



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Sharon Girling OBE Parent Workshop-Safer Internet Use**

Sharon Girling OBE is a former police officer who retired following thirty years' service. She was at the forefront of a national and international response to online child abuse and developed the processes and procedures that led to the creation of Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. Her final role was as an investigator at the CEOP. Sharon is currently delivering training programmes for schools, Premier League Football Clubs, The Scouts Association, law enforcement, charities and businesses both nationally and internationally. Sharon has been awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen for her services to policing the internet. We're lucky enough to have Sharon visiting school on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, where she will deliver workshops to children and staff. That evening, **from 6-7:30**, she will be delivering a parent workshop should you want to attend.

### **Support-Rise in Bad Language**

Sadly, you will have seen from communication sent out yesterday, we have noticed a significant rise in bad language from a small minority of Year 5 and 6 children. Mrs Woodruff delivered a very informative assembly and in class, we will be reiterating her messages often and if children are found to be using bad language, will use the behaviour ladder accordingly. We hope that you will support us in our mission to eradicate the use of bad language and swearing from our school. Please do reach out to class teachers if you are concerned about this or have any queries. We would also ask you to be particularly vigilant of your children's mobile phones, as we are aware that quite often, this can stem from there. Many thanks for your continued support as always.

### **Mock Assessments-Next Week**

Next week, the children will be sitting some very informal 'mock' assessments. The schedule for this will be as follows:

**Monday**-EGPS & Spelling

**Tuesday**-Maths Arithmetic

**Wednesday**-Maths Reasoning 1

**Thursday**-Maths Reasoning 2

These will be completed in class and will be a valuable way for us as class teachers to further monitor the children's progress and address any gaps in learning. We will also be able to share these results with you at our upcoming parents evening.

### **Times Table Practice**

Moving forward, we will be completing weekly arithmetic practice with the children on Friday mornings, in the lead up to SATs in May. We have noticed a particular weakness across the cohort in recall of times tables, please could we ask for your support in encouraging your children to complete some times table practice at home. Below are some useful links:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>



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This week, we'd like to congratulate the following children who received Golden Leaves:

### **Wrens**

Jude-For showing confidence and resilience in Maths when approaching challenging questions.

Andy-For producing excellent world war two inspired artwork this term.

### **Jays**

Roseanne-For showing empathy and understanding with her narrative for Letters from the Lighthouse.

Bojan-For showing good understanding in science when planning his light investigation.

Sienna-For showing good understanding in maths when solving ratio problems.

### **Kestrels**

Freya-For showing great confidence and independence in your maths this week!

Urvashi-For great creativity and talent in your art work, creating a silhouette of Coventry Cathedral.

Finally, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to catch us on the playground at the end of the day. However, we know that lots of Year 6 children walk out to meet an adult, so alternatively you can email us (no matter how small a question or problem may be!) on the addresses below:

Miss Bennett (Wrens class): [hbennett@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hbennett@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)

Mrs Reed (Jays class): [kreed@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kreed@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)

Miss Sands (Kestrels class): [gsands@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:gsands@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

Miss Bennett, Mrs Reed and Miss Sands