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Headteacher's Message

This week followed an exciting weekend for many of our children and their families who had been celebrating Diwali. The children have been excited to share stories of fireworks, candles, family time and lots of lovely food and treats. As with all religious festivals, Diwali marks a time to be with loved ones to give thanks. It also marks a new year for some. Happy Diwali!

This week has also been Anti-bullying Week and the national theme was Make a Noise about Bullying. It was launched on Monday with an assembly that introduced the reason for wearing odd socks and what it means to make a noise about bullying. The colourful and varied oddness of the socks on the feet of staff and children highlighted our uniqueness. Children have learnt about the importance of celebrating their unique identities and being accepting and, most importantly, kind to everyone regardless of differences. Through the text by Abgela Otoshi "One" they learnt about how it only takes one person to make a difference when standing up to bullying. People who show bullying behaviour gain power from the fear of everyone around them, but when people put in boundaries by staying "No" or "Stop, I don't like it" they give a clear message and some of that power is lost.

Often, people who cause harm are feeling painful feelings themselves. At Walton Oak, we tackle unkind behaviour and bullying in many different ways, which was explained to the parents who attended our parent workshops. We don't accept unkindness, but we do understand that children are learning and need to be taught about the impact of their behaviour on others so they can learn to alter the way they manage big feelings or conflict. For those who have been harmed, sharing how something made them feel and being really listened to can help a child develop empathy towards others and feel that they can move on. We do issue consequences but we also work on finding resolutions and rebuilding relationships.

Pupil Parliament will meet next week to think about how they can ensure that every child in school knows how to recognise bullying and knows what to do if they are worried about themselves or someone else. They are going to discuss this with their respective classes and bring everyone's ideas to the next meeting to develop a whole school agreed definition. This will be shared with everyone very soon. Thank you to Miss Code for organising such a purposeful week of learning opportunities.

We are keen to engage parents as much as we can in the life of our school. Sometimes this will be through special events or celebrations. Other times it will be to provide information about how we do things at Walton oak and how you can support your child at home. We know how committed our parent community is towards supporting their children and the school as a whole. However, we have noticed a drop in attendance at some of our events. Our anti-bullying workshops received particularly low attendance, despite them being about such an important and emotive topic for families. For this reason, we will soon be sending home a parental engagement questionnaire to canvas opinions about how we might better engage parents and carers and the kinds of events or information workshops you would find most useful to attend. We care for your most precious things every day and we want you to feel part of their journey with us so please have a think about what would be most useful for you, in preparation for completing the questionnaire when it is received.

Our Year 6 children have been on their residential in Bristol this week and we cannot wait to hear what they have been up to. We will share an update on this in next week's Wire.

Siân McCarthy



General Information

Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents

A polite reminder that 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.



Y4 Rise:Up Parent Information

On Tuesday 28th November, parents/carers of children in Year 4 are warmly invited to an information presentation about the Rise:Up Festival - Year 4's residential experience. We will be running two sessions - one at 3.30pm and another at 6.00pm. Parents need only attend one session.



Marvellous Me

We are going to be relaunching Marvellous me to share with you the things your children have been learning or to celebrate their achievements. Your child will be bringing home a letter to give you some more information but you will need to download the Marvellous Me app to get the notifications from class teachers. When your child is awarded something you can interact with it in the form of a high five. Teachers will also use it to send reminders of things coming up that have already been shared in the wire.

Christmas Performances - Booking Tickets

Yesterday, letters were shared with parents and carers regarding the booking of tickets for this year's Christmas performances (Nursery; Reception & Year 1; and KS2). Please check your emails if you have not yet seen the relevant letter(s) for your child(ren). Tickets for the performances are free - you simply need to complete the Google Form by following the link shared in the letter. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please refer to the information detailed in the letter(s) regarding the limits we have had to make on ticket numbers for each performance. Thank you for your cooperation; we look forward to welcoming you into school to see your child(ren) perform!

Reading

Reading Ambassadors

We are still looking for Reading Ambassadors. Please remind the children that to gain ambassador status they need to:

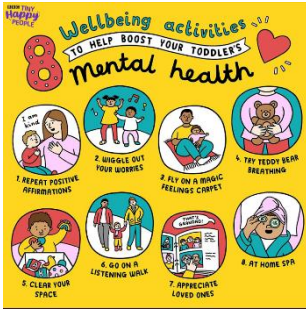


1. Read at least 5 times a week for 3 weeks at home with an adult
2. Share a book with the class - this could be a recommendation or read part/all of a favourite book out loud.
3. Write a book review - there is a template available in school for them to do this on.

READING AMBASSADOR



Tiny Happy People



This week's activity is a colour-themed day; it is a fun way to learn and reinforce colours and new words. A quick and easy activity that can be done by all in the family. What colour will you pick?



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/colour-theme-your-day/z77bbdm>

Did you know that the Tiny Happy People website has a page dedicated to SEND? Here is the link for the page, there is some really useful information on here;

https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/send?fbclid=PAAabr51yE_Ks3gEYTU1_Agw3nPtwXi0_1QQSO_7e3SgU6_vDajjAz4-eP4xw_aem_AbJSGPvE6TiI4Ghcesh-nM8ZPGnQNVJJhw2XH4CKJwleL5JTF7RDipkimb8GRD9yc

Oracy

This week's THUNK

If you paint over a window, is it still a window?

Children thought this was a funny question and most of them said that a window was something you could see through so if it was painted then it was no longer a window. Do you agree? Maybe you could try and change their minds!



Extra-Curricular Events

Children in Need

Today, our children donned their pyjamas as they came to school to raise money for Children in Need. Children in Need is a charity that provides grants and funding to projects based in the UK that have the aim of helping disadvantaged young people. For example, a lot of Children in Need's invaluable work involves supporting charities that help children who have been affected by poverty, disabilities, abuse and mental health difficulties. During our Celebration Assembly this morning, Mrs. Bourne shared the important and wonderful work that Children in Need do with the funds raised. The children listened intently and responded thoughtfully.



To raise money this year, not only were children invited to wear their pyjamas to school but also take part in a dance-a-thon. It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part in the dancing and giving the different moves their absolute all.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated money; we have raised over £220 so far (and we haven't finished counting yet)!





England Rocks TTRS Battle

This week, the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have taken part in the national TTRS battle - England Rocks! Whilst we did not reach the top 50 schools across England, we are so pleased with the effort our children put into this battle. It was a close competition across the 6 classes at Walton Oak with all of them battling it out to be crowned the Walton Oak winners. 5B had the lead up until Wednesday but on Thursday, 3N swept in and took the top spot leading to them being crowned the winners of this battle and earning themselves an additional break time to celebrate. In addition to our class winners, we also had three top players overall who earned the most points across the battle. These children were awarded with a certificate and TTRS keyring in assembly this morning to celebrate. A big well done to:

1st - Thomas (5B)

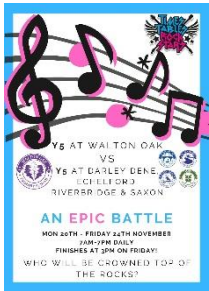
2nd - Katie (5P)

3rd - Joseph (3N)

We are so proud of all of the children's efforts across this week's battle - well done!

Enrichment Activities

Year 5 LLT TTRS Battle



Next week, from Monday-Friday, it will be the turn of our Year 5 children to battle it out on Times Tables Rock Stars against the other Year 5 classes across the Lumen Learning Trust. Game play will be live between 7am-7pm daily, with the competition ending at 3pm on Friday 24th November. We know we have some keen TTRS players across our Year 5 classes - will either 5B or 5P from Walton Oak top the leader board? Who will be crowned Top of the Rocks? Please support your child in engaging in this exciting battle by providing some TTRS game play time whilst they are at home. We will share the results of this battle in next week's Wire.



Pastoral News

Sleep Management

With the change in daylight hours and the temperature drop, some of you may be noticing the difficulties your children are experiencing with sleep. It is important to remember that when you are not feeling tired it is difficult to get to sleep. Here are some strategies that can help to improve sleep hygiene:

- Children with high energy levels may need to increase physical activity in the day so they feel tired at bedtime.
- Avoid naps so that your child feels sleepy at night time.
- At bedtime:
 - Introduce a consistent set bedtime routine, the aim is to reduce stimulation at the end of the day to relax before bed.
 - Aim to finish physical activity or emotive programmes by a certain time and introduce a less stimulating one. For example, reading a book, drawing a picture or listening to relaxing music.
 - Screen based activities should end at least an hour before bedtime.
- Create an optimal environment for your child to sleep in. Minimise levels of noise as much as possible and ensure the room is at a comfortable temperature, put a night light on if your child is afraid of the dark.





Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Echelford School is recruiting: Your Community Needs You!

Are you friendly, reliable, willing to work outdoors in all weathers and physically fit, to ensure the safety of children and parents? Do you care about your community and have a little time to spare?



If the answer is yes, we have the perfect job for you!! Echelford school are recruiting for a school crossing patrol officer. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-crossing-patrol-officer-1378197>

Darley Dene School is recruiting: Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

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-1378206>





FOWO

Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December – 3.30 – 6.00pm

Christmas Raffle Tickets Now on Sale

FOWO is pleased to announce a bumper raffle this year! Buy your tickets [here](#) to be in with a chance of winning prizes worth over a combined value of £850. Online tickets will be available until Thursday, 30th December, while paper tickets will be on sale at the fair. The draw will be at 5.30pm on the 1st December. Prizes so far include:

- Ladies' Hollister fragrance gift set - Kenneth Green Associates, Weybridge – thanks to Caroline Feltham for arranging this
- Men's Hollister fragrance gift set - Kenneth Green Associates, Weybridge – thanks to Caroline Feltham for arranging this
- Toy hamper - Jaye at mum2mum market, Ashford – thanks to Jaye Tucker for arranging this
- Main meal and drink for 2 - The Walton Village
- 1 month membership - The Pavilion Club, Molesey
- 1 week activity camp - Barracudas activity camps
- 2 x 1 hour jump session (+socks) - Jump In Esher
- £50 voucher - Chobham Adventure Farm
- Family ticket to Godstone Farm - Godstone farm
- 2 x Hobbledown Epsom tickets - Hobbledown, Epsom
- 2 x Bocketts Farm tickets - Bocketts Farm
- Family ticket to Ellie & Starlights Christmas Adventures theatre show
- Luvieh Jewellery necklace and earring set (parent donation)
- £10 gift card for Squires Garden Centres
- And many more....

Santa's Grotto, sponsored by Nichols, Marcy Dawson

Santa will once again be paying a visit to the fair! Tickets for the grotto cost £3.50 per child and include a present. Buy yours now on Classlist. If you are not Classlist you can sign up here: <https://classlist.page.link/5ZgaPWCXzCzVXNPKA>

Cake donations for the refreshment stall

Calling all bakers – FOWO would be grateful for donations of festive bakes for the refreshments stall. If baking isn't your thing, shop-bought cakes are just as welcome. Please bring donations into classrooms on the day of the fair. Remember to label any containers with your name and to provide a full list of ingredients if they are homemade. Don't forget we are a nut-free school, so donations of cakes with nuts listed as an ingredient cannot be accepted.

Volunteers on the day

Could you help on the day of the Christmas fair? We need around 60 – 70 people to help set up, run stalls and clear up. So, if you can spare 30 - 60 minutes on the day it is hugely appreciated. Your children are always welcome to help alongside you, and where that is the case, we try to put you on a games stall that is more interactive for them! Timings as follows: **1.30 – 3.15pm: set up / 3.30 – 6.00pm: stall slots / 6.00 – 7.00pm: clear up.** Please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk if you can help and let us know when you are available.

Other FOWO News

Children's Christmas Jumper and Second-hand Uniform Sale, Friday, 24th November, 3.15pm

Grab a bargain at the next second-hand uniform and children's Christmas jumper sale on Friday, 24th November. All items are £1. Cash and card accepted, though there will be limited change. Donations of good quality, reusable uniforms and Christmas jumpers gratefully received from Monday, 20th – Friday, 24th November. Please leave these in the purple bucket in the foyer

Mufti Day for The Christmas Fair Tombola stall donations

- **Monday, 27th November – Nursery:** all nursery children are invited to wear mufti in exchange for a donation of chocolates or sweets for the tombola at the Christmas fair.
- **Friday, 1st December – Full school:** all children are invited to wear mufti in exchange for a donation for the Christmas fair tombola. **Nursery – Y2:** to bring in sweets or chocolates. **Y3 – Y6:** to bring a bottle (drinks, bubble bath etc). Children that attend nursery all week are welcome to wear mufti on both days, but only need bring a donation once.

Ellie and Starlight's Christmas Adventure – Special Promotion

Local drama company is putting on its festive theatre show, Ellie and Starlight's Christmas Adventure at the Cecil Hepworth Playhouse in Walton from 13th – 24th December. Buy your tickets using the code: WOAK23 and get £1 off the ticket price, plus FOWO receives a £1 donation. You can buy tickets here: www.ellieandstarlight.co.uk.

Fundraising Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Quiz Night last Friday. It was a really fun evening and we raised an amazing £361! We are also pleased to say that the Movie Night before half term raised £223. Thank you for your support!



Celebrations



Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Mariana, Teddy J, Zak, Lucy, Alison, Teddy B, Agalini & Arabella
Hedgehogs	Lydia
Squirrels	Bertie & Ibrahim
2C	Alaia
2DO	Jasmine, Lydia, Mary & Charlie
3C	Teddy
3N	Adiyat, Brody, Noah, Alex, Ezmie, Georgia, Brody, Laura, Daisy, Vincent, Madeleine, Elliot, Maja, Jaxon, Ayla, Louie & Dino
4D	Mia, TJ, Ella, Willow, Savannah, Ronnie & Joe George
4G	Annabelle, Skyler, Grace, Hayden, Holly & Delilah
5B	Rosie, Eva, Thomas & Naveesh
5P	Arlo, Magnus, Katie, Fareeha & Cvetelina

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



Friends of Walton Oak
THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL

WALTON OAK'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 1st December
3.30pm – 6pm

FREE ENTRY

Santa's Grotto*

Raffle and Tombola

Craft Room

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Games Stalls

Raising funds for Walton Oak School

*Santa's Grotto tickets available on Classlist

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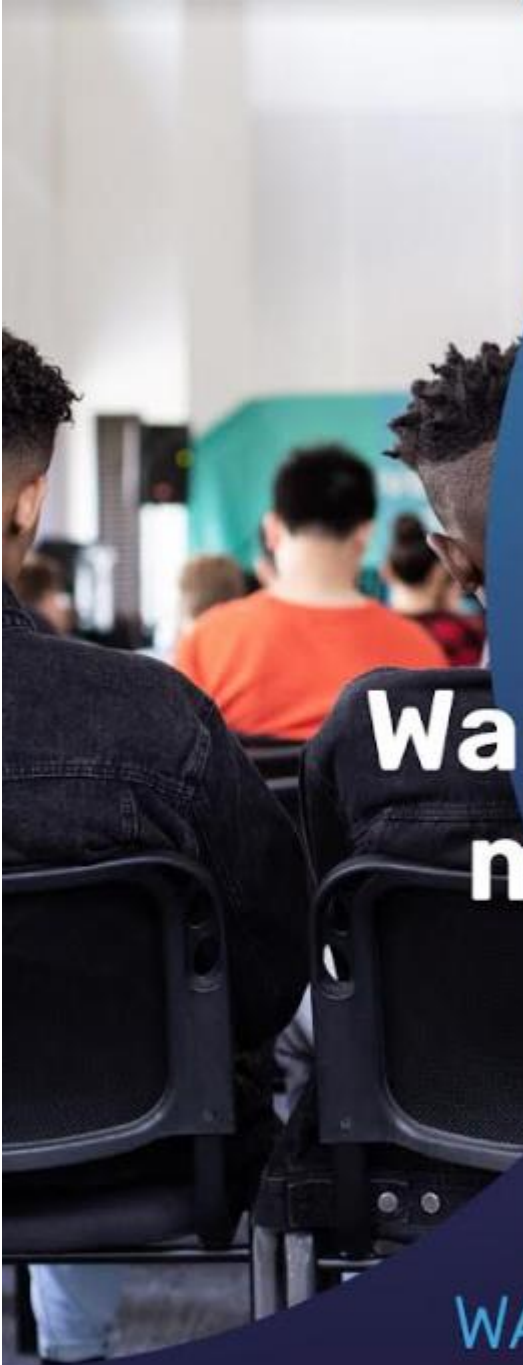
**Does your child
suffer with
sleep issues?**

**Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?**

**Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?**


WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Want to know
more about
sleep?**

ASK US THE
QUESTIONS YOU
WANT ANSWERS TO

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