



February 2024 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents/Carers

January's value was creativity and it has been wonderful to see so many children using creativity to produce amazing work; to problem solve by thinking out of the box; to consider alternative solutions and to understand that making mistakes can make our learning stronger. During February, we will be looking at independence and building an understanding of what it means to be independent but also recognising when you need help and being brave enough to ask for it. We will be exploring what independence looks like (academically, socially, morally, financially) and how teamwork and collaboration become skills that can support independence.

Thank you so much for supporting our new 'giving back' scheme which encourages children to apply their values beyond school. As you know from the documentation provided with the January newsletter, we have started awarding children with a special Citizenship badge each time they achieve one of the 'giving back' goals. These goals are graded bronze, silver, gold and platinum, and it is possible for each child to achieve all four badges within one year if they are able to evidence four objectives over four different activities they have completed.

When your child has achieved one of these goals, we need you or another family member to email head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk with the evidence which will lead us to present your child with a very special badge for them to wear with pride on their school uniform each day. Examples so far have included:

- Children helping in the home when flooded (bronze)
- Children litter picking in their local community (silver)
- Charity work benefiting families beyond their local community (gold)
- Those consistently living by their values, at home, in their community, across the country in, a wide variety of ways (platinum)

With values in mind, please can I ask all parents and carers to support me in improving the parking around the school gate. It is so sad to see every day a small but significant group of parents / carers parking inconsiderately on corners, yellow lines, zig zag lines, across drop kerbs and so on. This disrespectful parking is going to lead to a serious incident which means that I am often pulled off the school gate to deal with these parking issues rather than being able to warmly greet each family and deal with any concerns on the way in and out of school. I know from your children that they want to live by our school values and are embarrassed when their parents and carers behave so inconsiderately. Please help me to improve the situation immediately before a child is harmed.

Moving on to more positive news, we were overwhelmed by the engagement of parents / carers at our recent parent consultation regarding our Relationship, Sex Education (RSE) curriculum and the positive feedback we received; we are now convinced that our programme is suitable and ready for delivery. Each year group will inform you when these lessons are going to take place in their weekly emails.

We also welcomed Sharon Girling (OBE) to our schools. Sharon has worked with the children, parents and teachers to reinforce our safeguarding message about keeping our children safe online. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend, we hope all stakeholders found the sessions informative and useful. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

After half term, teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parent Consultations to discuss your child's progress. Meetings are taking place on Wednesday 21st February and Thursday 22nd February. For all year groups, parents will receive an interim report before Parent Consultations which will be the basis for your meetings. We hope you will find these interim reports a useful tool to find out how well your child is doing against the national expectations set by the Government.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher

Value of the month – Independence



Updates & Dates

PARENTS CONSULTATION MEETINGS

As you are aware Parents Consultation Meetings will be held on Wednesday 21st February (3.30pm-6.30pm) and Thursday 22nd February (4.00pm – 7.00pm). **Appointments will go live on Wednesday 7th February via your ParentMail account.**



PLEASE REMEMBER

Please can we ask that you speak to your children regarding the following.

Some children have been banging on the fence of our caretaker's bungalow. This behaviour is causing their dog to become anxious, so we would be grateful if you could support us with this, thank you.

YEAR 5 & 6 CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday a group of Year 5 & 6 children took part in a cross-country event. The children competed well on a tough hilly but true cross-country course. They were all excited and listened well to the instructions given.

Boys set off first with 8 boys in the team - all ran well giving their all. Oliver placed 5th and Austin 7th. Harvey improved 20 places on his previous run there - he was delighted!

Girls were up next, 5 in the team, they needed an extra warm up on the line as the temperature was dropping but again gave their all. Edith was best placed.

The determination to get up the final hill showed in their faces but they all tried to catch the child in front of them.

As always, a great event with Worpleston children enjoying the opportunity to run and represent the school and wanting to know when the next run is!

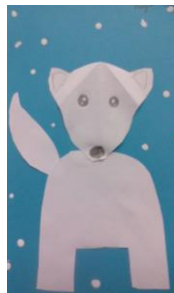
EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have continued our focus on arctic animals. We have been making arctic foxes out of paper plates and creating pictures using paint and paper. As you can see from our pictures by Megan and Sienna they turned out really well. Next week we will be looking at Chinese New Year and making crafts in relation to this.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents that our cut off time for serving food at Early Birds is 8.20 am. This is so that we have time to pack all of our equipment away and have a story before the children head off to their classes.

Next week the junior disco will be held on Thursday 8th February. Therefore, Night Owls is moving in to the Haven for the night. Please can we remind you to make your way through the little green gate next to the PAC, which will be unlocked but kept shut, past the reception classes and the Haven is next to them. There will be a sign post to assist you as well.


Many thanks for your continued support.






Updates & Dates

**Winter Training Dates
Girls' Cricket**



**GUILDFORD
CRICKET CLUB**

THE CRADLE OF CRICKET



First Session 21/01/2024 **U11 & U13**
9am - 10.30am
Half Term 11/02/2024 (NO TRAINING)
Last Session 17/03/2024 **U15 & U18**
10.30am - noon

First 2 sessions are free to attend, all experience levels welcomed
Age is taken from 01/09/2023

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