

# NEWS FLASH

### Friday 16th June

#### GUILDFORD IN BLOOM

On Wednesday morning 12 children from across the school met the Guildford in Bloom judges to talk about our entry. The theme was 'King and Country' with a special focus on provision for wildlife in the garden.

The judging criteria was strict with a list of 10 items of which at least 5 had to be shown. The children were very excited and enthusiastic to show off all their hard work. From the Reception children talking about the sunflowers they had



planted to Year 6 detailing the community planting they had undertaken. Forest School children shared all the wildlife provision they had put in place including a new bug hotel, insect drinking stations, the seed bombs and natural bee barrier they had made.

All of the children demonstrated so many of our school values and Mrs Sherlock was very proud of them.

We now need to wait to find out the results!



## P.E. CONSULTATION – WHERE ARE WE? Summary of our consultation

We are grateful to all 122 of you who took part in our online survey. Your input is vital for making decisions that are in the best interest of our students and our school community as a whole.

#### Following an analysis of the survey results, we have identified several key points:

- 1. While the majority of respondents (79.5%) find the current P.E. uniform comfortable, a significant number (73%) feel that it lacks durability and longevity.
- 2. Nearly 70% (68.9%) of you believe that our P.E. uniform needs updating.

#### Given the option to select components of the new uniform, clear preferences emerged:

- 1. Navy was the preferred colour for the uniform, receiving support from 79.3% of respondents.
- 2. More than half of you (54.1%) preferred the hoodie style.
- 3. A navy t-shirt was the favoured choice, with 74.4% voting in favour.
- 4. There was a slight preference for having a logo on the t-shirt, with 41% supporting this feature and 21% not (with 37.7% preferring both).

#### When it came to the cost:

- 1. The majority of you (61%) preferred the lower-cost option for the sports top.
- 2. Similarly, the lower-cost tracksuit was favoured by 52% of respondents.

#### **Next steps**

The governing body has now approved the rollout of the new kit and we are currently liaising with suppliers to ensure that we provide the best possible option in terms of cost and quality and we plan for the new uniform to be available from September 2023. We will be in touch directly with final details.

#### WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been creating special gifts for Father's Day/Someone Special Day this Sunday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our cooking sessions this week, they had the chance to make rocky road for that special person they were making a gift for. They helped staff to measure out the ingredients, mix them all together and finally pour the mixture into containers to set in the fridge. We hope that those special people enjoy the treats that have been made, with love and affection, for them. The children also had the chance to make posters for that special person to take home and hang up to be admired by all. They were helped by the lovely Miss Evans who was with us doing works experience this week, as you can see from our photos the results were fabulous.





Due to it being so hot outside this week, we had our tuff tray filled with water and containers for the children to splash around in and cool down. They all had

great fun filling up tubes and measuring jugs and playing around in the water. Although some may have got quite a bit of water on themselves rather than in the jugs! Please can we remind all parents to send their children in with a hat, water bottle and sun cream, if you would like them to have it on. We cannot put it on for them but can assist them to do so themselves. We do have a constant supply of water for the children and cups available, if they do not have a water bottle. On Fridays the PTA are holding Frozen Friday where children and their parents are able to purchase ice pops after school. If your child attends Night Owls on a Friday and would like an ice pop, they are most welcome to bring in some money and the staff at Night Owls will go and purchase an ice pop for them.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun if it continues to shine. 🕸



#### BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

Hiya everyone, this week has been so exciting for me (Bertie O'Brien). On Thursday I joined the small human beings on the walking bus, we all walked beautifully to school and we did have a few giggles along the way.

The day got even better when I joined Penguins for their choosing time. We all sat calmly and quietly on the floor, being stroked by the children was absolute bliss. I even had a few compliments "you smell like baby powder" and "you are so soft and snuggly "Well thank you!!

In the afternoon I joined the school council in the main Library, we discussed what we are proud of at WPS and what we offer, the list was endless, even Bertie and I got a mention. I am truly stoked to be part of this and will continue joining the school council meetings.

Have a lovely weekend and remember stay safe in the sun. Bertie and Bertie xx

#### **REMINDER – DATES**

| TENTIFE DITE                                                                       |                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June (9.15am start)                                     | Penguins mini sports day      |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June (1.30pm start)                                     | Infant sports day             |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Year 6 induction days         |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                                      | New class letters home        |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                                    | Move up day                   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (Year 5 & 6-9.15am start / Year 3 & 4-1.00pm start) | Junior sports day             |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (1.30pm start)                                      | Year 6 production             |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                                                      | Year 1 – trip to Sayers Croft |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (6.00pm start)                                       | Year 6 production             |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                                                        | Reports home                  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July (3.30pm – 5.30pm)                                      | Summer Fair                   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Year 6 residential trip       |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July (6.00pm – 7.00pm)                                    | Summer Soiree                 |





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This course is administered directly by M:Tech and to register your child's interest please sign up online at <a href="https://www.mtechonline.co.uk">www.mtechonline.co.uk</a> or The M:Tech team on 01483 578114.

Fees are £15.70 per weekly sessions of 60 minutes. Your bill will be adjusted to reflect the exact number of lessons in a term.





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### Schools out for summer!

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