



Wendover CE Junior School

*Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*
Building Solid Foundations (Mathew 7:24-27)

Newsletter 24.5.24



<http://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web>



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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

This week's theme has been 'Celebrating Difference.' We began by considering what it would be like if everything was the same. We soon decided that difference is important. Not only is life more interesting, but life depends of diversity. The question was then asked: 'If we value difference, why are some treated less well because they are different?'

We then thought about how different ingredients can mix together to create something special. Our weekly reflection was a chance to reflect on the ingredients that might be added to a WCEJS cake – each virtue or value being an important ingredient.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 have enjoyed taking part in the Cash for Kids Fun run today on the field
Children have enjoyed learning about how fossils are formed in Science this week
Children have enjoyed applying their persuasive writing skills to their English work this week - writing a Revolting Menu!

Year 4 children have shown great creativity and invention in writing persuasive adverts for a number of sustainable products. They also thoroughly enjoyed the investigation into melting chocolate during science.

Year 5 enjoyed downloading code onto Micro:bits to turn them into light, sound and temperature sensors. They liked using the Micro:bits to explore the darkest, loudest and hottest areas of school.

Year 6 This week Year 6 has begun their exciting Enterprise Projects. 15 groups have designed, budgeted and filled out order forms for their products. We are impressed with how everyone has got on with the task and look forward to the 'making' process.

School Governor communication

The governors had a wonderful deep dive session on RSHE topics across year groups this week. It was encouraging to see the level of engagement and ideas that were being discussed in the classes. Clear progression in terms of thought processes and reactions to the external environment were evident as we moved through year groups from youngest in Year 3 to the oldest in Year 6. The topics ranged from self-reflections on how we perceive ourselves and how we think the world perceives us to current trending topics like celebrity culture and impact of social media. Year 6 participated in group work which involved drafting election manifestos and party logos for a political party and it was fascinating to watch how pupils responded to the task roles and objectives.

During the debrief session, the governors and teachers discussed various ideas to ensure all the wonderful ideas generated in the classrooms can be appropriately captured and help inform overall progression in the year groups.

Thank you to the teachers who supported the deep dive session this week and to all the children who engaged with the governors as we visited the classrooms during their RSHE sessions.

Priya Govekar – School governor

Young Carers News

Our fun run today has been a great success and the children (and staff) have had lot's of fun!

Each year group has raised:

Year 3	£68
Year 4	£76
Year 5	£65
Year 6	£66

Special congratulations to Class 4J for being the top fundraising class, contributing an impressive £30.

In total, we have raised **£275** for the Cash for Kids charity. More details of the charity can be found [here](#)

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to this worthy cause!



Uniform

If you are replacing school uniform over half term then please remember to check the [uniform policy](#) if you are unsure. If you are replacing school shoes, please do not buy boots, canvas trainers or footwear with contrasting soles / logos as they are not school uniform. Kit can be returned to children much faster if it is named.



<https://plschoollwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/wendover-junior-school>

SEND Q&A session

Have you got a question about Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

The SEND team would like to invite all parents to a Q&A session about supporting children with SEND, at home and at school. You don't have to have a child at SEND Support or with any kind of SEND – all questions are welcome. 😊

The session will be held at 9:00 on **Friday 14 June 2024** in the Bluebird Room.

Please let us know whether you are coming: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk

The SEND team will include Mrs Bartlett (SENDco), Dr Hook (SEND Governor), Mr Kynaston (Headteacher), Miss Doman (Lead LSA for Behaviour and Attendance), Mrs Taylor (Lead LSA for Language and Communication), Mrs Brister (Lead LSA for Cognition and Learning, Mrs Weeks-Pearson, (Pastoral Support Lead and Nurture Group Leader).

Questions must be notified in advance. Please let us know questions, also by emailing to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk, no later than **Friday 7 June 2024**.

Online Safety & Cyberbullying Awareness Course for Parents and Carers

The online world is continually evolving, so it can be challenging for parents trying to keep up with new developments and trends. Keeping our children safe online becomes increasingly difficult to monitor with access to the internet using computers, phones, tablets & gaming consoles.

To support families with online safety, we have organised an Online Safety & Cyberbullying Awareness Course for parents and carers on **Tuesday 11th June 2024** from **7.00-8.30pm**. This will cover a range of topics including cyberbullying, potential online risks and harmful content, fake news and privacy settings.

For more information about the course, please read the attached leaflet “Online Safety Workshop for parents & carers” or visit the Kidscape website. <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/training/online-safety-and-cyberbullying-awareness-for-parents-and-carers/>

To book your place on this course, please complete the Forms booking form by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cSiy2scyMv>

Spaces are limited to 150 people, so please book early to avoid disappointment. The link to join the session will be sent out via email nearer the time.

Mrs West
Computing Lead



“The parent talk was exceptional. Often talks about the internet can focus on the dangers and as parent it is terrifying. I learnt there is so much more I can do at home. Having open conversations and learning from your kids really stayed with me.”

“I thought the training was absolutely brilliant. I found it so informative and easy to digest.”

Weekly House Point totals



630 points

720 points



510 points

660 points



Dates for the Diary

May half term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June	
Back to school	Tuesday 4 th June	
Y4 River and Rowing Museum	Tuesday 11 th June Wednesday 12 th June	Consent/payment due by 31 st May via Parentpay
Class photos (all years)	Friday 14 th June	
Y5 Ashmolean Museum	Wednesday 19 th June	Consent/payment due by 7 th June via Parentpay
Sports Day	Friday 21 st June	
Y6 Activity Week	Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June	Final instalment and consent due by 31 st May via Parentpay

PTA News

Date for the diary

What: PTA meet up

When: Tuesday 4th June at 8:00pm

Where: The Shoulder of Mutton



Wendover Junior School PTA needs => YOU

- 1. YOUR CHILDREN BENEFIT**
 Participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps children perform better
- 2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS**
The PTA shows support for the school, teachers and admin team which nurtures the positive school atmosphere
- 3. YOU MAKE CONNECTIONS**
You get to know the teachers and staff better and make friends with other school parents
- 4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU**
You feel good - it's fun and rewarding 



We are a friendly bunch of parents who meet about once a term (usually in The Shoulder of Mutton). Some of our team have kids in Year 6 and will therefore be moving on to new schools in the Summer...**could you join us and get to know the ropes?** No special skills needed, just enthusiasm! Input can be as much or as little as you can give.

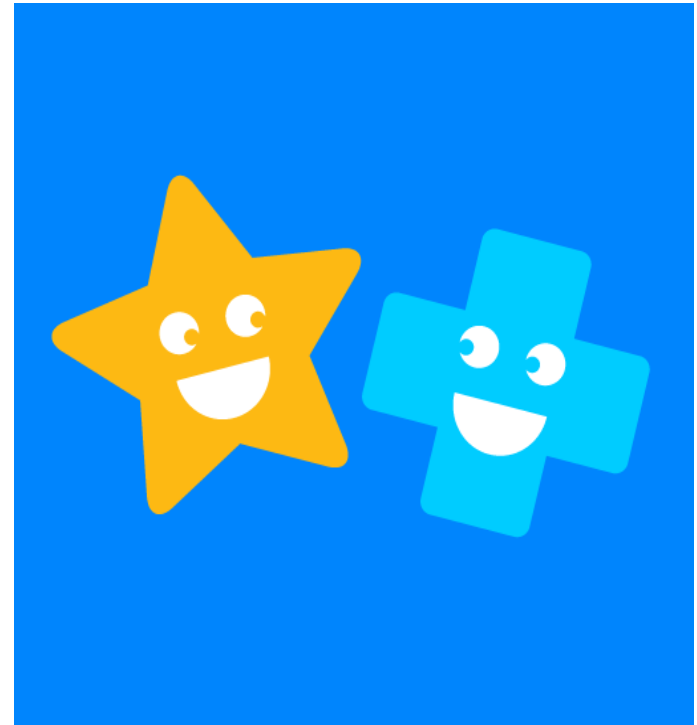
We'd particularly love to hear from anyone who could be our new treasurer - this is a great role for someone to do when and where they like without commitment to events (Key Stage 2 maths is fine!!)

For more information wendoverjuniorpta@gmail.com or admin@WendoverJunior.co.uk FAO Mrs. Brister

Doodle maths

As you know, we have provided online maths learning since September. The expectation is that all children complete up to 30 minutes of doodlemaths each week as extended learning (homework). This increases confidence and fluency, as well as giving them opportunities to develop good attitudes towards independent study.

We monitor time spent on doodlemaths each week. Whilst the whole school progress is good, some children are not engaging. Every child is expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes per week – they can access doodlemaths through most devices. We provide additional support in school for anyone who has not engaged, allowing them to make up their time.



Premier Education Sports Clubs:

Don't forget that Premier Education sports clubs are available throughout the half term! You can still book online (pending availability) and will only pay for the remaining sessions.

If your child hasn't already booked a place for these sessions, we encourage you to do so soon to secure their spot. Spaces are limited, and we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to participate in these enriching activities.

Booking portal: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Key Contacts:

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to our dedicated team:

Venue Manager: Daniel

Email: dbell@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

General Inquiries: Martyn

Email: office-11@premier-education.com

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We look forward to welcoming your child to our Afterschool Wraparound Programme and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.

Fancy learning a musical instrument?

Here is an opportunity for your child to begin their journey in music, and develop life-long skills that they will never regret. At WCEJS we are working hard to provide pupils with more performance opportunities in music, and would love more of our pupils to get involved and learn from our talented peripatetic music teachers.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar



As music lessons are very popular some instruments become oversubscribed quickly but students can be added to a waiting list and offered a place as soon as one becomes available. Please contact the instrumental teacher directly via the email addresses below for further information.

Strings and classic guitar should be made via Bucks Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Drums/Bass/Electric guitar/Piano please email beckfordmusic@hotmail.com

Brass please email rjkitchen@sky.com

Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.