

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Friday 24th May 2024

Headteacher's update

We come to the end of another busy half term! The weeks are certainly flying by and we have another very busy final term of the school year coming up, with lots of exciting things happening. Please keep an eye on social media and the newsletter for important dates!

This week, some children in KS1 attended an A.I.M High Writing event. The children worked with the author Ed Boxall and explored the importance of free writing to explore ideas. They then had opportunities to compose poems in a variety of forms. The children had a brilliant day and came away filled with lots of inspiration for their writing!

On Thursday, the children enjoyed their School Disco - it was great to see the children having a brilliant time together! The children really enjoy these kinds of events so if you would be interested in supporting our PTFA, then please do speak to Michelle Powney in Reception or Mrs Seaman. We are always looking for parents to join our PTFA to enable us to put on events for the children each term. Thank you to all who helped make the Disco happen for our children, it is greatly appreciated.

As we are now finally starting to see the warmer weather, please make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle, hat and suncream.

After half term, we are looking forward to welcoming in parents of Adams Class (Year 5) on Tuesday 4th June, for children to share their learning. On Thursday 6th June, Year 2 are off to the National Marine Aquarium and Year 6 have their Treat Day!

We hope you have a great half term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Mrs Catherwood

Head of School

This week:

Attendance

Celebrating Success

Our Learning

School Uniform

Important Dates

Attendance

We are continuing to strive for our attendance target of 96% and are making some progress to achieving this and ensuring our children regularly attend school to achieve success. If your child's attendance is less than 90%, you will be asked to attend an attendance meeting with Mrs Catherwood. It is important that these meetings are attended to ensure that we are providing the right support for your child to continue to attend school regularly. Our attendance policy can be accessed using the following link: [Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

A gentle reminder to parents that contact **must** be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council. Arriving late for school after 9.10am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Weekly attendance for 20th May to 24th May

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 **91.5%**

This week's winners are : **BOLT Class** and

ADAMS Class

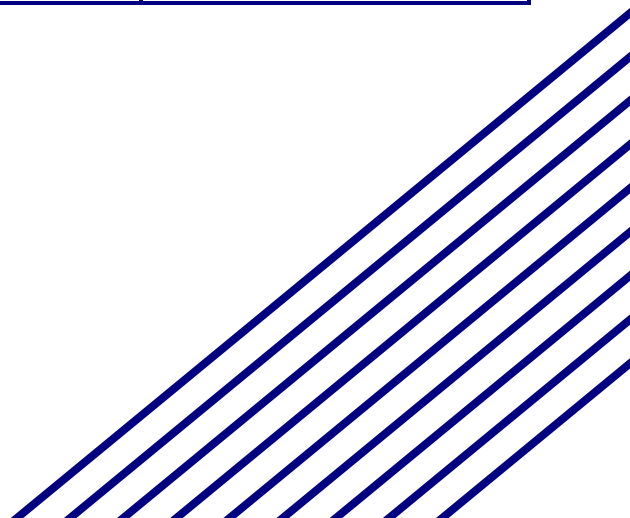
DALEY	90.0%
BOLT	93.7%
EVERSON	90.7%



WHITLOCK	90.7%
AINSLIE	88.5%
ADAMS	94.0%
BROWN	89.0%

Celebrating Success

Year	Value awards	Star Learners
Nursery	Skylar	Oliver
Reception	Stanley	Luna
Year 1	Maiya	Brodie
Year 2	Whole Class	Whole Class
Year 3	Lettie	Archie
Year 4	Louie	James
Year 5	Emily P	Ava
Year 6	Carina	Angelus



Celebrating Success

Key Stage 2 Readers Word Count Results for April

Whitlock Class	6802 Words
Ainslie Class	120,459 Words
Adams Class	880,509 Words
Brown class	68,474 Words

Huge congratulations and well done to Adams class for a fantastic word count last month!



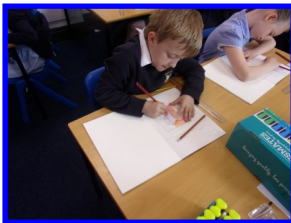
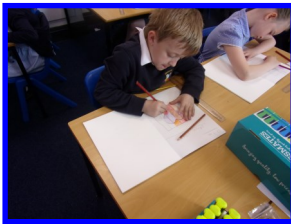
Our Learning

Daley class have loved this terms topic 'Planes, Trains and Cars'. We had a destination day today and designed and made our own vehicles from junk modelling materials. We had boats, cars, diggers, rockets and even hot air balloons! The children showed amazing creativity and perseverance to produce their creations. We are very proud of them all.



Our Learning

Last Friday it was National Drawing Day and Year 3 spent most of their day practicing drawing and creating their own masterpieces. We practiced sketching and then created a still life picture. We also practised how to create portraits and add shading to make them more realistic. Finally, we created some optical illusions by creating 3D pictures. It was a great day!



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. If you require additional items of school uniform, please speak to Mrs Lavers who will be more than happy to help from our spare uniform.

Compulsory Uniform Items

Navy school jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)



White or blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo)



Trousers or shorts, or skirt (mid grey)



School Uniform

Parents are reminded that their child should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days. We ask that children are wearing black or navy sweatshirts to school as part of their PE kit. Children can also wear their school jumper/cardigan as part of their PE kit. We appreciate your continued support and invite parents to speak with Mrs Lavers if they require any support for any items of uniform.

PE Kit

White polo shirt or t-shirt
(with or without logo)



Black shorts



Navy/Black jogging bottoms



Plain sweatshirt
(with or without logo)



Of Possible Interest



SUPPLY PLUS



**PLYMOUTH
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A Unique Opportunity to Work in Education

Teaching Assistant Recruitment & Training

Are you interested in an opportunity that gives you flexibility and choice?

Are you someone who is interested in working with children and young people?

Would you value an opportunity which can help you in your professional and personal life?

If this sounds like you ... read on!

We are excited to be recruiting Teaching Assistants to our highly regarded supply agency. Supply Plus is part of Plymouth Learning Partnership (PLP), a not-for-profit community interest company, which supports children, families and the community through their services to schools. For further information click [here](#).

This is a great opportunity if you have always wanted to gain skills and support children to learn, develop and thrive. If you are a parent/carer with school-aged children this may work well in combining training and employment with hours that suit childcare.

This could be an opportunity for undergraduates/graduates wishing to further their real-life skills or who are interested in working in education or supportive roles with children and young people.

No formal qualifications are required, although there will be opportunities to gain accreditation. All training will be offered free to successful applicants, and will be flexible to promote maximum engagement.

Training will lead to a certification by PLP and the opportunity to join a supportive organisation with a proven track record of excellence across Plymouth schools.

Interested?

Contact us on 01752 784436 or email: supplyplus@plpcic.co.uk to confirm attendance at one of our open sessions on Tuesday 21st May, 11am – 12pm or Thursday 23rd May, 1:30pm – 2:30pm to find out more.

Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

June

3rd June-First Day of Term

4th June- Year 5 Celebration of Learning @ 2pm

18th June- Year 3 Celebration of Learning @ 2pm

18th June- EYFS Sport's Day at 1:30pm (Nursery and Reception)

18th June - NEW Admissions Sept 2024 Foundation Class-Parent Meeting @ 3.30pm

19th June-Key Stage 1 and 2 Sport's Day - 9am to 1pm

19th June - NEW Admissions Sept 2024 Foundation Class-Stay & Play with Parents @ 3.30pm

21st June - Year 4 Class Assembly @ 2.45pm

25th June - Year 6 Celebration of Learning @ 2pm

25th June - NEW Admissions Sept 2024 Foundation Class-Stay & Play @ 9.30am to 11.30am

28th June - School Closed

July

2nd July Year 1 Trip to Dartmoor Zoo

2nd July Bolt Class/Year 1 Celebration of Learning @ 2pm

3rd July Parent and Toddler Group @ 9am

3rd July NEW Admissions Sept 2024 Foundation Class-Stay & Play @ 9.30am

5th July Daley Class Assembly @ 2.45pm

10th July Parent and Toddler Group @ 9am

12th July Summer Fayre @ 2.30pm

16th July Rock Steady Concert for Parents of Performers @10 am

17th July Parent and Toddler Group @ 9am

23rd July Last Day of Term

For June and July click below:

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar](#)