school
Wed 25th November	Year 6 Church Visit
W.C Mon 23rd Nov	Year 5 Bikeability
Fri 27th November	Y4/Y6 Topic Visitor (Anglo-Saxons/World War 2)
December	
W.C 7th December	Christmas Plays Week - TBC
Fri 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
W.C 14th December	Christmas Party Days - TBC
Wed 16th December	Christmas Panto
Fri 18th December	School closes for Christmas