

Wood End Park Academy

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September 2022

Message from the Principal

It has been a wonderful start to the year. It has been pleasing to see how smartly pupils have been dressed for school in their full uniform. It makes such a difference and pupils have risen to the expectations of their WEPA status very well.

A reminder that jewellery is not allowed except stud or small hoop earrings. We have had pupils wearing colourful wristbands in school which is not allowed.

I hope your child's PE days have been confirmed with you. Again, the pupils are representing themselves well with their uniform PE kit—either plain blue or with logo.

One area the academy is not performing well is in the attendance. Congratulations to 4TA and 5JR who gained 100% attendance in one week.



We are waiting for the other classes now! Or will 4TA and 5JR gain another week.....

Parents, please support with the drive to have amazing pupil attendance at WEPA.

Thank you to parents for ensuring your child joined into our History Day. It was lovely to see pupils promoting history with their dress up.

A big thank you to everyone who helped support our Jeans for Genes day on Friday.

Emergency Contacts

It is important we have up-to-date contact information for your child—just in case we have to contact you. Do ensure you have returned the contacts information sheet even if there are no details to amend. More importantly please change any information that is now out of date.

It has been noted that many children are arriving for school late and are also being collected late after school has finished. This is monitored and could result in a member of the Senior Leadership Team meeting with parents. Children need to be in school before the gate closes promptly at 9.00am and be collected at 3.20pm at the end of the day unless they are attending boosters or clubs

Events



Year 2—Great Fire Of London Workshop

What an exciting way to begin year 2! *The quality of the workshop was excellent as it was a hands-on session tailored to year 2 objectives, in which every child in year 2 had a role in the unfolding events of September 1666. The workshop leaders all had great charisma and character and the children were with them all the way.*

Through the use of costume, the children immersed themselves in the story of the Great Fire of London, and took steps to stop the spread of "fire" along a row of houses. **It was excellent to see that children and adults played a part and it really brought the topic to life!** All staff and children LOVED the workshop!

"The smoke was so real! I thought I was in Pudding Lane!"
Maryam Q. from 2MJ



"The children were totally engaged from start to finish. They all thoroughly enjoyed being Time Travellers going back to 1666. We are at the start of our topic and the session has been a brilliant start to this term's work. This is the fourth time I have booked this workshop for this topic."

Mrs Mohamed
Year 2 Team Leader



Year 3 Stone Age Workshop

This week, the Year 3 children were delighted to take part in a Stone Age workshop hosted and delivered by the The FreshWater Theatre Group.

First, the children were sent hurtling back in time, to the Palaeolithic period in history; where the children revelled in exploring the life of early nomadic hunters and gathers.

Soon after, the children began to consider what life was like during the Mesolithic period. The Time Travelling children looked at developments in domestication of animals and advancements in tool technology.

Finally, the children were able to explore and act out the development of fishing using boats, Iron Age tool production and settled agricultural farming. Ultimately, the children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops; moreover the children were able to engage in some truly memorable learning.

Mrs Johnson

Year 3 Team Leader



Events

Year 5—Victorian Workshop

The year 5 children got to experience what school life would have been like as a child who went to school in the Victorian era. The workshop was excellent and gave the children a good feel of the challenges of school life and the type of lessons they learned.

They were surprised about how strict the teachers were in the Victorian times. How children were not allowed to smile, smirk or laugh in class unless it was school related.

For maths lessons, they had to use an abacuses. If they tried counting using their fingers, they would be told off for this, as it was considered unacceptable.

Year 5 could not believe children did not have a choice to be left or right handed. All children were made to write using their right hand.

All the children agreed that it is better to be the age they are and attending school in this era than it was in the Victorian times.

The children were immersed in the experience more so than they would be watching videos or listening to teachers. This helped them greatly and inspired their first piece of recount writing in year 5.

Mrs Gill
Year 5 Team Leader



Events



History Day

On Friday 30th September, all children in years 1 to 6 celebrated our annual History Day. Each year group had their own dress up theme to coincide with the topics they are studying this term. Children engaged in fun and practical activities during the day.



Year 1— Toys

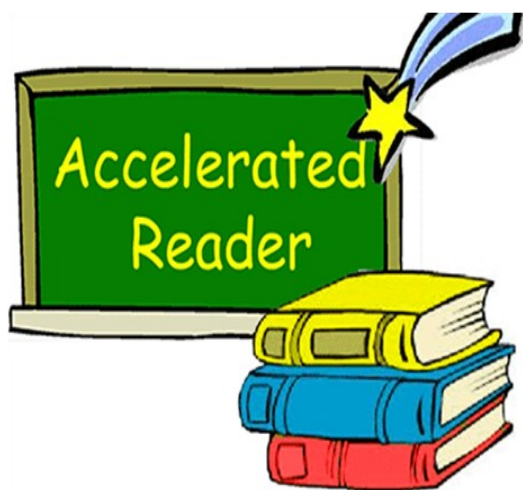
Year 2— Great Fire of London

Year 3— Stone Age and Iron Age

Year 4— Mayans and Benin

Year 5— Victorians

Year 6— World War 2



Remember to encourage your KS2 children to read their ZPD levelled book at home so that they can complete their quizzes in school! Each pupil should be completing at least one book every fortnight to make good progress in reading.

Higher marks in the quizzes not only improves their comprehension skills but puts them in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes at the end of the term!

Keep your eye on Home Connect too so you can see how much your child is progressing in their reading. To log in please use the same details as your child does to log in to the system in school.

Website: <https://Ukhosted87.renlearn.co.uk/6706054/HomeConnect>

Information



WELL BEING

At Wood End Park Academy, we make sure every child is happy through supporting the emotional, health and well being of our pupils.

Each class has a well being ambassador to empower a group of young people to lead wellbeing initiatives that provide peer to peer support in our school.

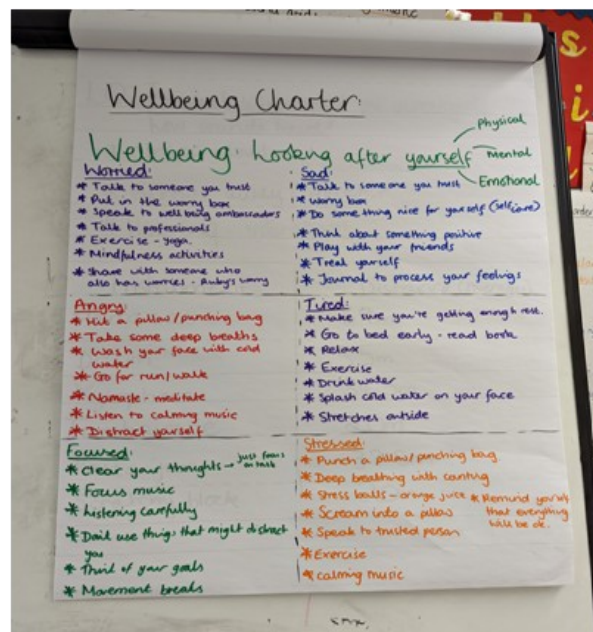
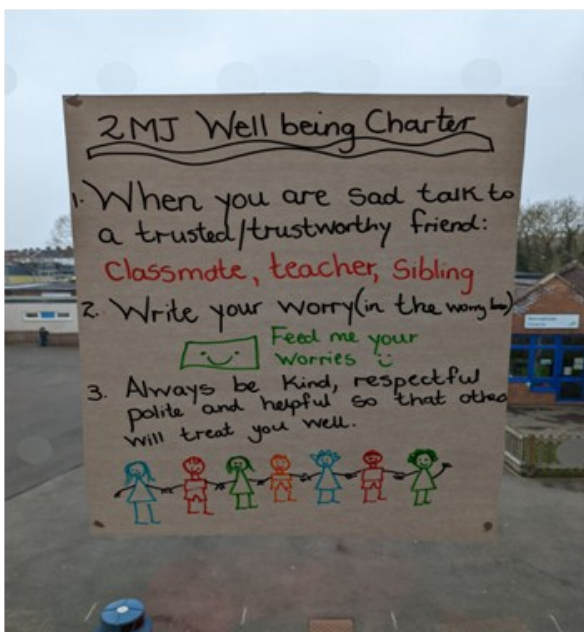
We understand that certain life experiences can make pupils and staff vulnerable and they may need additional emotional support. We ensure pupils and staff have the right support available to them to ensure they enjoy their experience at WEPA.

The role of the Wellbeing Ambassador

The role of the Wellbeing Ambassador was decided by the team and is listed below:

- 1) To spread happiness and peace throughout the school.
- 2) To welcome new children and staff to the school.
- 3) To be kind, caring and helpful towards others.
- 4) To always treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

The well being ambassadors take a lead on their classes feelings and emotions and check with each child each morning and place them on our well being chart. From this, they know who to support each day to ensure everyone is feeling happy and safe in school! In addition, each class has a well being charter created with the class to promote the well being.



Information



Impact Sports and Chromebook Sessions

We are super proud to introduce our 'Impact Sports and Chrome book sessions' that have been running on Saturdays. Children have thoroughly been enjoying their Saturday mornings bettering themselves in all areas of sport and fine tuning their skills in using Chrome books. This half-term Children have completed: fitness tests, Team building activities and learning the fundamentals of various sports (Football, Basketball and Dodgeball).

In addition, Mr Skipp has been working extremely hard with children to build on their knowledge and skill in specialised sports such as Squash, Golf, Badminton, Table tennis and Archery. Children have picked up these sports very well and it has been a pleasure to see all children smiling about the new sport they have learned.

The Chromebook sessions have proved to boost children's skills in using google slides, google keep and Jam board. *"I found my work easier to complete in class as I Learnt how to use google keep. Google keep is where I kept all my notes from the lesson- It's really cool as you can transfer the notes onto google doc"* stated a Year 5 child.

I am ever so proud of all the children that get up early on a Saturday to come to school with the mind-set of bettering themselves in various areas, which helps them in and out of school.

Healthy Body – Healthy Mind.

Mr Bansal



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 metal bottle allowed.

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



WEPA APP

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

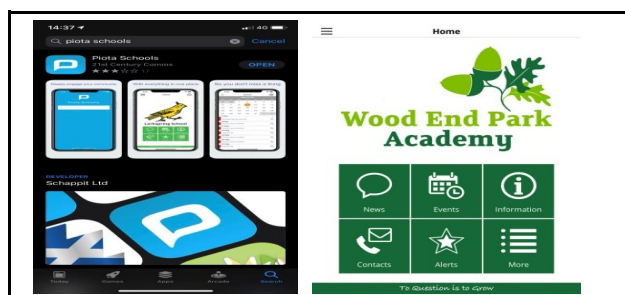
<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/piota-schools/id1333103848?mt=8>

For Android devices please use

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.schools&hl=en_GB

Step Two:

Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'



Autumn Term 2022

*Staff Development Day - Thursday 1st September 2022

*Staff Development Day - Friday 2nd September 2022

Term Starts Monday 5th September 2022

*Staff Development Day Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022

Term Ends Friday 16th December 2022 at 2:30pm

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

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