



Weekly Newsletter

Living to Learn, Learning to Live



REACH FOR THE STARS

14.05.2021

Key Dates

24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th May
INSET Days.

Week beginning 31st May—school closes for half term

Tuesday 20th July—School closes for summer

SPOT-LIGHT ON

Brook Agency RSE workshop for Y5 and Y6— June

Effort



SCIENCE @ WELLESBOURNE

Since returning to school in March, the whole school participated in Science week.

This year's theme was 'Innovating The Future'. The children enjoyed researching famous scientists and exciting inventions up to and including the present day. The children enjoyed designing their own inventions and supporting their ideas with logic reasons for their concepts-it was great to hear their incredible ideas.

Who knows, we may have the next Stephen Hawking or Marie Curie in school. A huge amount of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning was carried out across the school, through outdoor learning, investigations, researching and various different activities. It was an incredibly successful week and it was fantastic to see all the pupils so immersed, engaged and inspired by science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Here at Wellesbourne, Science is taught on a weekly basis and a total of five units are taught throughout the year. Science can be one of the most exciting and practical subjects, as a result, it is a real joy for pupils. Children love the chance to learn through being totally hands-on and finding things out for themselves — the perfect way to understand the world around them.

How can you help at home?

Ask the children what their current topic is and have a conversation, ask them what they are learning and talk to them about what you know and can find out about the topic.

Why not take a trip to a science museum, a zoo or an aquarium? (You can do this virtually) These don't necessarily need to be completely related to what they are learning about at school, any visit can help their curiosity and engagement with science generally.

Get hands on- look up fun, practical science experiments you can do at home with everyday objects.



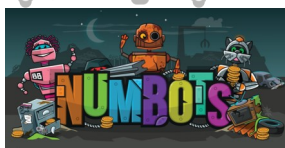
<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/virtual-tour-science-museum>
<https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo-2/>



Isobelle, Annie and Bella (Y2) - 100 minutes this week!
Madison (Y4) for smashing her target each week!
Whitney, Amelia and Riley (Y6) for moving levels
Emily (Y1) for using Lexia at home
Daisy (Y2) 160 minutes this week!



Fastest Rock Speed—Olivia (Y5) 0.89 seconds
Highest Earner—Jade (Y6) 75,998 coins
Most Improved—Madison (Y4) by 2.26 seconds
Star of the Week—Jade (Y6) 8,293 correct answers



Most Correct Answers—Filip (Y1) 835
Most Coins Earned—Cayla (RSR) 6241
Most Minutes Played—Nancy (RSR) 93 minutes

Honest



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBENG
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2021
TAKE ACTION GET ACTIVE

Our theme for Mental Health Awareness Week this year is nature. Spending quality time with nature can reduce stress, balance your mood and help you feel more positive. The important thing is to switch on your senses and really connect – whether that’s noticing nature on your daily jog, or listening to the birds on your woodland walk.
GO TO THE WEBSITE AND FIND OUT MORE

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/events/take-action-get-active>

NATURE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS PROJECT

We are very pleased to announce that we will be taking part in an exciting new project- Nature Friendly Schools.

As part of the project, we will identify opportunities within the school year and across the curriculum to take part in outdoor lessons, activities and games, as well as creating outdoor spaces to enable effective and creative outdoor learning.

The pupils will experience nature close-up, from beautiful butterflies to magnificent mini-beasts, who knows what else we may find.

Last week, 4EB were lucky enough to be the first class to work with the team. Despite the rain, they enjoyed being outside and exploring our beautiful grounds.

Nature Friendly Schools is a ground-breaking project funded by the Department for Education and Natural England, with support from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

We look forward to the whole school getting involved.

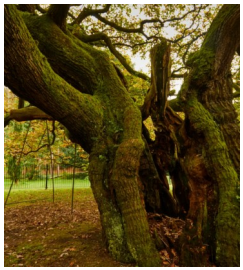
<https://www.naturefriendlyschools.co.uk>

YEAR 4 THE WALK

This week Year 4 walk took them to Calderstones Park.

Calderstones Park is not just another pretty looking park. It's home to ancient megaliths that are said to be older than Stonehenge, this is in fact what the park is named after.

And that's not all, within Calderstones Park visitors will also find the extraordinary Allerton Oak, also known as the Law Oak. It is claimed that 1000 years ago the Hundred Court sat under its spreading branches - the trunk is now hollow and its branches supported by stakes.



Calderstones incorporates the Harthill Botanical Gardens, founded in 1802. Almost 4000 species of plants are on show, brought from all over the world by merchants and other travellers.

<https://www.visitliverpool.com/things-to-do/calderstones-park>



BEST OF THE NORTH WEST UNDER 11'S CHAMPION

Jamie John (Y6) scored 17 goals in 7 matches, playing in Manchester last Sunday 9th May.

Jamie John was picked up by Manchester City and is looking forward to a glorious career.

We are all very proud of him!! Well done Jamie John you truly show our values!

RESPECT EFFORT ATTEND COOPERATE HONEST



Look out for the PSHE page on our website for more details of what we are learning in PSHE.

'There is no health without mental health.'
David Satcher



LUNCHTIME YOGA

Following the lifting of restrictions around extra curricular activities some of our children have been joining in with a yoga and meditation club at lunchtime. They have found it very relaxing and are developing this skill for life—**Living to Learn, Learning to Live.**



ATTENDANCE IS ONE OF OUR VALUES.
ATTENDANCE Superstars last week are **Year 4CL** with 97.3% attendance all week!!
Well done Year 4CL!! (2 WEEKS RUNNING!)
PLEASE try to make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.

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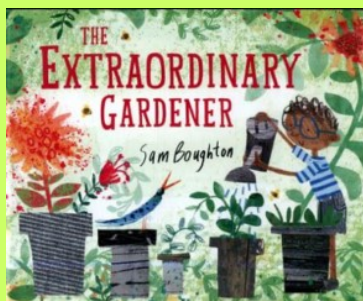
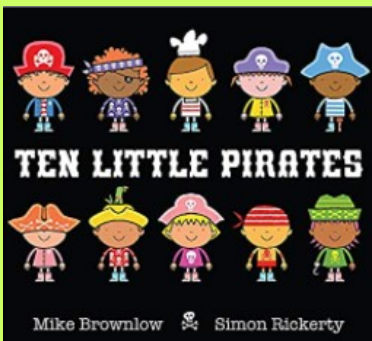
Key Dates

Reception have P.E every Tuesday.
Children are to come to school wearing their P.E kits.

SPOT-LIGHT ON LEARNING IN OUR EARLY YEARS

SPOILER ALERT

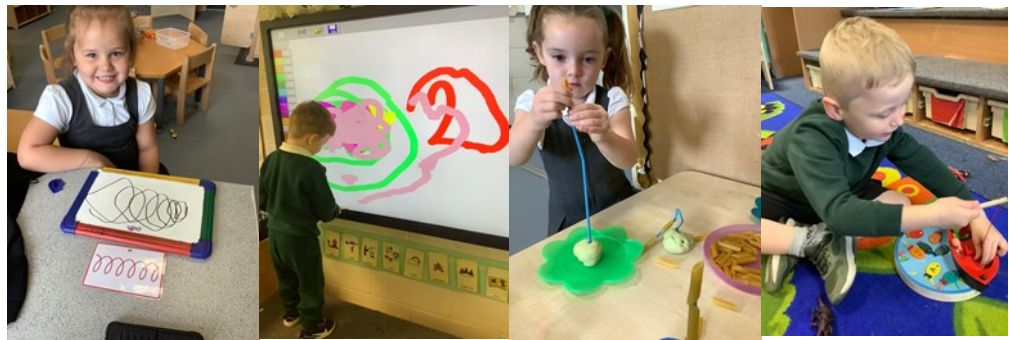
We are reading these books a little bit at a time. It would be lovely if you want to read this book with your child but please wait until next half term when we will have finished the story!
Then you can ask them all about what happens in the book.



IN NURSERY THIS WEEK

This week in nursery the children have enjoyed squiggle while we wiggle practising our gross motor movements and then practising our different lines such as a zigzag line and a squiggly line. We have also been practising our fine motor skills threading pasta on to straws. The children were all very excited to receive invitations for our 'Pirate Party' next Wednesday!

Great work everyone!!



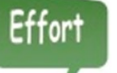
IN RECEPTION THIS WEEK



It has been a busy, but exciting week for Reception. This week we have had some new additions to our classes- caterpillars! Reception have been so excited to take care of them and they are watching them very carefully. They have been recalling the life cycle of a caterpillar and so they are eager to watch the next stage of the life cycle happen.

This week the children looked in Miss Rose and Miss Nesbit's shopping bags, they decided that with the contents inside the bags that we could make jam sandwiches, and so we did- they were delicious. Joe, the boy from our book, wrote a letter to us asking how we made the sandwiches, as he was very hungry.


The children decided that writing instructions was the best way to tell him how to make them, we have been learning about instructions and how they are written in 4 parts. Reception have been working really hard to write their own instructions to Joe, they are trying hard to use their phonics in their writing, as well as remembering finger spaces and how to form their letters. Also this week we have been learning about Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. We read a story about a little girl and what Ramadan and Eid mean for her family. We looked at Eid celebration photographs, and photographs of Mosques around the world. We held our own Eid celebration, listening to traditional music, and making cards and decorations. We enjoyed a platter of fruit and a small sweet treat as an Eid gift from one of our families. Eid Mubarak!



Amazing effort this week everyone!!



Number Day



Last Friday, we took part in a friendly competition involving schools from around the UK for NSPCC Number Day. It was all done online via ttrackstars.com and numbots.com. The children had 12 hours to answer as many maths questions as they could.

Year 6 came 20th, out of thousands of classes, with a whopping 56,899 correct answers - a big well done to them!

Our highest earner across the school was Jade (Y6) with 7,298 correct answers. **Superb work!**



Here are our other winners from across the school.

REN: 1st - Leighton 2nd - Freya 3rd – Dimitar

RSR: 1st - Annabella 2nd - Cayla 3rd - Lily

Year 1: 1st - Filip 2nd – Lily 3rd – James

Year 2: 1st - Jakub 2nd - Holly 3rd - Daisy

Year 3: 1st - James 2nd - Isobelle 3rd - Faith

Year 4: 1st - James 2nd - Ugesh 3rd – Lucas

Year 5: 1st - Olivia 2nd – Sean 3rd - Thakshaya

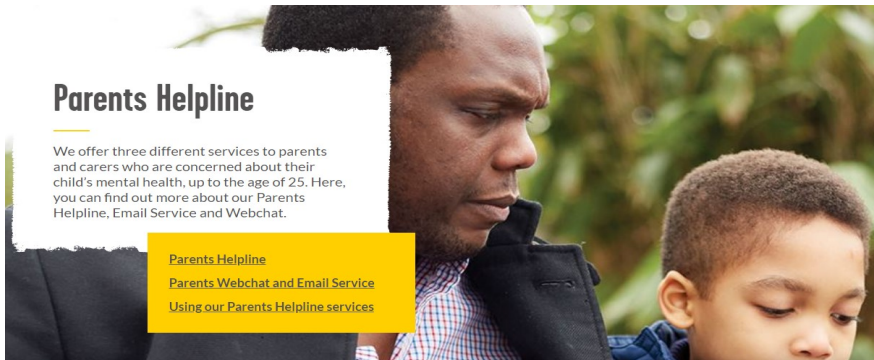
Year 6: 1st – Jade 2nd – Teniola 3rd – George



NOTICEBOARD

YOUNGMINDS

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline>



PARENTS HELPLINE

Call the Parents Helpline for detailed advice, emotional support and signposting about a child or young person to the age of 25.

Call free on 0808 802 5544 from 9.30 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday.

PARENTS WEBCHAT AND EMAIL SERVICE

Parents webchat and email service provides information and signposting to help parents and carers find the information they are looking for with regards to their child's mental health.

Webchat service is open Monday—Friday 9.30 am—4 pm.

Once you are connected, a webchat advisor will direct you to information on the YOUNGMINDS website or signpost you to other organisations that can offer further support. The conversation will last around ten minutes.

Email service is open Monday—Friday 4pm—9.30 am and any time over the weekend.

In order to contact YOUNGMINDS by email you will be asked to complete an online contact form. They will endeavor to reply to your email within 3 working days.

The resources that are sent are written by helpline experts, and feature practical advice and strategies that you can implement.

BIKE RIGHT - CYCLE FOR LIFE

Child Group Cycle Training sessions take place out of school hours (usually in the school holidays). Learn To Ride sessions are for age 7 upwards and Level 2 on-road courses are for children aged 10 and over. All training is in small, friendly groups of 6 children and 2 qualified instructors. Instructors have been trained to operate with compliance to current hygiene and social distancing guidelines. To book your child on a training session a Parent/Guardian will need to book on the website below. Dates available in Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley Area

www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group

These courses are very popular and fill up quickly. If you have to cancel, please do so asap, preferably by calling **0161 230 7007** or email info@bikeright.co.uk and quote your booking reference number.

Please be sure to dress appropriately for the weather!