Weald News

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Week 3

Newsletter is back

We have had a great few weeks back and time to settle into routines of their new classes. It has been great seeing how much our returning children have enjoyed being back in school and watching our newest members of the Weald family come through the gate, gaining in confidence and the support shown by the rest of the school.

Walking in through the gate

As we end week three, I would try and encourage where possible your children to enter through the gate in the morning on their own. Independence is one of the school's character qualities but also supports the process of leaving their carers in the morning. We do also appreciate that some children require extra support in taking to the door however can I please remind parents that our teachers at this point are teaching and so should not be disturbed. If there are any important messages for the teacher, please do speak to myself, the office or leave a message on Class Dojo. No parents should be entering the classroom at this point, in line with our safeguarding.

PSHE Topic for the term

Our topic for PSHE assemblies this term is 'Anxiety' and children have been investigating what the emotion means to them, both helping themselves but also looking out for signs in friends and how we can support them. The children have been set class tasks, looking into the different mechanisms for anxiety, how we can combat it, and understanding that everyone feels it!

Welcome Evening

Thank you to all those who could make the welcome evening this week, we also understand that after school does not always help every family. Before heading to the classes I spoke to everyone about welcoming new families to the school and emphasising the importance of strong community partnerships, home-school partnerships, emotional wellbeing, character education, and a sense of belonging in helping children grow into confident, resilient and compassionate individuals who are ready to succeed in school and beyond. At the classes the teachers spoke about their individual timetables and routines and how at each stage we develop your child/children to reach the next class or school. Teachers will and have made these PowerPoints available on class Dojo for those who could not attend and are happy to discuss any items if you would like to get in contact.

Special guest in assembly

On Friday we welcomed **James Parker**, a football performance analyst, who introduced children to the world behind the game of football. James showed how football analysis combines **sport, mathematics, data, technology, observation, communication and split-second decision-making**. He explained how analysts study penalty-taking habits, including whether players are more likely to shoot left or right, and how this information can support goalkeepers during major competitions.

The children discovered that football involves far more than PE. It also draws on **computing, statistics, psychology, teamwork and problem-solving**.

Weald is great – written by a former year 6

Here at Weald, everyone is treated as family.

Here at Weald, we can bring out our personality.

Here at Weald, it's so cheerful and bright.

Here at Weald, the teachers are so nice.

Here at Weald, everyone is your friend.

Here at Weald, happiness has no end.

Here at Weald!

Week 3 - continued

Around the Classes

Kingfishers(y6) This week, they have enjoyed exploring *Oliver and the Seawigs,* developing an understanding of negative numbers and mathematical language, learned about Spanish cities, investigated Shang Dynasty bone inscriptions in history, and enjoyed reading with our reception buddies.

Badgers(y5) This week have enjoyed reading Goth Girl and a ghost of a mouse, understanding place value to 100,000, testing properties of materials and starting Basketball lessons with Sevenoaks School.

Swans (y3/4) This week they continued reading The Wild Way Home, comparing numbers, drawing electrical circuits and exploring their topic of the Stone Age.

Otters(y1/2) This week continued to read Storm Whale, looked at place value, explored maps in their topic local history, and did some amazing blackberry painting in forest school.

Hedgehogs (YR) This week the children continued to gain confidence in and around school as well as exploring different letters and sounds in phonics. They have also been working hard at recognising number in maths.

Headteacher award – each class has a child nominated for a headteacher award for great work, character and achievement in school. They receive a certificate and a chance to all come to my office for a celebratory hot chocolate or juice. Well done Neve in Otters, Josh in Swans, Jake in Badgers and Isabel in Kingfishers.

I would also like to share week 1 and week 2 winners. Year 1/2- Bodhi, year 3/4 –Angelique, year 5 – Margo and year 6 Richie-Rae. Week 2 winners were: In Year R – Harry, Year 1/2- Freddie, year 3/4 – Althea, year 5 – Millie and year 6 Mae.

'wow work' of the week. The teachers nominate an outstanding piece of work that can be shared on our notice board in school to celebrate their fantastic work. This week well done to Isabel in year 6, Noah in year 5, Ronnie-Joe in year 3 and Rowan in year 2.

Well done to week 1 and 2 winners - Arlo in year R, Joseph in year 1/2, Ralph and Oliver in year 3/4, Rory, Jake and Florence in Year 5 and Maisie in year 6.

Thanks as always for all parent support with school, if you do have any queries regards to your child's education at Weald, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Taylor

Up and coming events:

Monday 21st Sept – Rugby Festival @ Sevenoaks RFC

Monday 28th Sept – Hockey tournament @ Hollybush Sevenoaks

Wednesday 30th Year 3/4 trip to Kent Life Museum

Wednesday 30th KS2 sports leaders @ Sevenoaks school (4 children)

Friday 2nd Oct – year 1/2 hockey festival

Monday 5th Oct year 3/4 Hockey festival

Wednesday 7th Oct Provisional Harvest Festival service date (awaiting confirmation)