

# NEWSFLASH

# Fríday 15th March 2024

# LET'S CELEBRATE – WORPLESDON'S YOUNG CARERS

Worplesdon's Young Carers group met on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Young Carers Action Day) to celebrate their success stories and how to look after ourselves using mindfulness. The children all made a sensory bottle and received a goodie bag.



We are so proud of each and every one of the children and would like to take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate them and what they do ③.



### ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

The school staff, alongside the Local Authority, firmly believes that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. We know that every day lost to education can have a serious impact on children's attainment and overall progress in school, as well as their mental health and well-being. Pupils are expected to achieve 100% attendance unless the absence is authorised by Mrs O'Brien. When absence is unavoidable, parents/carers are required to inform the school at the earliest opportunity and by 9am at the latest.

Currently, our data shows:

- Whole school attendance is 94.7%
- 14.67% of our children have attendance below 90% which is regarded as persistent absence
- 1.09% of our children have attendance below 50% which is regarded as severe absence

If your child has met the persistent absence threshold or the severe absence threshold, Mrs O'Brien will have recently discussed the details of their absence with our Inclusion Officer. As a result, parents will receive a letter outlining these concerns and requesting engagement in how we can improve their attendance together.

Let's work together to improve attendance so that every child receives the education they deserve.

### EASTER EGG DESIGN COMPETITION

The Easter holiday is fast approaching and it would not be the same without our annual Easter Egg design competition! This year, this will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please can we ask children to bring their amazing creation to the hall where there will be tables set up, please ask your child to place theirs on their year group table ensuring it is clearly marked with their name and class. This is a great opportunity to be creative but using the humble egg as the heart of their design.

Our School Council will be judging the competition and winners will be announced.

We are so excited to see what comes in, see below for some inspiration for you.







#### **URGENT - SPORTS KITS**

Please can we ask as a matter of urgency, that if your child has ever taken part in a school sporting event, that **any sports kits still at home are returned to school as soon as possible**. We are now running really low, especially the smaller size kits. Thank you.





#### EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

It has been a busy week at Early Birds and Night Owls this week. The children have had the opportunity to enter into a couple of competitions. The first competition was a 'design a red nose' competition which the school council were running. The second competition was a 'design a monster' competition that we have been invited to join by another after school club. It is similar to the last competition we entered where the children designed a pet and the children will get the chance again to have their work published in a book. We will be running this competition for the next few weeks.



This week the children also had the opportunity to paint some lovely spring blossom pictures. We looked at photos of the cherry tree located outside the school office. The children then used the bottom of a drinks bottle to create a cherry blossom effect onto a tree that they had hand painted. The results were very good and the children loved the opportunity to use the paints!





We also became scientists this week as it was British Science Week. The children had the chance to take part in a variety of science experiments that we had out on offer. Our first

experiment was to place a circle of smarties on a plate and then pour some warm water onto the plate. The children then made predictions about what may happen and looked on as a kaleidoscope of colours merged together. The next experiment was to place shaving foam into a glass filled with water. They then used a pipette to drop blue food colouring onto the shaving foam cloud and see the blue rain drops fall from the bottom of it. We also had a dog racing experiment and a fish racing experiment.

Next week we will be beginning our Easter craft activities.

#### FUNDRAISER

One of our families need help to raise much needed funds for a young relative's treatment. If you are able to help in any way, however small, they would be really grateful. Thank you for your continued support. Please see link below:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/billys-birthday-bash/2024-04-20/14:00/t-avopldd



Fairlands Easter Challenge Venue - Fairlands Club and field



#### 11.30am Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Entry Fee: £2 per child taking part

This will be a treasure hunt with a difference. All will be revealed on the day.

Children who know the letters of the alphabet will benefit most. An upper age range of 11yrs has been suggested but all siblings are welcome. It should prove to be a lot of fun.

For the children that enjoy colouring, there will be a colouring competition. There are two printable pictures to choose from. These can be found on the Fairlands Community web page <a href="http://www.fairlands.org.uk">http://www.fairlands.org.uk</a> (or make one of your own choice). These should be presented on arrival.

They will be displayed on a board in the club and an Easter treat will be given to the winners. Please state the child's name on the back and their age on the front of the picture and winners will be chosen from several age groups.

We will also have an Easter bonnet/hat competition (simple, bright and fun). The winners of this will also receive an Easter treat.

We aim to present the prizes between 12.30pm and 1pm in the club (subject to all having finished the challenge).

The bar will be open until 4pm should you wish to take advantage of it. There will be soft drinks available for the children.

Non-members are welcome but we ask for a contribution of  $\pm 2$  per adult for those that wish to use the bar.

We hope to see many families as possible on the day, bringing our community together.



## EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 2024

Tue 2 – Tue 9 Apr Workshops for ages 5-16 Creative Make-up • Stage Combat • Poetry • Treat Factory Drama Workshops ARNAUD

