

Newsletter Issue 5 May 2024

Dear Parents,

With Term 5 nearly behind us, can I encourage you to look at our diary dates section in this newsletter or on the school website as there are a number of new and traditional events in the calendar which you wouldn't want to miss. We have our Year 6 residential in June, where myself, Mrs Taylor-Brant and Mrs Wride will be in attendance. Miss Watts assisted by Miss Corbyn will be in charge during our absence, although we will be contactable by e-mail.

On Monday 10th June parents are invited to come into the classroom with their child at any time between 3.15 and 4.30pm to look at their children's books and see what they have been learning in class. The class teacher will be present in the room, but there are no presentations, so attendance is welcomed at any time to avoid mass congestion and noise!

Classes for 2024/25 will be announced on Friday 14th June in preparation for the class swap over days a couple of weeks later. Mrs Wride (SENDCo) and myself will be meeting shortly after half term, once classes and staffing have been finalised, to start the transition arrangements for pupils into their new classes and rooms.

Our Reception children for 2024/25 will be starting their transition arrangements during June and July and we look forward to welcoming them and their families to Wanborough. Like many schools across Swindon this year, we currently have spare places in our Reception class for 2024/25.

We are looking to advertise the fact that we have spaces so we will be marketing pro-actively in the coming months. As pupil numbers significantly impact a school's funding allocation, everybody benefits from a full school. In Years 1-6 we are largely full, with waiting lists for some years; however, many parents have mentioned that there's a perception that Wanborough is always full, which we'd like to dispel with your help - word of mouth is a great marketing tool.

Finally, on behalf of the staff at Wanborough Primary School, can I thank everybody for their hard work and support this term and wish everybody a lovely half term. In particular, Oak Class deserve a relaxing break after their SATs last week!

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 3rd June.





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Wanborough Primary School Football results

Well done to the school football team who managed to play all of their league games during Term 5, after many postponements earlier in the season due to the bad weather. The team had to play all their games away from home, so I'd like to give a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave their time to transport the children. I'd also like to thank the Swindon Town Football In The Community team who kindly offered their facilities at Foundation Park to help us out.

The whole squad should be very proud of their efforts, finishing in joint second place in a league where there are some large primary schools to play against. Congratulations go to Jacob (captain) Joshua, Ben, Flynn, Savannah, Dehain, Neo, Jay, Theo, Aden, Oscar, Harrison, Jack, George C and George S for a super season.

The results were as follows:

0 - 2Wanborough Wroughton Wanborough 1 - 0The Croft (Harrison) Wanborough 2 - 0Lawn (Jacob, George S.) Wanborough 10 - 0Holy Rood (Jack x3, Harrison x2, Savannah x2, George S x2, Ben) Wanborough 5 - 4Lethbridge (Jacob x2, Savannah, Dehain, Harrison) Wanborough 1 - 2Chiseldon (Harrison) Wanborough 3 - 0Drove (Jacob, Harrison x2)

The final league tables can be found at:

Swindon P.S.F.A Swindon Primary Schools Football Association - Primary Schools' Leagues (swindonpsfa.org)

Wanborough Primary School Fantasy Football League 2023/24

Congratulations to Tom Mannion who has retained the trophy – winning for the second time. His team, Whisper It Quietly, finished 35 points ahead of the twice-previous winner Matthew Illing's Haven't Jota Clue. In third place came Drussers Dreamers, managed by James Drury. Mr Large was the highest placed member of staff with Saka Doo Doo. We will start a new league in August and will send the link to all stakeholders in due course.



Diary Dates:

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Tuesday 4th June Y6 Junior Good Citizen

Tuesday 4th June Y3 Hindu Temple Trip

Tuesday 4th June Water Safety sessions—whole school

Monday 10th June Parent learning celebration

Wednesday 12th June New Reception (2024) parents evening

Friday 14th June PTA Non uniform day

16th - 21st June Year 6 Residential to France

Thursday 20th June Teddy Take Over (Details below)

Friday 21st June Rags2Riches PTA

Tuesday 25th June School Photos (class photos and Y6 Leavers)

Wednesday 26th June Sports day

Thursday 27th June Class swap over day

Thursday 27th & 28th June Y6 Ridgeway Transition Days

Saturday 29th June PTA Fete

Wednesday 3rd July Back up sports day

Friday 5th July Reception Class Aquarium trip

Wednesday 17th July Year 6 Production 1.45pm and 6.15pm

Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service 6pm

Tuesday 23rd July Year 6 Lake Trip (Details to follow)

Thursday 25th July School Closes at 1.30pm (No After School Club)

PE days for Term 5/6

R - Monday and Friday

1 - Tuesday and Wednesday

2 - Monday and Thursday

3 - Thursday and Friday

4 - Monday and Friday

5 - Tuesday and Thursday

6 - Tuesday and Thursday

TD days for 2024/25:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 21st October 2024

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Monday 24th February 2025 (Blue Kite Acade-

my Trust Collaboration Day for all staff)

Thursday 24th July 2025



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Year 5 Debate Competition

Over the past two terms, children from both Years 5 and 6 (Isaac, Darcey, Evie, Jack, Alex, Charlie, Zara and Freddie) have been working hard to develop their debating skills in our Debate Club. They have been developing their understanding of persuasive devices and using powerful language choices to convey a message and debate their viewpoint. This led to our Year 5 children preparing for a debate competition within The Blue Kite Trust.

In March, Evie, Jack, Isaac and Darcey prepared a debate arguing against the statement, 'It Would Be Good to Be Famous'. They worked hard to shape their argument and build their case, with support from others in the Debate Club before placing as 'Runners Up' in the first round. This Thursday, at Brookfield, our debaters competed in the competition final with Lethbridge, Brook Field and Freshbrook. Although they didn't win on this occasion, they debated confidently and answered some challenging questions from the audience, representing Wanborough brilliantly throughout the whole process. They were also commended for their brave choice of topic and their decision to argue 'against' their statement, as it is always challenging to persuade others to reconsider their viewpoint.

A huge well done to all of those involved over the past few months, particularly those who were brave enough to stand in-front of a room of parents to share their thoughts on an interesting subject – you should all be very proud of your achievement!

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Scarecrow Trail 2024

The theme was **Fairytales and Fables** and was raising money for Wanborough Primary School PTA and Brighter Futures (50% each).

We were thrilled to see so many families out and about in Wanborough.

The final calculations have been made and we are very pleased to announce that the total amount raised is

£2,620!

so £1,310 will be donated to each of our two charities. Here are some members of the organising team making the presentation to Brighter Futures at GWH.





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http://www.wanboroughprimary.org/uniformpolicy.html

Uniform

With summer around the corner many children will be wearing our summer uniform which is as follows:

Summer options:

- Yellow and white striped/checked dress with white socks
- Black/grey pinafore, skirt, culottes, trousers or shorts with black/grey socks/tights
- Yellow polo shirt
- Black sweatshirt/cardigan
- Sensible black shoes or black/brown (with black/grey socks) or white sandals (with white socks). No flip flops will be permitted.

May I remind parents that jewellery should not be worn except earrings which should be flat/stud in style and watches/fitbits. Smart watches, chains, bracelets and rings are not permitted. Long hair should also be tied back for PE lessons.

Water bottles

With the hopefully warmer weather on the way, it is a good time to remind everyone of our policy on drinking during school time. The following is taken from our Healthy eating policy:

- 1) Drinking water is provided in all classes, and children are encouraged to drink water sensibly.
- 2) We recognise that children learn better when they are kept hydrated during the day and so all children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to keep in the classroom. Children are not allowed squash inside their bottles due to the sugar content and its effect on teeth when a meal is not taken with it. Squash may however be drunk at lunchtimes. Fizzy drinks are not permitted, however, smoothies, fruit juice and similar drinks are fine for lunch.

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3) The school has a water fountain to hydrate children during lunch and break times.



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Sophie in Y3 took part in race for life and raised £230 for cancer research!



Ayda cut just over 14inches off her hair and donated what was cut to the Little Princess Trust. The charity makes real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair for a variety of health reasons. We think her new style looks super cute.

Value of the month for May — Perseverance

In May we will have focused on the value perseverance as a school. Perseverance can be difficult but can help achieve skills and things that are worthwhile. As a family you could discuss times where you've had to show perseverance to achieve your goal. As a school, Year 6 have shown excellent perseverance this month during their SATs.



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On Saturday 11th May Keanu and his Highworth Team mates, had the chance to play on the STFC pitch in a tournament. In the first game they lost 1-0 but had an amazing come back winning all their remaining games and reaching the final.

The boys lifted the trophy winning 2-1 2

Well done Keanu and the rest of the boys!



Clara recently took her LAMDA exam with Little Voices Swindon.

Not only did Clara take her first exam with them and pass - but she got a Distinction grade with a whopping 95%

LAMDA Group Introductory Stage 1 - Distinction (95%)



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The Wanborough Wasps Girls U7's took part in their first ever tournament on the 14th April it was held in celebration of girls and woman's football.

The tournament was actually an U8's tournament and they played against four other U8 teams and won every one of their matches. The tournament was held at Foundation Park before the Women's Wiltshire FA cup final.



On a very warm Sunday in early May we also saw some of the Y1 Wanborough Wasps girls join the Y2's at their first tournament, which was an U7's and U8's tournament at Wootton Bassett.

Two children from Year 1 class joined the Year 2 girls in their first tournament, where they faced five competitive teams and got a good win under their belts. We are so proud of all of the girls and we are excited to see what the future holds for them



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Kupa brought home the gold medal today at the South West Gymnastics Tumbling Competition representing Swindon School of Gymnastics for Club Grade 2.

Back in March, Kupa also won Silver for Trampette Level 4 at the Swindon School of Gymnastics 3 Piece Invitational Championship against much older competitors from clubs in the county.



Eva applied for, and received, her Blue Peter music badge



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Isaac raced at Ascot during the Easter break and came 4th in his race of 12 starters.



Well done to Martha for completing her Badge 5 at Evoke Gymnastics.







It has been a busy few weeks with the PTA. It started with our inaugural planning day, where we looked that the events we do, and the events we would like to do, what the school would like to raise money for, and what experiences would be good for the children and ended in a lot of brightly coloured post-it notes and a committee who is looking forward to the year ahead.





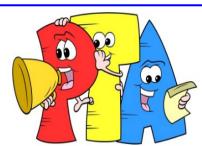
One of the items that that the school has asked us to raise money for is the replacement of the SMART white boards in each of the classrooms. These are aging and are not working as well as they could be, plus there must have been huge advances in technology since we last purchased the boards. We of course would love to find this, and have said we will, it is thought that replacement and installation of all the white boards in all the classrooms will be around £10,000 so as always, every penny counts. So every time you buy a beer or some food, play a game, buy a ticket, have your face painted or get a tattoo know that the money you have given us will go towards these white boards or other valuable experiences.

Talking about spending the PTA raised funds recently we have spent some of the funds raised in ensuring that all the children had first aid training from the **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**. The children enjoyed the workshops and were thoroughly engaged in the age-appropriate skills and information. We feel the training that they received was invaluable, and we hope they came home and told you all about it. In addition to this earlier in the year to celebrate Science Week we used some of the PTA funds to purchase Science Workshops for all the Children which we are told they loved, as well as purchasing some Lego sets for Lego therapy.

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Back to raising money, last week on Friday evening we invited the KS2 children and their families to our Summerfest disco. We know it is still spring, but we were hoping that our summer theme disco would help to bring on some summer vibes, and we believe it worked, after rain (some particularly heavy) earlier in the week and a prediction of rain on the evening, we did not see one drop, it was lovely and warm. The children all appear to have a great time dancing to the tunes of DJ Woodman, munching on freshly cooked woodfired pizza, eating sweets or some drinking some strange looking bubble drink and having their face painted or hands covered in Henna or tattoos, the adults also appeared to enjoy our "adult creche".



We managed to raise a huge £1,191.89. Thank you so much for buying a ticket and spending your money!! A huge thanks also must go to all of the ex-pupils who came back to help us. It really means a lot to us, and it is always lovely to see your faces. What are you doing at the fete? Thank you also to all the people who offered their help. These events would not run without people volunteering and we would not be able to raise any money without them. To anyone just enjoying the festivities at any of our events please can you help us by placing your own rubbish in the bins provided.



We would also like to thank the organisers of the Scarecrow trail for choosing us as one of the charities benefitting from the Scarecrow trail. Thanks to them and everyone who made or hosted a scarecrow, who bought a trail, and/or refreshments from the village hall or the school, or any person or family who volunteered to sell the refreshments. The PTA were given just over £1,300 and wasn't the trial just fantastic this year?

Our planning is now ramping up for the <u>Summer Fete</u> on the <u>29th of June 12pm – 4pm</u> make sure it is in your diaries!! Everyone is invited! At the fete there will be a BBQ provided by The Harrow, lots of other food and drink options, stalls, games, raffles, Feteball football tournament (letter attached), entertainment, Glamarose cakes, sweets, inflatables the list just goes on and on. It is definitely not an event to miss. The fete is our biggest fundraiser of the year and this year we are hoping for beautiful weather and lots and lots of fundraising! In order to put on such a big event we need a lot of volunteers. Please consider volunteering by yourself or as a family (we know our kids love running the stalls), just think if every family volunteered just half an hour, we would be able to run every stall we wanted, and everyone would be able to enjoy the event too.

If you are able to help us out please email contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org or look out for the signing up form at sports day. If any ex-pupils wish to volunteer, we would love to have them too.

We hope you all have a lovely half term, and if you are thinking about having a big spring clean remember our next **Rags2Riches4Schools** collection is on the **21.06.2024.** Bags of clean good condition clothes, bags and shoes will be collected before 9am on the morning of the 21st. You can use any clean plastic bag to store your donation in.



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Holburne Primary Schools Newsletter - Spring 2024

THE Holburne

Hello from The Holburne Learning team,

We are delighted to share two exciting and (completely different?) contrasting exhibitions this May: Mr Doodle - Museum Mayhem - a doodled takeover of our spaces paired with small sculptural works of Henry Moore.

As well as a rich programme of school workshops we will also be hosting a number of free family activities so please help share word of this with your school communities.

Wishing you all a great term, Louise & Anna

Exhibition inspired workshops - available for a limited time!

KS1/2 Discovering Mr Doodle £140 2 hours

Available 7 May – 30 August 2024 Workshops are available for up to 32 pupils per class

- Discover contemporary artist and internet sensation that is Mr Doodle! Experience his installation with interactive gallery
- Enjoy a fully taught, hands-on, fun and playful creative workshop in which each child will make their own mini doodle sketchbook, brimming with drawings and doodles created through exciting games and prompts
- Work collaboratively to create mass doodle artworks in groups, taking inspiration from Mr Doodle to think big and bold, working beyond the sketchbook

Self-led visits available to book! All under 18s go **FREE**

Contact us education@holburne.org www.holburne.org/learning/ Exhibition inspired workshops - available for a limited time!



KS2 More, More, Moore! £175

Available 7 May – 6 Sept 2024 Workshops are available for up to 32 pupils per Pupils will:-

- Discover works of renowned sculptor Henry Moore, exploring his artworks and other 3D sculptures in the Holburne collection through gallery activities
- Learn about sculpture materials and processes used by Moore and other makers throughout history
- Enjoy a fully taught, hands-on creative workshop in which each child will make their own mini abstract form sculpture using natural objects, wire and modroc inspired by Moore's masterpieces

Regular workshops inspired by the collection - available all year round!

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