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Headteacher's Message

We had an entertaining start to the week with our Hello Yellow Assembly on Monday to raise awareness of National Mental Health day. The hall was brightened by the yellow accessories that the children were wearing and Mrs Bourne and I somehow ended up in a competition for who can wear the most yellow things. This was based around our allocated team of children correctly asking questions on a yellow theme. It made everyone laugh and I don't wish to boast but my team did end up being the winners (just). This was a fun introduction to a day of activities that helped children understand the importance of having positive mental health and knowing some strategies for supporting this. There is more information about this detailed below.

It was a pleasure to welcome our first group of prospective Reception parents on Wednesday morning and show them around our lovely school. We felt very proud when speaking about the strengths of our school and whilst showing it in action. As always, I spoke for a little too long which meant that some of our tour involved a view of playtime! The children did their school proud with their politeness and positive attitudes. They really showcased the Walton Oak Way.

Well done to our pupil leaders who were excellent role models, answering questions and pointing out aspects of our school that they thought were important for parents to consider when choosing a reception place for their child.

We look forward to welcoming all of our current parent community into school next week for parent consultation meetings. I hope you have all booked a slot with your child's class teacher. These ten minute meetings provide an opportunity to meet the person who spends many hours with your child every week, so they can provide insight into their social, emotional and academic development in school. If you haven't yet booked, please see the information below for details of how to do this on Scopay.

There were also more selections for important leadership roles being made this week in year 6. The Senior Prefects will soon be joined by a wider team of Prefects and will be able to put together their rota of responsibilities.

House Captains and Sports Leaders are next on the list! Listen out for news of our first House Competition of the year, coming soon.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

Secondary School Applications

Don't forget the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024 is 31 October 2023. Applications can be made here: www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.



Reception 2024 Open Day Tours: Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October, 9.30-10.30am

We have more tours arranged for prospective Reception parents. The next two are coming up after the half term break. Details of these and the booking link are available on our website:

<https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/>



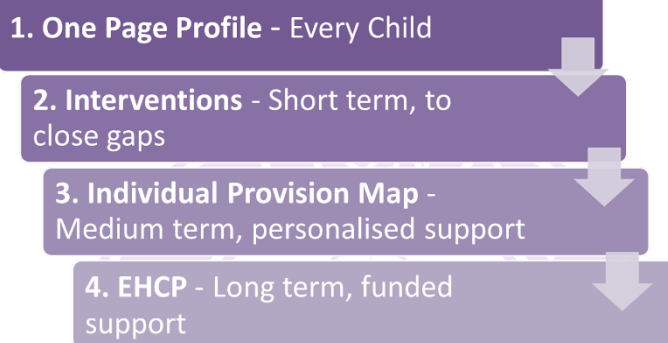
Hello Yellow Day



On Tuesday, the school took part in Hello Yellow day as part of World Mental Health Day. We started the day with a whole school assembly where Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Bourne and the pupil leadership team took part in a competitive yellow quiz culminating in the teams dressing up their adults in yellow items of clothing. The messages shared across the day were about the importance of taking care of our mental health and talking about how we feel with the important people in our life. In the classrooms the children created their own affirmation cards to help share positive messages to themselves and others.

Provision Maps

For children on our SEND register, you will be receiving your child's individual provision map next week. This will detail the specific targets we are working towards and the support in place to achieve this. Your child's class teacher will also be able to talk about the provision in place during parent consultations and answer any questions if you have them. The provision maps and SEND support plans have been merged to create one document. This forms part of our new Personalised Learning Pathway that we have created for Walton Oak.



A more detailed version is available on the school website. We will be sending more information to Nursery and Reception parents about creating a one page profile for your child next week so please look out for this.

Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents - Monday 20th November

We will be holding a parent workshop for parents and carers of children in Squirrels and Hedgehogs on Monday 20th November. There will be two sessions 9-10am and 6-7pm. Please come along to the hall to find out about how we teach phonics at Walton Oak using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.' It is a great opportunity to understand the phonics programme and find out about ways you can support your child at home with their phonics learning.



Permission Letter for Sports Events – Years 5 and 6

Next week, a letter will be coming home to parents and carers of children who currently attend one of our sports clubs, detailing information for sports fixtures for the rest of this academic year. Parents/Carers will be required to sign a single form, giving on going permission for the year. Once received, please complete and return to the office as soon as possible. If your child chooses to join a club later in the year, this form will be sent home with them at that time.

Reading

Blue Peter Badge for Reading

A great opportunity for a Blue Peter Badge. Most of the information needed is similar to what is needed to become a Reading Ambassador: Find the application form here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Criteria:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.



- Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form, or click the 'get the Book badge' button above, to download the paper application form.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the Privacy Notice and badge attraction terms and conditions.
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.

Please do let us know if you become the proud owner of a Blue Peter Badge for reading and we can celebrate it with the rest of the school

Author Visit Next Week: Mel Taylor-Bessant



KS2 had a visit from Mel Taylor Bessant on Tuesday. She inspired the children with her story about how she became a published author and proved that resilience and determination can pay off.



Scholastic Book Fair

The book Fair will be in school next week. Please come and visit. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. Buying a book from the book fair helps us to order books for the library and as valuable resources for the topics in the classroom. Please note this is CASH ONLY.

Oracy

This week's THUNK

What would you get if you crossed a rabbit with a cabbage?



Enrichment Activities

Y6 LLT TTRS Battle Results

There has been a buzz of excitement amongst our Year 6s this week as they've been battling it out on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) against the other Year 6 classes across the Lumen Learning Trust. With some competitive spirit in the air - especially from Miss Pott - the children in Year 6 have been rehearsing and applying their times tables knowledge to earn themselves as many points as possible for their class. 6P were off to a very strong start at the beginning of the week and have remained in the top three throughout the entire week. 6G have also worked very hard, remaining in 6th place across the week. The battle ended at 3pm today and we can now reveal that the class that has been crowned 'Top of the Rocks' in Year 6 is 6R at Saxon. As a school, Walton Oak placed 3rd overall. We are so proud of all of the children in Year 6 for their efforts across the week. 6P ended the week in 3rd place and 6G ended the week in 6th place - a big well done to you all! A special mention must go to Samanta (6P) who was one of the highest scoring players across all five schools, ending the week in 2nd place overall.



The next LLT TTRS battle will be during the week commencing 20th November. This time, it will be the turn of our Year 5s to battle it out.



Extra-Curricular Events

On Friday, 4G took part in an indoor sports competition at Cleves. They showed great sportsmanship, encouraging each other to do their best. The adults who accompanied them were so proud!



Pastoral News



The Bridge

This week we would like to make our families aware of the amazing work Walton and Hersham charities provide called the bridge.

The Bridge is a new community space in central Walton offering practical support for families in Elmbridge who are struggling with the rising cost of living.

Based on Bridge Street, The Bridge is a friendly space run for the community by the community. It's open to local parents and families to access food, specialist support and friendly advice. There are informal meeting spaces upstairs for local charities to run workshops, advice sessions or just bring people together for a coffee and chat in the warmth. Downstairs, there is a new community shop-without-a-till, offering families who are referred to The Bridge a chance to pick-up food and household supplies at no cost. By bringing down weekly shopping bills, families will have more money for other essentials like utility bills and school uniforms.

"I can't afford it all by myself".

My wages aren't stretching as far and we're starting to get into arrears.

The government are putting a lot out there but I'm not eligible for it. It's very hard.

For further information about the steps to follow to receive support from The Bridge, please follow this link: <https://www.waltoncharity.org.uk/thebridge> alternatively you can contact Natasha on 07938 645949 or via the HSLW button on page one.



Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Darley Dene School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1369455> or click the link to 'Jobs in the Trust' on the left hand side of Page one.



FOWO

Family Gardening/Litter Pick Event - Saturday 14th October, 10am-12pm

Come along to the first of FOWO's family gardening events tomorrow morning! We will be doing a litter pick around the school grounds, working in the amphitheatre to clear dead bushes and preparing a few planters with bulbs. FOWO will also be providing refreshments. You can find out the full details and sign up now on Classlist. We are particularly keen to identify any keen gardeners or people who work or own a gardening business that would be interested in getting involved with these events in future. Please email

fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk if you can help!

Christmas Cards Order Deadline – Tuesday 17th October

Don't forget to place your Christmas card orders by midnight on **Tuesday, 17th October**. Children in all years should have come home with their sample Christmas cards and order codes. You can place your order directly for cards and gifts on the [SchoolPrintWorld](https://www.schoolprintworld.co.uk) website. This is a great fundraiser for FOWO, with all orders receiving 20% in commission; last year we raised over £400!

Children's Movie Night – Friday 20th October, 3.15-5.15pm

FOWO is holding its first-ever movie night on Friday, 20th October 3.15 – 5.15pm. Children in Y1-Y6 are invited to join us for a movie, plus drinks and snacks straight after school. (Children will be taken straight to the movie night by teaching staff.)

- **Y1-2:** will be watching **Home** in the conference room
- **Y3-Y6:** will be watching **Luca** in the school hall.

Buy your tickets (£3 per child) now on Classlist – numbers are limited! And please don't forget to answer the questions. If your child needs to go to After School Club (ASC) after the movie night, please state this when buying tickets and we will put them on the list to be picked up by one of the ASC team.

Esher Fireworks – Friday 3rd November

If you're looking for a firework display, why not try Esher Rugby Club on Friday, 3rd November? Gates open at 5pm and the display is at 8pm. Even better buy your tickets using this link and FOWO receives commission!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/esher-rugby-fireworks-night-3rd-november-2023-tickets-736486439767?aff=Waltonoakprimary>. Last year the event sold out with a few days to go, so don't delay!

Elmbridge Community Lottery – Please support FOWO

FOWO now has an [Elmbridge Community Lottery](https://www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk) page! Buy tickets (£1 each) to be in chance of winning prizes of up to £25,000 each week. 50% of all ticket sales through the FOWO page go to FOWO, while 10% go to other local causes. To start supporting us, please visit www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk and search for FOWO.

Calling All Tesco Shoppers

Help FOWO win a Tesco Community grant for outdoor play equipment. From early October until January, FOWO will be one of three charities on the charity token boxes in Tesco Stores; shoppers can vote for their preferred charity using the blue tokens given out at the till. At the end of the collection period, the charity with the most votes will receive £1,500 in donations from Tesco; the second-placed will get £1,000 and the third-placed £500. Please help FOWO be the number one charity!! We will be featured on boxes in the following stores: Ashford Extra, Ashford Express, Addlestone Extra, Chertsey, Esher, East Molesey, West Molesey, Hersham, Staines Express, Sunbury Extra, Weybridge (Queen's Rd), Walton. If you are in any of the stores, we'd love to see pictures of the token boxes to see progress!



Celebrations



New Awards – WOW Award



The first of our new awards will be presented next week to the first two deserving winners from each class. Our WOW Award is for children who consistently demonstrate our Walton Oak Way and strive to live our school motto of Being Our Best. The award is linked to our assembly themes each half term and the associated values. This half term's award is for being collaborative, inclusive and kind.

Achievements outside of School

Congratulations to Lukas, 6P who competed in seamanship with his Sea Cadets and their team placed 1st! Seamanship is the art, knowledge and competence of operating a ship, boat or other craft on water. What an achievement for Lukas and his team.



Elsie, 5P recently had the exciting opportunity to perform in the Disney parade at Disneyland Paris with her dance school. She really enjoyed it and did amazingly well. What a wonderful once in a lifetime experience!

Gold Leaves

Well done to the following children who all received a gold leaf this week:

Butterflies	Teddy
Ladybirds	Levi-John
Squirrels	Odette & Eden
1A	Rory, Honor, Isla, Lilah & William
3C	Vaughn, Sophie & Teddy
3N	Immy, Joseph, Ethan, Brody, Louie, Noah, Joshua, Dino & Georgia
4D	Mert & Joe-George
4G	Izzy, Annabelle, Skyler, Asenath & Lailah-Grace
5B	Rosie, Lara, Eva, Zaheem & Hailey
5P	Eva, Katie, Amelia & Sami
6G	Archie, Larnie, Demi, Ritaj, Ethan, Lilly-Rose & Sienna

On behalf of the Walton Oak staff team we wish you a pleasant weekend.





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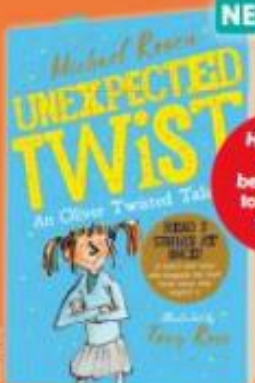
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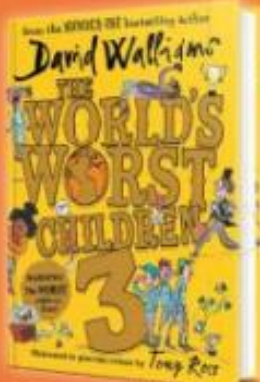
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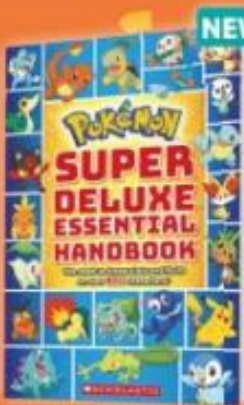
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