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Headteacher's Message

Yesterday evening, we held our autumn Local Governing Body (LGB) meeting. Our Governing Body consists of Trust appointed and parent governors who provide the leaders in our school with support and challenge in order to achieve the very best for our children. Throughout the autumn term, governors have regularly attended a range of monitoring visits to quality assure the actions we are taking as leaders. The visits included:

- Observations of maths lessons to evidence the impact that the structure of the lessons are having on children's learning outcomes.
- A learning walk to explore how we ensure children have a sense of belonging at Walton Oak in order for them to feel safe and happy about coming to school.
- Observations of a range of lessons to identify how teachers use assessment in lessons to ensure all children make progress.
- A visit to quality assure the provision in the Early Years and Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) and the impact our new, improved outdoor learning spaces are having.
- Learning walks to evidence the impact so far, of the Oracy Project.
- A safeguarding audit.

In our meeting yesterday, we discussed all the findings from the visits and celebrated the positive assurances that the governors gave around what they had seen and heard in classrooms and from leaders. We also discussed the actions in place to ensure that we are continually supporting our team with developing their practice and driving the school forward. I am grateful for the committed team of governors we have at Walton Oak and the insight and expertise they bring to their roles.

This was the last meeting for two of our governors, whose term of office has come to an end. Ceri Orrell and Emily Oliphant have been governors at Walton Oak for the past four years and have supported and guided the school's journey through Covid and leadership changes. I am particularly grateful for the support they have provided me with during my first year here. I would like to thank them both for the time they have given, voluntarily to the role of governor at our school. I know they will continue to be part of our journey as parents within our school community.

We now welcome Yash Senturk who has been Trust appointed as a new governor at Walton Oak. Yash joined yesterday's meeting and is keen to get to know our school and the community through the upcoming monitoring visits next term. The visits will continue to quality assure teaching and learning and will also have a behaviour and personal development focus in the spring term.

Today, our House Captain campaigns took place. I am so very proud of all the children in year 2 and 6 who demonstrated our Walton Oak Way of being courageous by bravely putting themselves forward to run election campaigns. Mrs Bourne, who has led on this has provided further information below. We don't yet have the final outcome, but I know that every child should hold their head up high and feel reassured that they did an excellent job. The names of the new House Captains will be revealed on Monday.

General Information

Christmas Fair - Friday 1st December (3.30-6.00pm) - all welcome.

FOWO are busy organising an exciting Christmas Fair. This event is always a favourite among the school community so don't forget to pencil it into your calendars and diaries. We are still looking for volunteers to help with stalls and there are some upcoming Mufti days to collect donations of sweets, chocolate and bottles for the tombola. **Please see the FOWO section of this newsletter for further details.**





Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13th December

If your child would like to have our Christmas dinner, it is now available to book online using your Scopay account. Please book by 4th December. Unfortunately there will be no Jacket Potato or Deli option on this day so if they do not want this meal you will need to provide a packed lunch instead. The dinner is egg and sesame free. If you have any questions please contact the office. You can access the menu via the 'School Meals' link on the left hand side of the first page.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards our recent fundraising events. It is important to us to support local and national charities. Our children also benefit from learning about and having a positive impact on the lives of others in their wider community, as well as getting lots of enjoyment from the activities they participate in. **Our recent mufti day raised £318.75** for the Stripy Stork and Walton Charities Christmas appeal which will help ensure that children living in poverty across Elmbridge have a gift to open on Christmas day. The **Pyjama day and Dance-a-thon** held last Friday **raised £270.22** in total which will go towards the grants and funding of projects based in the UK that have the aim of helping disadvantaged young people.

Marvellous Me



Your child should have brought home a letter this week to help you with setting up your Marvellous Me app. We are going to try again to get this up and running with some regular class and individual updates to parents 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

Don't forget to book your 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). They were sent out last Thursday. 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!

Considerate Parking

We regularly remind our children about being respectful and safe at school. Being respectful is one of our Walton Oak Way values. Can we please ask parents to be the same when parking outside or near to the school. The new zebra crossing and zig zag road markings have been a welcome addition to Ambleside Avenue as they ensure the road is clear and most importantly, safe for our children and families when they arrive at and leave the school site. However, a number of people have started to park across the road markings and on the zig zag lines which represent 'NO PARKING' at any time. This restricts the motorist and pedestrian views of the whole road and could cause an increased risk of an accident occurring. Can I also ask that the same respect is given to the Glendale Care home nearby. Parents have been parking in or across their car park. Like a school, Glendale houses vulnerable people. Their families and medical staff are regularly coming and going and need to be able to park in the provided spaces and have clear access to the road. Thank you in advance for your cooperation here.

Reading

Reading Awards

This week we have begun to celebrate our children who have achieved over 100 reads this year. In our Reading Rewards Scheme, children can achieve a maximum of 10 reads per week towards their total and this week is the first week that they are eligible for a '100 Reads' certificate presented by Mrs Griggs who is our English Lead. Well done to all the children named below. We look forward to seeing many more names over the next few weeks!





100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 reads this week:

William B – 1H	Lily – 1H	Poppy – 4G
Thomas – 5B		

Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to our first wave of Reading Ambassadors this year, who have read 5 times a week, over a three-week period, have shared a story with their class and have submitted a book review. They received their badges in assembly today and will now join our huge team of Reading Ambassadors to support in developing a love of reading across our school community.

Noah – 3N	Honor – 1A	Phoebe – 1A
Rory – 1A		

Tiny Happy People



This week's activity is a twist on classic hopscotch.

It's hopscotch with letters. Playing hopscotch with letters is a fun way to help your child with their understanding of letter sounds, which is a really important skill when learning to read and write.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/hopscotch-game/zfg9kty>

There is a short video to show you how to play and you can make adaptations to suit your child. Have fun playing hopscotch!



Oracy

This week's THUNK

If I borrow a million pounds, am I a millionaire?

Don't forget to provide reasons for your answer.



Extra-Curricular Events

Year 5 LLT TTRS Battle



This week, the Year 5 children across Lumen Learning Trust have been battling it out on Times Tables Rock Stars. It has been one almighty battle, with Walton Oak having a steady lead across the week. Saxon have been rapidly earning more points as the week has gone on which has kept the Walton Oak children on their toes. The competition ended at 3pm today and we

can now reveal that the class who has been crowned Top of the Rocks and will get to display the TTRS trophy in their classroom for the next half term is: 5P at Walton Oak! A huge well done to the children in 5P - you worked your socks off to earn so many points. 5B have also done a fantastic job and placed 4th overall. Walton Oak were the winning school as a whole which is a fantastic achievement. The top 3 players from Walton Oak were:

1st - Moosa 5B
2nd - Samir 5P
3rd - Santi 5P





Year 5 and 6 Football Matches

Two football matches took place this week against Cardinal Newman. The Year 5 boys were very excited to play their first football match of the year - they worked well as a team, demonstrating great communication on and off the pitch. The Year 6 boys kept on going, showing resilience and great sportsmanship despite the loss. All of the boys should be very proud of themselves and we look forward to getting some more training in, ready for future fixtures.

Pastoral News



Tips on behaviour management

Praise as much as possible. Remember there is praise for doing and praise for being. For example: "thank you for putting your bag away. That was really helpful" or, "that was a lovely thing to say/do, you are very kind." If you have a very difficult day with your child, praise can be particularly hard, so before they go to sleep tell them that you love them and comment on something personal to them, such as having a lovely smile.

Use thank you instead of please when giving an instruction which your child may not want to follow. For example: "pick up your coat, thank you". "Please", makes your instruction sound like a request. If you are not giving them a choice about picking up their coat then "Thank you" is respectful but assertive.

Adopt a no shouting rule, for the whole family: If one of you shouts, then you have consequences. If you follow this rule, then you get a reward.

Use a point chart or sticker chart for younger children (and even some older ones): Decide what behaviour you want to see and give out points/stickers when your child does what you have asked without any arguments. If you agree to your child earning 10 points or stickers over a period of time, i.e a week, then by the end of the week they can have a reward. This can be something that you would do anyway as a family, for example watching a movie and having pizza for tea, but let your child choose.

House Competitions

House Captain Elections

Today, our 23 House Captain candidates - who have been campaigning for votes over the last two weeks - delivered their recorded speeches to the rest of the school as part of the election process. The children from Years 1-6 gathered in their house groups to watch the speeches of the candidates who were campaigning from their house; they then took part in a secret ballot where they voted for one Y2 candidate and one Y6 candidate each. The votes are being counted as we speak, ready for the results to be shared with the children in assembly on Monday. We will then celebrate the newly elected House Captains in next week's Wire. Well done to the following children for your incredible efforts across the last two weeks whilst campaigning - your posters, badges, leaflets and speeches have been fantastic!

	Dragon	Phoenix	Pegasus	Griffin
Year 2	Eliza 2DO	Theo 2C	Millie 2C	Chalotte 2C
	Zakai 2C	Jasmine 2DO	Elizabeth 2C	Kacey 2DO
	Dylan 2C	Mary 2DO	Emily S 2DO	Charlie 2DO
Year 6	Angel 6G	Lilly C 6P	Mary 6P	Harriet 6P
	Penny 6G	Lyra 6P	Archie 6G	Aaliyah 6P
	Jessie 6G	Harrison 6G	Blake 6P	



Here are some children who have been wearing either their own campaign badge or a badge in support of someone else, as well as some posters that have been up around the school:





Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

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>



Enrichment Activities

Anti-Bullying Week

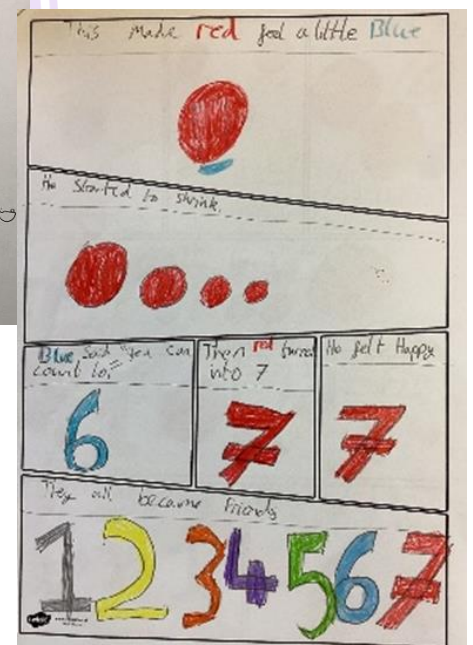
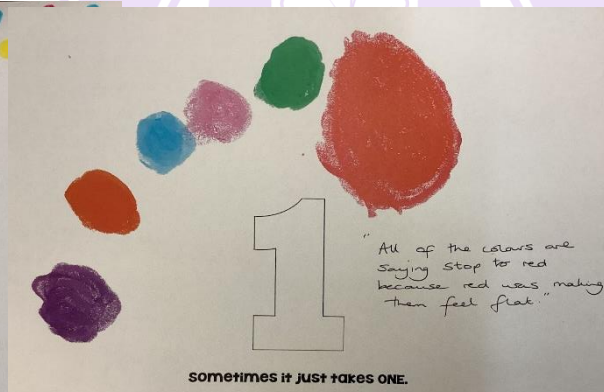
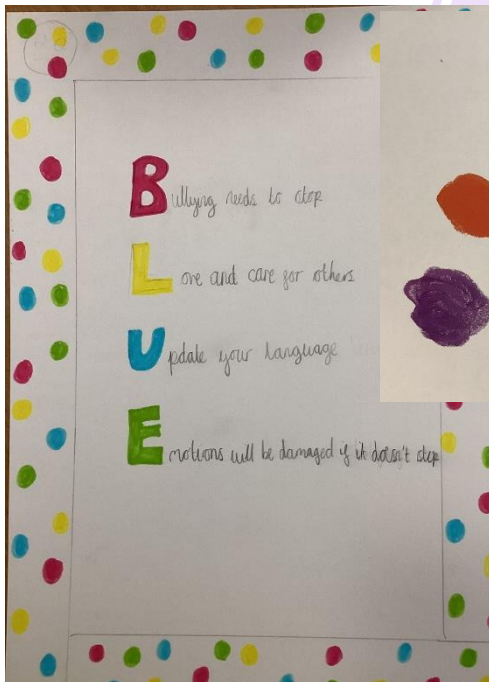


Over the past two weeks children have been taking part in lessons to understand what bullying is and how we can stand up to it together. We have spent time thinking about Kindness and how we can make our school a kind place.



To help us understand and discuss ways that we can stand up to bullying, we used the story 'One' by Kathryn Otoshi. This is a multi-layered book that allowed children from Nursery through to Year 6 to engage with the topics around bullying and being kind to one another. Every child took part in a writing activity based off of the story, some children created newspaper articles, others a comic strip and some created posters.

Our Pupil Parliament met this week to consider ways that we can truly make sure everyone at Walton Oak has an understanding of what bullying is and the steps we can take to stop it. We will be keeping you updated as we continue to work on this.





Year 6 Residential to Bristol

Year 6 had a fantastic time in Bristol last week! Despite the forecast not looking great, the rain seemed to hold off and we remained dry for most of the week. The children were able to build on their prior knowledge of World War II, whilst also exploring many new but exciting places that have significant historical importance in Great Britain. The children particularly enjoyed the SS Great Britain, entering Brunel's mind, and the all-important Za Za Bazaar! Miss Pott and Miss Gardner were very proud of how well behaved the children were throughout the week, and were particularly impressed at how much ice-cream one group of children could eat!



Thank you to Miss Pott, Miss Gardner, Miss Pollard, Ms Moorhouse, Miss Orton and Miss Johnson for accompanying the children on such an enriching and exciting adventure.



FOWO

MUFTI DAYS FOR FAIR TOMBOLA 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:** bring in sweets or chocolates. **Y3 – Y6:** bring a bottle (drinks, bubble bath, etc). Children that attend nursery all week are welcome to wear mufti on both days but only need to bring a donation once.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 3.30 – 6.00pm

Volunteers on the day

If you are going to the fair, please consider helping out for 30 minutes on a stall. Your children are always welcome to help alongside you, and where that is the case, we try to put you on a games stall/ craft room 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.

Santa's Grotto, sponsored by local law firm Nichols Marcy Dawson

Don't forget to book your tickets for the grotto! The earlier slots are now full, but there is still availability later. Tickets 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/5ZqaPWCXzCzVXNPKA>. Tickets will also be on sale at the fair, subject to availability.

Bottle Barrow Raffle

Tickets for our amazing bottle barrow draw are now on sale on Classlist, costing £5 each. Buy your ticket now to be in with a chance of winning over 72 bottles of drink from prosecco & gin to red wine and J20! Wheelbarrow not included! Online tickets available until Thursday, 30th December. Paper tickets will also be on sale at the fair, with the draw taking place at approximately 5.30pm on the 1st December. <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1052550762>

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 include:

- Ladies Hollister fragrance gift set - Kenneth Green Associates, Weybridge – thanks to Caroline Feltham for arranging this
- Mens 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
- Family ticket for Safari Golf Hersham
- And many more....

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.



Celebrations

Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Cillian & Muhammed
Ladybirds	Alfie
Squirrels	Ariya, Leo & Philip
1A	Alice, Harley & Scarlett B
2DO	Cora
3N	Vincent, Jaxon, Dino, Brody, Noah, Daisy, Adiyat, Joshua, Elliot, Elisabeth, Maya & Madeleine
4D	Jasmin, Mia, Amelie, Nina, Eliza, Mia, Ella & Joe-George
4G	Phoebe K, Asenath, Lailah-Grace, Lailah, Phoebe H & Reggie
5B	Mimi, Olivia, Jemima, Lara, Vadim & Moosa
5P	Zack, Caitlin B, Holly, Caitlin W, Florence & Max
6G	Joel & Ritaj
6P	James, David, Larnie & Helen

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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European Immunization Week
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MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.


It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

i mmunisation
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr






MEASLES

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- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected


*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



mmunisation

the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet





Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to
www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

Immunisation Information