

Wood End Park Academy

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Message from the Principal

Working for Excellent Performance – Always: WEPA

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February edition of the newsletter. It has been a jam-packed month as you can see from our newsletter and I hope you made it to our Art Exhibition too.

Art is one of the focus subjects for this year and we have seen pupils produce some stunning pieces with focus. We have had a local artist help year 5 with their oil pastel flowers in a vase pictures.



We are continuing our focus on mental health and wellbeing (art therapy is a good idea for our well-being). Pupils marked mental health awareness week in our annual 'lets get a balance week'. We reminded pupils of the strategies to use for themselves and others to keep that balance!

If you find your own child is being affected by anything or anyone at school, please do ask them to write this worry to give to their class teacher. We will help your child to deal with the situation.

The event for the end of this term is: Equalities Week. In this week we will be giving out pledges for the pupils to achieve via their work of this week:

1. to appreciate diversity
2. To have confidence to challenge stereotypes
3. To understand the journey 'equality' has taken but we still have some work to do!

If you have any suggestions for our Equalities Week, please do let us know.

Finally, thank you to parents remembering we are a 'walk to school' organisations. Keeping cars at bay close to the school.

Committed to Pupils Learning

Please note holidays during school time are not allowed. All term time holidays would be unauthorised and you may be issued a penalty notice (fine).

Please also try to arrange all appointments for e.g. doctor's etc out of school hours.

Children being absent from schools means they are missing important learning time.

Events

Year 3 Science Workshop

Last week, the Year 3 children started the new half term by taking part in a workshop hosted and delivered by The Freshwater Theatre Group – entitled ‘Animals including Humans’. First, the children learned about the two groups of living things: plants and animals. Soon after, the children began to consider the features of animals. During these considerations, the children learned about the classification of animals into groups such as mammals, fish, reptiles etc. Finally, the children were able to explore and act out the classification of animals including humans in greater detail. Ultimately, the children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops; moreover the children were able to engage in some truly memorable learning.



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Art and D&T Week

Just before Half Term our Amazing Artists and Daring Designers of Wood End Park took part in another very successful Art and D&T week. From Year 1, all the way to Year 6 some truly breathtaking creations were produced. The children worked on brand new projects using their previous learnt skills. The topics for each Year group were: Year 1- Collages, Year 2- Animal Puppets, Year 3- Weather Maps, Year 4- Moving Playgrounds, Year 5- Bake Off and Year 6- Aboriginal Art.

Here are just some of the Masterpieces:



Art Exhibition

Do you want these masterpieces up close and in real life?

On **March 7th** all students will have the opportunity to show off their brilliant work in our WEPA Art Exhibition which will take place straight after school at **3:30 until 4:55pm**. Each visitor attending will be given a gallery leaflet to allow them to observe all the masterpieces around the school (From Early Years through to Year 6). Children will show off their work but visitors will also be given the opportunity to create some artwork themselves!

Lets get a Balance Week

On the week beginning 6th February 2023, 'Let's Get Balanced Week' took place at Wood End Park Academy. This also coincided with Children's Mental Health Week which led to many engaging activities within our school! Children from as early as Year 1 to Year 6 took part in different activities to showcase their knowledge and raise awareness of different mental health strategies and techniques to help themselves and others around them. The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week was 'Let's Connect'. This was streamed into all our well-being activities throughout the week and the message that was clearly sent to all pupils at Wood End Park Academy.

Year 1 began with an activity of sorting different symptoms to look out for and ways that people may think, feel and behave. They then discussed how this can be seen in others and what makes good in mental health and good physical health. Children were then able to discuss how these overlap and the importance of a good balance in both. Pupils then completed an activity with the theme 'Let's Connect' by getting a string and joining it from one person to the other. This showed how each person connects to others and how we are all connected if we just express how we are feeling. It is important for children as young as four years old to be able to understand that they are not alone and there are people that they can trust and share their thoughts, feelings and concerns with.

Year 2 learned about resilience and also about how people can demonstrate their feelings of wanting to connect through different actions. Pupils discussed, through a much-loved story, how somebody was looking to connect with another, but their choice of actions or expression of feelings was not recognised. The children then played a game about resilience and learnt how to try again in different ways when trying to express their feelings and worries to another.

Year 3 focused on a well-being activity to ensure that children within classes were connected to each other and understood each other - even though we have a great range of diversity within our school. Pupils played bingo where they found characteristics, traits or hobbies that were similar between children in each class and they shared these thoughts, feelings and ideas to form new bonds and friendships.

Year 4 had a great focus on how people are connected through diversity and celebrated how differences make us unique yet there is common ground between all. We discussed how family occasions and religious festivals are celebrated and looked at commonalities between each. Finding that there was a great overlap was a fantastic opportunity for children to be able to connect and share stories and ideas and feelings about such events. They then moved on to how children and adults and elderly can connect because they all have the same common goal of working in a community. It was important for children to understand how crucial it is that we connect with those around us and not just peers of similar age groups. There is a commonality between a lot of members of the community and children discussed how to connect with one another and build bonds.

Year 5 had an interesting form of expression by connecting through dancing and singing! The children followed moves to dance to the song 'We're All in This Together' and demonstrated how each person plays a key role in being able to connect and form the end outcome of a dance. Children then could discuss how dancing and singing with one another made them feel and the importance of connecting and collaborating with others. They were then asked how they would carry this forward, and many children relayed the fact that they could connect through dance and song in outside clubs, at home, or even within PE lessons!

Year 6 had the important task of identifying strategies and skills that are required to connect with others. Children had to research and create a guide to be able to help others connect by doing things such as eye contact, facial expressions, gestures, finding common interests and celebration of backgrounds. Pupils also had the important role of discussing what to do in any case when they feel disconnected from others that they once felt connected with - particularly strategies on how to overcome this or to cope with this instead.

The well-being of activities that took place on Children's Mental Health Week, during the week of 6th of February 2023, was one that was greatly important and hugely recognised within our school. Pupils of Wood End Park Academy have come into sessions with a great abundance of knowledge, and have left with strategies, techniques and new ideas of importance in connecting with the world around us.

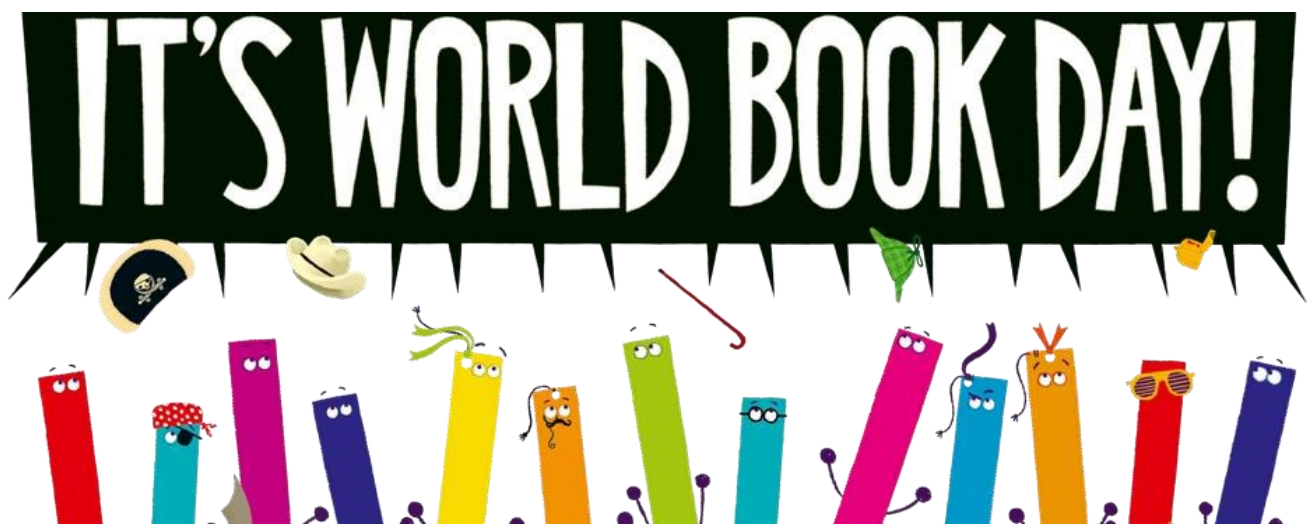
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Citizenship Club

There is an exciting new buzz around Wood End Park Academy! We have begun our Active Citizens of WEPA club which consists of Years 3 and 4 pupils taking part to actively change not only the school, but the community around them.

Meeting on Thursdays, children from Year 3 and Year 4 are working hard in identifying different issues and concerns within the school and the community around us. Pupils have met to discuss the growing concerns of issues such as the cost of living in our community and also looking within our school as to how we can confront and solve these situations. Children visited different classrooms, conducted surveys with different teachers, and even spoke to the premises team on what is needed to help our environment within Wood End Park Academy. All the research is prepared to be used when we begin! Children will be doing things such as; regular checks within classrooms to ensure that electricity is being used appropriately, creating posters for information about how to recycle within our school, strategies and tips on how to reduce waste, speaking to Ms Johra about what concerns the pupils, and the headteacher's take on what still needs to be done. These are just some of the many things that children will be having a say in when it comes to being a member of the Active Citizens of WEPA club.

Members of the club are now looking to uncover different issues within our local district. We have begun gathering data and information - including interviews with different members of staff onto what their concerns of the local community are. Children are then taking this into account and formulating a plan to help develop our community for the better. Some different concerns the children have referred to are; animal cruelty, food waste, safety on roads in our local areas, as well as pollution in our local society. Children are actively recognising the problems in their surroundings through research and news and are soon to come up with solutions very soon! Active Citizens of WEPA is a great club that promotes ownership and responsibility of children in their community and encourages them to take part in helping in their area as they are members of the locality as well. Pupils have a voice and we are ensuring they use it for making a difference!



This year we will be celebrated World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March 2023**

Children dressed up as their favourite story book character.

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On **Friday 17th March 2023** we will be supporting Red Nose Day by having a non-uniform day

The theme for this years Red Nose Day is Mr Men



We are asking everyone to dress up as their favourite Little Miss or Mr Man and bring a donation for the Red Nose Charity. We suggest a donation of £1

We look forward to seeing our Wood End Park Academy Mr Men and Little Misses!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2023 COMPETITION

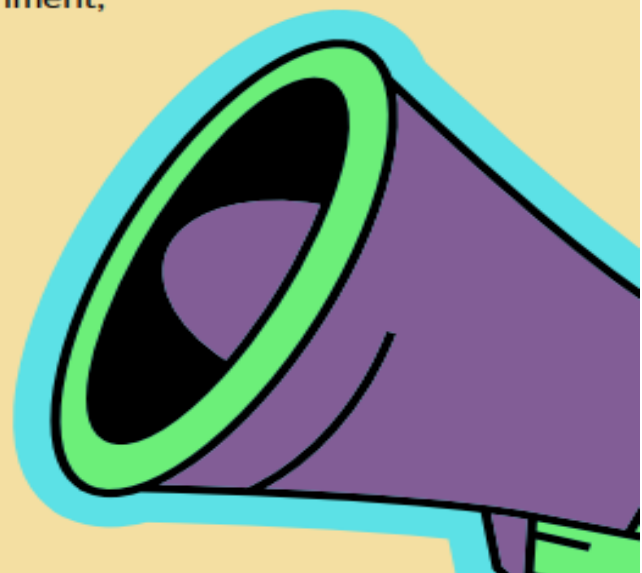
The theme this year is '**Connections**'. There are lots of STEM topics that could be explored! How about exploring how our body parts are all connected and work together, the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment, or even how internet connection has changed the world.

**CALLING ALL
SUPER
SCIENTIST!**

Design a poster of your choice to be in on a chance to be entered for the British Science Week competition and win an amazing prize!

The closing date for entries is at 3pm on Friday 24th March 2023.

All entries to be given to Mrs Haban before the deadline.



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Website: www.bmyouth.co.uk
Email: bmyouth15@gmail.com
Contact numbers: 07507 487 716
07939 422 470

Holiday Camp will be taking place during the Easter Holidays.

More information to follow.

Please see the comments below from Parents whose children have attended the Christmas Holiday Camp and February Half Term Holiday Camp

All sessions are Fantastic

Fun , engaging and happy sessions for all children of mixed ability to participate and enjoy

First of all I want to say thank to every teacher they do really hard job. This very enjoyable and challenging for all kids. They are very happy with everyone. Thank you so much for giving the chance.

I think these clubs are very fun with a vast variety of activities which the kids love. Anything new would be a bonus

This is really enjoyable and for the activities

The sessions were well organised and my son had the chance to participate in few sports. The staff were professional and my son enjoyed going to the camp every day. We will be joining future activities. Thank you

It's really good for our kids because sometimes kids are very bored in the house in holiday time camping is very important for kids activity that enjoy too much. THANKS again BM Youth for give the opportunity. Thanks to all of teachers for giving good times to our kids. Thanks 😊.

My child enjoyed coming to the Christmas BM youth camps he liked the mixture of sessions and said it was good to be able to do other things along the sports they played. He liked the trip to goals too.

I find that is a very good opportunity for children to spend their energy

It is very good that there are sports youth camps. Children visit them with great pleasure when the coaches love sports and children, when the coaches prepare interesting activities for the children.

Information



Please note all payments must be made on parent pay. If you pay for your child's school meals, please check their accounts regularly to ensure funds are available for the meal.

Money should be on their parent pay account, before they order their lunch in the morning



Please provide your child with a named water bottle for school. No glass bottles allowed.

Proper hydration allows pupils to focus better and stay productive longer.



WEPA APP FOR SCHOOL UPDATES

We are aware some parents have still not downloaded the school app. We will be communicating important information throughout the Year via our app, so it is imperative all parents and carers download this at your earliest convenience by following the steps below:

Step One:

For Apple devices please use

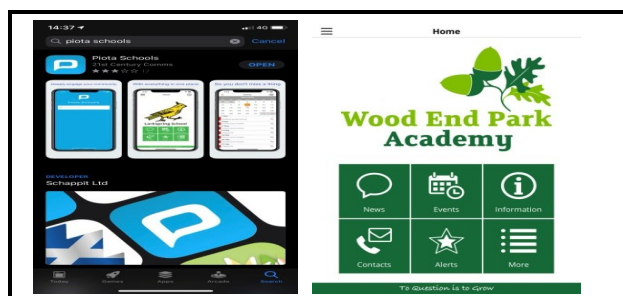
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For Android devices please use

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Step Two:

Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'



Spring Term 2023

Term Starts Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half Term Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023

End of Term Friday 31st March 2023 at 2:30pm

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts Monday 17th April 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Term Ends Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 2:30pm
For children

*Staff Development Day - Thursday 20th July 2023

*Staff Development Day - Friday 21st July 2023

*Pupils do not attend on these days

Please note holidays taken during term time will not be authorised.

You will be liable to submit a payment (fine) to the local authority.