

# Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

## Friday 3rd May 2024

### Headteacher's update

Year 3 had a fantastic day on Tuesday where they had a day immersed in Ancient Egypt. They had a visit from a very knowledgeable visitor who told us all about Howard Carter's achievements. We then had the chance to be archaeologist and "excavate" ancient Egyptian artefacts. They also learnt all about the ancient Egyptian writing called hieroglyphs. The children wrote their name in ancient Egyptian writing and played a game using hieroglyphs. It was a great day full of learning and fun!

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On Tuesday, Year 2 and Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the Theatre Royal to watch an Opera! They stepped into the wonderful world of opera and classical music with Welsh National Opera. It was a wonderful live orchestral experience for the children. The music was brought to life by the world class WNO Orchestra, and a group of sensational soloists. The children heard popular hits including the incredible Largo al Factotum from The Barber of Seville, from Carmen, the infamous Queen of the Night Aria from The Magic Flute, John Williams' magical Hedwig Theme from the Harry Potter film series and more.

Please find a link below to a survey regarding wraparound care. The results from this will inform forward planning for the next academic year. In the last week, we have only had 2 parents respond to this. If there is not enough need for this, we will not be able to continue the provision into the next academic year. The survey will close next week, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We appreciate your time with completing this.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Catherwood  
Head of School

### This week:

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# 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 29th April to 3rd 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 **90.7%**

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

**WHITLOCK Class**

DALEY	92%
BOLT	90.5%
EVERSON	87.9%



WHITLOCK	93.3%
AINSLIE	89.6%
ADAMS	91.5%
BROWN	85.5%

# Celebrating Success

<b>Year</b>	<b>Value awards</b>	<b>Star Learners</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Maisie</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Aria</b>	<b>Evie</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Sophia</b>	<b>Jenson-J &amp; Scotty</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Lucas</b>	<b>Aneya</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tilly</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Natasha &amp; Izabell</b>	<b>Chloe</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Magdalena</b>	<b>Mason A</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Drake</b>	<b>Ivy</b>

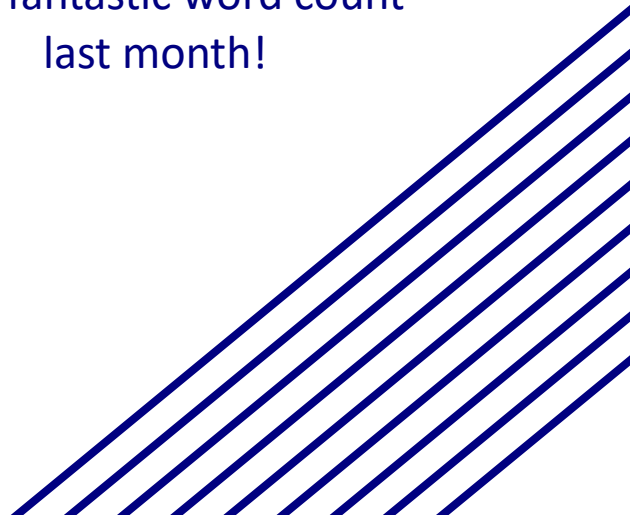


# Celebrating Success

## 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

Over the last week Daley class have been exploring pattern and counting. The children have been using a range of manipulatives and asking questions 'what's the same?', 'What's different?' and 'How do we know?' We have practised counting to 20 and beyond and talking about how the numbers change.



# Our Learning

This term in Year 3 we are learning all about Ancient Egyptians. On Monday, in History, we learnt how Mummies were made. At the end we followed the instructions and created our own mummies!



# Our Learning

On Tuesday, in Year 3, we had a surprise visit. Howard Carter came to talk to us about his achievements and his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922. Not really... as part of our topic, we had a visit from a very knowledgeable visitor who told us all about Howard Carter's achievements. We then had the chance to be archaeologist and "excavate" ancient Egyptian artefacts.

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# 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)



# Important Dates

## Dates for your Diary

### May

- 17th May - Year 1 Class Assembly @ 2.45pm
- 22nd May- Year 1 Parent Meeting-Phonics Screening Check
- 23rd May - PTFA Summer Disco
- 24th May - Last Day of Term

### June

- 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

For May, June and July click below:

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