

# WOOD END PARK ACADEMY: CURRICULUM UPDATE

Welcome to our Curriculum Newsletter. What a month June has been! We kicked off the half term with our **Jubilee** Celebrations. The children dressed in red, white and blue; learnt about the Queen and her 70 year reign; completed artwork linked to the Queen. We ended the day with a Jubilee Picnic- thank you to all our families who attended. It was a lovely event.



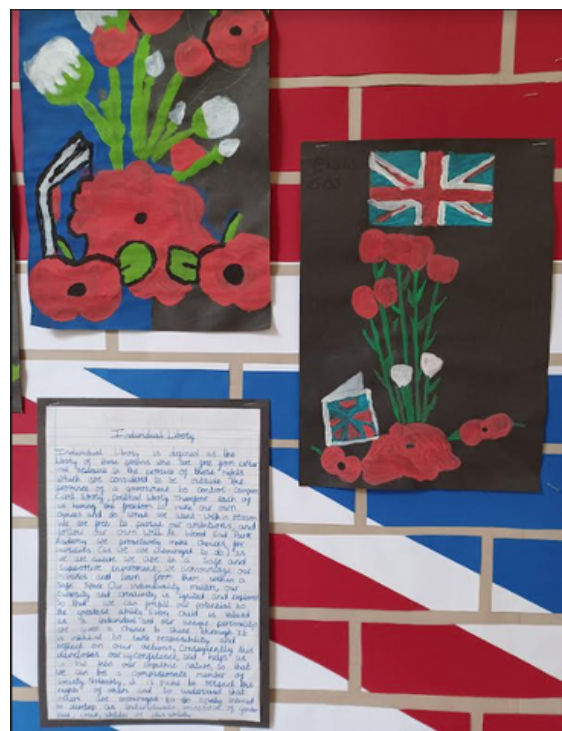
"It was very fun and a very nice idea to have all the families around. It gave us a chance to catch up with parents we haven't seen in a while." one parent said.

On 10th June, we celebrated **Values day**. We explored the 4 strands of the British Values: Democracy, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law and Mutual Respect and created art work linked to them.

The children enjoyed the day.

"We learnt about the importance of mutual respect and used symbols and flags to create art"

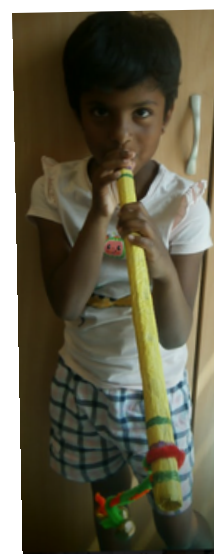
You can find out more about British Values in the Curriculum section of our website.



On Saturday 11th June, a group of 20 performers (from Y4,5 and 6) performed at James Elliman Academy, Slough for **Celebration Saturday**. Senior Leaders, Governors and special guests from all 8 Academies in the Trust attended. Our performance was spectacular- Through the Decades: a compilation of dance and singing to songs from every decade the Queen reigned. The children represented the school impeccably.



On Tuesday 21st June, WEPA celebrated **World Music Day**. Many children came to school in costumes inspired by their favourite musicians or music in general and took part in class activities such as choosing their favourite class song. Many also entered two musical competitions- a whole school musical instrument making competition and a song writing competition for KS2 children. There were some amazing and creative entries! Year 2 and 6 also got to enjoy special global singing assemblies where they sang or danced pieces of music from around the world. The whole of year 2 dancing a huge New Zealand haka was a particular highlight! Overall, it was really great to see our children showcase the musical soul of WEPA.



WEPA won their **Year 6 Athletics competition** on Monday, the 27th of June, breaking a few Federation records too! The team competed against seven other schools in the Federation. The events that took place were:

- 60 metre hurdle
- 75 metre sprint
- 150 metre sprint
- 400 metres
- 600 metres
- Relay boys/girls



This is the first time that Wood End Park Academy have won the Federation athletics. It was held at Thames Valley Stadium, in front of all the year six pupils and principals of the schools. A fantastic event to be part of!

On 28th June, we opened our doors to host a **Geography Exhibition**. Each year group showcased their Geography learning and set up activities for families to take part in. People were painting flags in Reception; sorting Geographical features, animals; using maps to locate countries; guessing where food, items of clothing were from and taking part in competitions- who can find the most rivers in a set amount of time?

Everyone enjoyed the day and some of our parents said:

"It was great for us to come into the school and see the classrooms and learning! We always picture what they are doing and now we know!"

"I can't believe how much they are learning- especially Year 5 on the chrome books. My older daughter did this in Secondary school!"

Some of our children said:

"I loved Reception because we got to paint flags- this is where my gran is from."

"Year 5 was fun and I can't wait to learn on the chrome books."



## OUR LEARNING

Nursery

In Nursery the children have enjoyed Learning and discovering all about Under the Sea.

We looked at the different sea creatures under and above the sea (Jellyfish , seahorse, crabs, turtles ,fishes and Octopus)

We have been reading the book "Sharing the Shell by Julia Donaldson". This has given us an opportunity to learn about new vocabulary such as anemone and rock pool.

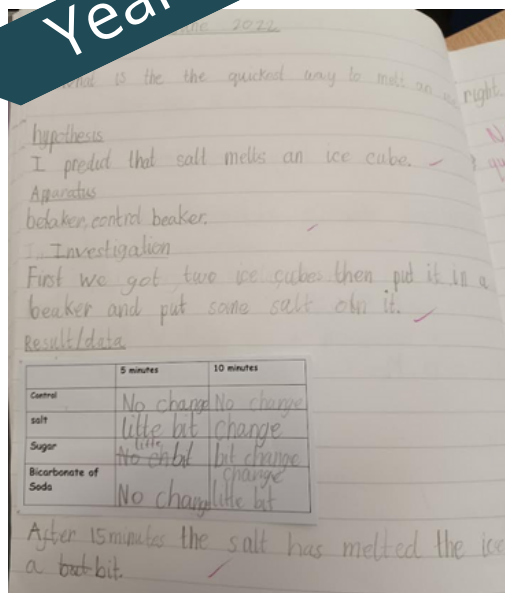


For the Reception outdoor investigation area, children were given the opportunity to explore foods from different countries as part of our week 2 theme - traveling to other countries. This included foods like pasta, chapati, naans and other breads.



## Reception

## Year 1



This term, year 1 focused on scientific enquiry skills and linked them to our current unit which is seasonal changes. We learnt about a range of scientific apparatus and had the opportunity to use some of the apparatus in our investigation. The question we were investigating: What is the quickest way to melt ice? This was linked to how our roads are kept safe in freezing winter conditions. We conducted an investigation, recorded our results and came to a conclusion. We made sure the tests were fair by having the same amount of everything we were testing.

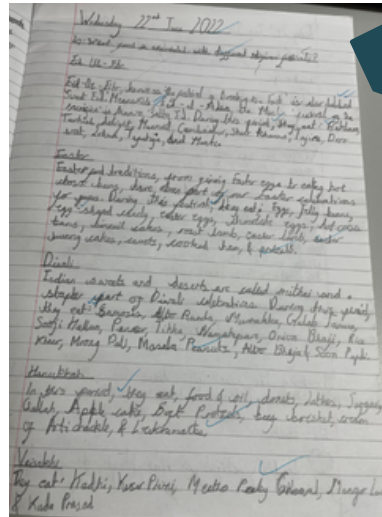
## Year 2

Last term, Year 2 enjoyed making healthy sandwiches. All the pupils designed their sandwiches by choosing healthy ingredients such as brown bread, cucumbers and sweet corn. In the end, they also evaluated the sandwiches with their peers.

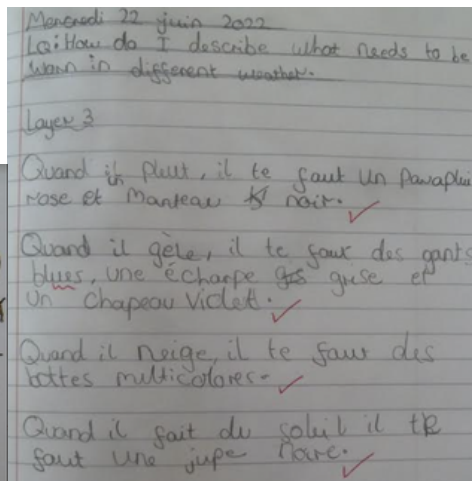


This term in Year 3 we are developing the themes previously learned in RE. Religious communities use food to celebrate and commemorate events and religious concepts. The piece of work here shows our exploration into how foods are used in a variety of festivals.

Year 3



Year 4



In Year 4 French, we learnt weather phrases at the start of the year and have been revisiting this language regularly - when describing animal habitats and, more recently, when describing the clothes we need for different types of weather. Children have also been encouraged to use colour adjectives wherever possible in order to practise adjectival position and agreement.



In year 5 Geography, the children are taking part in Fieldwork. They have used their chrome books to study the local area, identified issues and planned their own enquiry. They have ventured into the local area to carry out their research: Barra Hall Park, Hayes Town, Lake Farm Park, Hayes station. They collected data and made observations of the areas ready to present their work.

Year 5



During the last half-term, Year 6 students were creating adverts promoting tourism to a country of their choice in Computing. They were using a video editing software called Filmora, a video creation and editing application developed by Wondershare. The students were given a brief, and to prepare for their tasks they decided on a theme, drew rough sketches of their vision and then planned their frames.

After the planning stage, they used Filmora to bring their vision to life by creating a video using clips and sounds from stock and using animations, transitions and lettering where they deemed appropriate. The outcomes? Fantastic, professional-looking adverts promoting global tourism that wouldn't be out of place if they appeared on TV at home!

Year 6



This half term, we have completed an internal **Science review**. In our reviews, we look at the teaching and learning of Science. The children spoke very passionately about their Science learning and had a good level of subject knowledge. Please encourage them to complete their quizzes online every week as this helps them remember their learning.

## Upcoming events

**Futures week**- w/c 4th July: children will be learning about options for the future and looking at their aspirations and goals.

**Culture fest**- July 12th: join us for our annual culture festival celebrating cultures in our community.

**Sports days**- w/c 11th July: look out for dates for your child's sports day.

**Bastille day**- 14th July: celebrating our French curriculum and learning more about France.