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Newsletter 17th March 2023

This week we have celebrated British Science Week and the Theme: connections. Over the course of the week, the children have been learning about living things and their habitats, Earth and Space and our connections with the wider world. We look forward to sharing our learning from this week over the coming days.

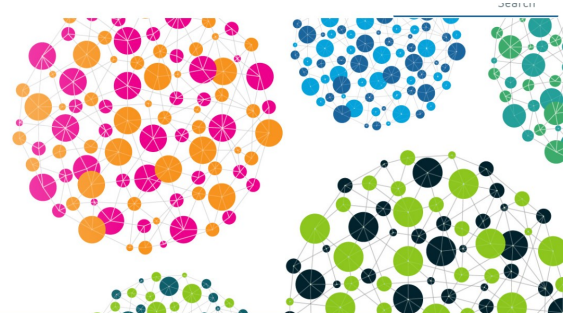
Today we held a Mufti Day to raise money for Comic Relief Red Nose Day. We would like to say a special thank you to CaterEd and Mrs Seaman for their donations of Red Nose Day Biscuits, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We raised an amazing £464.19 in support of Comic Relief so, thank you again for your generous contributions.

On Monday and Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to the Eden Project this week as part of their Biomes of the World topic. It is great to see the children going out on educational trips once again and we look forward to having other opportunities for the rest of the school as we continue into the Summer Term.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood
 Head of School

10-19 March
**British
 Science
 Week
 2023**



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. This year's theme - connections!

Weekly attendance for 13th March - 20th March

The UK Government expectation is 96%. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement .

This week, our whole school attendance is **88.6%**

This week's winners are : **London Class** and **Oslo Class**

LONDON	92.4
NAIROBI	86.3
MOMBASA	89.6
CAPE TOWN	89.0



SAN FRANCISCO	87.6
TOKYO	85.4
SANTIAGO	88.3
CANBERRA	87.4
DUBAI	83.9
OSLO	91.5

Communication and Reminders



We have been contacted by some parents to share that they did not receive email communication yesterday related to the strike day. We use ParentPay to communicate weekly newsletters and important messages with parents, via their email and messaging systems, as well as our booking system for breakfast and after school club and payment for school dinners and educational visits. As a school, 20% of our ParentPay accounts have not been activated. If you do not currently have access to your ParentPay account, please speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Powney in the school office.

We kindly ask that all parents sign into their ParentPay account and ensure that their personal details are correct. We ask that you ensure a mobile number and email address has been added to your account so all future information is received.



Oak Villa Car Park

Following an incident earlier in the week, please ensure any parents using the Oak Villa Car Park take care when driving in, out and around the car park space. This is to ensure that all children remain safe whilst arriving and leaving school each day. We appreciate your support with this to support our school community.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Children arriving at school before 9:10am should do so through the gate onto the playground and through their normal entrance door. For children arriving to school after 9:10am, the main office door should be used to ensure that your child is registered and their lunch choice has been taken. Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:30 and 9am each morning. There will be **no** crossing patrol after 9am each morning.

This main office door must not be used as a drop off point for children in the morning prior to 9:10am, unless there has been an arrangement made with Mrs Catherwood or

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

After half term, EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM is back in our school dinner menu. The menu from week commencing 20th February on a Tuesday will be as follows:

Week 1: Tuesday Menu - 7th March 2023



Hasta La Vista Veggies!

The vegetables have been spotted in the deep dark jungles of Central and South America. These fiendish vegetables have disguised themselves inside your favourite chilli dishes such as tacos, fajita, and nachos. Your mission is to find them, eat them to defeat them and then let out our victory cheer "Hasta La Vista Veggies!"

Chilli, any style

Week 2: Tuesday Menu - 14th March 2023




Feel my power!

Hey, you like pasta? We've heard the vegetables have taken over the pasta. Next time you see pasta, search out the vegetables, pick them out, and then defeat them in the only way possible – eat them, eat them, eat them and then let out your victory cry "Feel my power!"

Lasagna or pasta bake

Week 3: Tuesday menu choice: 21st March 2023

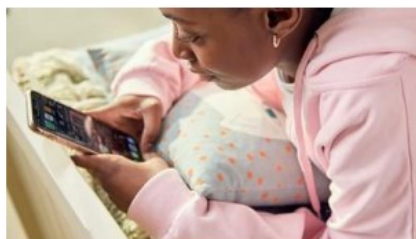


Dig for Victory!

The carrots have tunnelled their way to the centre of earth. You'll need to break through the earth's crust, dig through the steaming hot lava and find the veggies – then eat them to defeat them. Say "dig for victory" and start your journey.

Cottage pie

FREE NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers



The NSPCC is running a series of free **Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers**.

Core Content - The workshops are 1 hour and will help parents and carers to find out about:

- What children and young people are doing online
- Parental concerns
- What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do, and who they meet online
- How to manage these risks as a parent/carer
- Sources of help and support

Each workshop will also focus on a combination of the following topics:

- Gaming
- Social Media
- Online Bullying
- Parental controls
- Mental health and well being
- Modelling good behaviour
- Online challenges, hoaxes and scams
- Persuasive design and screen time vs screen use

We would encourage that a lead professional from your setting is present on the training, so that you are aware of any concerns and can follow up appropriately. You will also benefit from hearing the same key messages as your parent/carer community. However, this isn't mandatory.

For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

Date	Time	Content
22 March	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Mental Wellbeing + Online Bullying
28 March	6-7pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Online Friendships
5 April	4-5pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Bullying + Parental Controls
11 April	7-8pm	Core + Online bullying, social media +modelling good behaviour
19 April	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Parental Controls
25 April	4-5pm	Core + gaming, parental controls & bullying

STRATEGY #6

INSTEAD OF FAST-FORWARD AND FORGET...



...TRY REWIND AND REMEMBER



Some of the teachers across have been reading this book and are keen to share some of the strategies with you. These are things that we will be using in our classrooms and HUTs but also things that the group have used to support their own children and families at home. If you would like further information or ideas to support your child's behaviour please contact your schools Family Support Worker.

Weston Mill – m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk



Early Years Stay & Play

Monday 27th March 2pm

Join your child in our Foundation learning environment where there will be a selection of Easter arts and crafts



Parent and Toddler Group

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy will be starting a Parent and Toddler Group. This group will be run by Maggie Antell, our Family Support Worker, and Emma Palmer, one of our Mealtime assistants.

The group will be held every Wednesday between 9-10am and will start on the 25th January 2023.

Our Parent and Toddler Group will be held in the additional HUT room. Please arrive through the main reception door from the school playground. A member of staff will be at the door to greet you.

Refreshments will be available.





Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

NURSERY

**Spaces are currently available
for 2, 3 and 4 year olds within
our Nursery.**

**We offer 15 funded hours per child,
opening during term time only.**

Me2 funding now accepted.

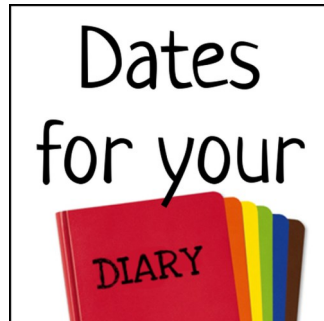
**Please see the contact details below to
express an interest in applying for a
nursery place.**



For more information, please contact the
school on **01752 365250** or email
westomill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

There has been an increase in children bringing toys to school over the last few weeks, including Pokemon cards. Please ensure your child is not bringing toys into school unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school INCO Mrs O'Brien, to support SEND needs or for a class event.



March

21st march - Year 2 SATs Parent Information Session @ 2:30pm

23rd March - Nairobi Class Assembly @ 2:30pm

23rd March - Year 6 SATs Parent Information Session @ 3:10pm

28th March - Canberra Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

30th March - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Session @ 2:30pm

30th March - Year 3 and 4 Fashion Show (Final Destination Presentation)

31st March - Reports sent home

31st March - Spring Term ends

April

17th April - Start of Summer Term

18th April - School Photographs

20th April - Santiago Class Assembly

24th April - Bedtime Story Reading Session @5pm

27th April - London Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our
Facebook page - Weston Mill
Community Primary

**You can also check our website for
latest news, dates and letters.**



BUBBLES
GROUPED BY AGE

5-7 yrs old
8-9 yrs old
10-13 yrs old



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8.15AM - 5.15PM

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