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Headteacher's Message

It's been an exciting week for sport at Walton Oak with wins against other schools for our Year 6 football and netball teams. Whilst winning is always a bonus and of course the aim of competitive sport, I never fail to feel very proud of the attitude of our children when attending such events. Our school values come into play every time our children compete through the ambition, courage, collaboration, respect and resilience they show. Win or lose, the team spirit and camaraderie of the group will shine through. Find out more about the recent sports matches further on in this newsletter.



On the subject of school values, I thought I would re-share the Walton Oak Way that I so often reference in The Wire. They underpin our culture at Walton oak and support our motto of Being Our Best, hence why they are linked the roots, not the branches in our logo. The gold leaves on the tree represent our achievements and the thin line around the tree trunk represents the invisible thread that links our values and successes together. Through assemblies and PSHE lessons, we teach children about each value so they understand why they are important in helping them achieve success in their learning and relationships. They are reinforced through our daily conversations and reflection times. I am sure you will be keen to reinforce these at home too, so we are all using a shared language.

Siân McCarthy



Encouraging pupils to reach their full potential in a safe, inclusive & nurturing environment



General Information

World Religion Day 2024

On Monday, it was a first for Walton Oak as we celebrated World Religion Day for the very first time. We were lucky enough to be joined by Rev. Jonny from St.Mary's & St.John's Church for an assembly. He spoke about why religion is so important and why his particular religion is important to him. He also spoke about the similarities between many of the religions and that all key religions share the same message - to treat each other with respect and love for one another. Throughout the day, the children took part in discussions about their own religions and beliefs and created art work to represent each of the six main religions.



Maths Week Reminders

Next week is an exciting week in school - Maths Week. Remember that all children are invited to dress up as their **TTRS avatar (or just as a rock star) on Friday 2nd February** in support of the NSPCC Number Day. In addition, we will be hosting our **Maths Market on Friday 2nd February from 2.30pm**. Please remember that this is a cash only market and we are politely asking that parents bring coins (£1, 50p etc.) where possible.

Nursery

Butterfly Class are welcome to come along to the Maths Market on Friday to buy the resources that they have made in the week. If this isn't possible, a mini Maths Market will be set up for parents to come and buy the resources made on **Monday 5th February at the end of the school day**.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February 2024.

This year, Walton Oak will be participating in the annual recognition of Safer Internet Day. Throughout **Tuesday 6th February**, we will take part in learning based on this year's theme: Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and negative change online. The children will work together to develop their understanding of what we need to be a good online citizen and how influence and influencers can have a positive or negative impact.

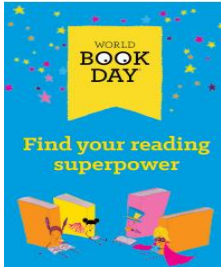
We plan to film the children in their classes, sharing the fantastic learning videos that they have completed with class teachers across our Lumen schools, via Lumen's secure file-sharing platform. We will then be watching what different classes have created to celebrate Internet Safety Day as a school and as a Trust.

If you have previously given permission for your child's image or name to be included in school online permissions there is nothing further you need to do and your child may be included in any filming. **If you have previously declined permission for your child to be included in school online publications this means your child**



will not be included in class videos. If you wish to change your consent we ask that you visit our school website at Parents > Online Forms and complete our Photographic Consent online form as soon as possible. We are so excited to see the wonderful learning the children create and the positive impact this has on the children's understanding of online safety. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office by Monday 5th February 2024.

Reading



Walton Oak Book Week

We continue to look forward to our Walton Oak Book Week from **4th - 8th**

March. Please read the letter that was sent out earlier today detailing the Escape Room, how to pay using SCOPAY and the dates for Bedtime Stories on World Book Day (**March 7th**) and Dress Up day (**March 8th**) to add to your diaries.



100 Reads

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

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| Alisa - Squirrels | Aima – 1A | Rafe – 1A |
| Ata – 1A | Halo – 1A | Demyd – 2C |
| Nela – 2C | Elizabeth – 2C | Fraser – 3N |
| Blake – 3N | Effie – 4G | Ariyaana – 4D |
| Savannah – 4D | Bentley – 5B | |

150 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 reads this week:

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| Isla – 1A | Phoebe – 1A |
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200 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 reads this week:

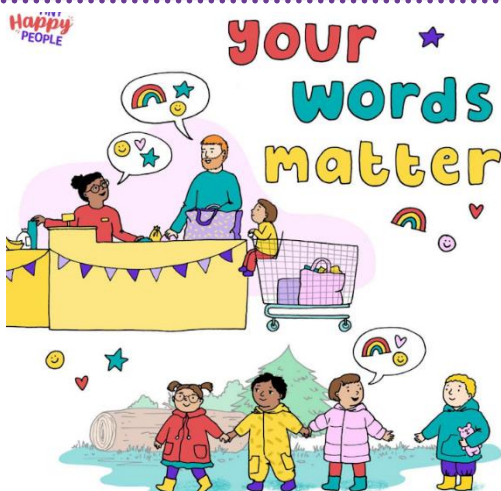
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| Maddi – 2C | Poppy – 4G |
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Reading Ambassadors

Well done to our newly appointed Reading Ambassadors:

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| Arlo – 5P | Fraser – 3N |
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Tiny Happy People



I spy....

This week's activity is one to be enjoyed by all the family, it can be played at any time in the day and as part of your routine. It is also a great distraction for if you are in the car, waiting for an appointment or on the school run. No resources are needed and it can be played by everyone. There are lots of benefits to this simple game. Follow the link below to find out more. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/playing-i-spy/zhb7qp3>





Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME

25-28 Jan

In the news this week

Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted. He believes that fully autonomous vehicles, in which people become passengers in their own cars, will arrive in the UK that year and follow a gradual rollout. The government introduced a bill in a speech by King Charles III that paved the way for autonomous cars, without a safety driver, after pressure from industry, MPs, and Sir Patrick Vallance in his recent review of technology regulation.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think you would like to travel in a self-driving vehicle?
- > Make a list of the positives and negatives of self-driving vehicles.
- > Do you believe we will see more self-driving vehicles on the roads over the next few years?

Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Extra-Curricular Events

Year 4 LLT TTRS Battle



Y4 AT WALTON OAK VS Y4 AT DARLEY DENE, ECHELFORD, RIVERBRIDGE & SAXON

AN EPIC BATTLE

MON 29TH JAN - FRIDAY 2ND FEB
7.30AM-6PM DAILY
FINISHES AT 3PM ON FRIDAY!

WHO WILL BE CROWNED TOP OF THE ROCKS?

Next week, it is the turn of Year 4 to 'take to the stage' and battle it out against the other Year 4 classes in the Lumen Learning Trust on TTRS. The LLT battles are always filled with excitement and anticipation; we are sure this one will be no exception. The Year 4 children will be provided with appropriate game-play time in school to earn coins for their class that will hopefully help them to climb the leader board. It would be great if the children could use some of their time at home across the week to engage in some purposeful game play at home to earn extra coins to support them in this battle. The competition will open at 7.30am on Monday and will then be open from 7.30am-6.00pm daily; it will close at 3.00pm on Friday 2nd February where we will then know which LLT Year 4 class has been crowned 'Top of the Rocks'. Will it be 4D or 4G from Walton Oak?



Year 6 Netball

This week Year 6 played their first mixed netball game of the season. We won 4-0 despite the harsh wind. John managed to score 3 and Lyra scored 1. Our passing was good along with our teamwork and collaboration – and our defending was really good. Grovelands was a good team to play against, they managed to get a few shots but some they failed to convert and others we defended really well. We also took a few shots but some were blown away by the wind, but in the end we still got the win. We were so excited by the win we forgot to take a team photo so had to get one back at school! *By John and Bilal, 6P*



Year 6 Boys Football

Year 6 boys won their first football match of the season this week against St James. With some excellent teamwork and fantastic resilience shown by the boys, chances quickly turned to goals and we ended with a massive 5-1 win! St James started the game off with a fabulous goal but Harrison quickly responded with an equaliser. After this, John was able to get two in the back of the net, one from outside the box and another as a wonderfully executed penalty. With it being 3-1 at half time, the boys were excited to get back out on the pitch. A further two goals were scored by Archie and then Finn, straight from a corner kick! What a match, well done boys.



What a week of Sport it has been at Walton Oak. We are so proud of the time and effort all of the children involved have put in and it is excellent to now be rewarded with some goals. We can't wait for the next lot of fixtures we have coming up... Let's keep up the winning streak! *Miss Pott and Miss Gardner*



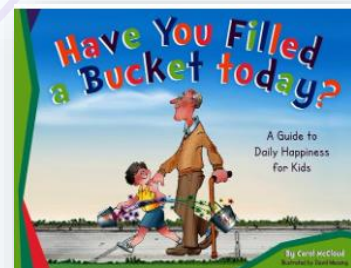
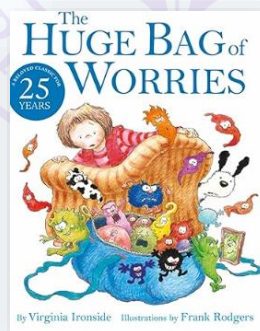
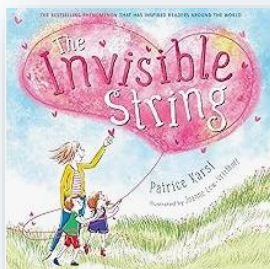
Pastoral News



Managing the School Run

The school run can be a challenging for some children so Mindworks have put together some top tips on managing the emotions of parents and children during this time.

- Be prepared, logistically but also mentally and emotionally. Try to strike a balance between not thinking the worst will happen when you get to the school gate and having a plan for if your child has a wobble.
- Reflect on your own levels of anxiety about the school run and your own separation from your child. Practise managing this through mindfulness and grounding techniques and rehearse helpful thoughts about what the reality is. When focusing on negative thoughts about what 'might' happen, consider how likely each outcome is.
- Make the school run fun by playing games or singing songs together.
- Try including exercise/physicality into the journey – try walking, scooting or cycling to school or if you drive, try doing something like star jumps before and after getting in the car to use up nervous energy. Park further away from school to walk further if it is safe to do so. Exercise can be a great calming tool for both parent and child.
- If your child has a special interest, try and relate the journey or the goodbye to this i.e. role play.
- Have a prepared script for saying goodbye and stick to this. Invite your child to write their part. Don't make it too long or drawn out. A short, simple, fun and loving ritual makes goodbye enjoyable and no big deal.
- If your child likes to have some control, give them two choices of what you'll do on the journey and what kind of goodbye you'll have. If they are too anxious to think of ideas themselves, provide them with two or three options.
- Make a time for worry time (talk time) after school for a limited time of 15 minutes every day, the same time every day. This helps children to relieve pressure and make a plan at an appropriate time, rather than on the way to school where there is limited time to resolve anything.
- Books like *The Invisible String*, *The Huge Bag of Worries* and *Have you Filled a Bucket Today?* are helpful for reading with children who experience separation anxiety.
- Speak with your child's class teacher. They may be able to prepare a job for your child to carry out when they arrive at school, such as sharpening pencils. Children like to be helpful and it can ease the transition.



Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play. For more information please click the link at the side of page 1.



Saxon Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Saxon Primary School. This is an opportunity for an



individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please click the link at the side of page 1.

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone are recruiting: 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 click the link at the side of page 1.

House Competitions

Spring 1 House Competition



This half term, the House Captains have decided that they'd like a Maths themed house competition to tie in with our exciting Maths week (next week). They have therefore planned for an epic Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) battle to take place during Maths Week. Children in Years 2-6 will be able to earn points for their house across the week by playing any game on TTRS that will earn them coins; game play will be open between 7.00am-7.00pm between the Monday-Thursday of that week, with the battle opening again on Friday at 7.00am but finishing promptly at 3.00pm. The House Captains are aware that children in Reception and Year 1 do not have access to TTRS so have planned for them to play some interactive Maths games which will earn them house points. At the end of the week, the points will be totalled from the Reception and Y1 Maths games and added to the points earned by each house in Y2-6 to work out which house will be awarded this term's trophy!



FOWO

Break the Rules Mufti Day, Wednesday 31st January

Get ready for Break the Rules Mufti Day on Wednesday, 31st January! For one day only, children are invited to break the rules – detailed below. 50p per rule broken or £3 to break them all! Please bring cash and hand it in at drop-off.

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| • Facepaint | Fancy footwear (no heels) |
| • Mufti top | Temporary tattoo |
| • Mufti skirt, trousers or shorts | Nail varnish |
| • Non-school bag | Crazy hair |
| • Any snack (NO NUTS!) | Crazy tie |

Affiliate Fundraising

FOWO has a number of fundraising links where we earn money from retailers when you shop with them. These include [easy fundraising](#), which raises money from over 8,000 retailers when you shop online, Stikins and Stampstastic clothes labels and the Elmbridge Lottery. All of these are really useful schemes for raising money for our school! We encourage you to find out more and sign up where possible. Full details can be found in the FOWO section of the school website, please keep checking back as these will be updated as and when we find out about more schemes:

<https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Fundraising+Links&pid=125>

Recycle Plastic Party Toys with FOWO

FOWO would welcome your unwanted party bag and cracker toys to reuse as event prizes. It helps you to have a clear-out and helps us cut back on costs. We will have a collection tub at every cake / uniform sale for donations to be handed in.

Y1&Y2 Cake Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake and uniform sale last week. We raised an amazing £144!! The next cake and uniform sale will be on Friday, 23rd February, when it will be over to Y3&Y4 to host.



Celebrations

Achievements outside of School

Well done to Isla, 1A who earned a Blue Peter Badge for reading. We are very proud of her. What a great ambassador for reading!



Isaac, 4D also received a Blue Peter badge over the Christmas holidays. He submitted a book review on the 'Loki' series, drawings and wrote about other authors he likes and why. The badge is designed by Sir Quentin Blake. When you earn the badge you also get a Blue Peter membership card which now entitles Isaac to discounts on lots of attractions. Well done Isaac another Reading role model!



Nancy, 2C has been litter picking at the weekends as she is so passionate about looking after our Planet. Not a weekend goes by when Nancy doesn't suggest going out for a walk down Rydens Road to tidy up. Nancy can't wrap her head around why people drop litter, but is determined to right their wrong. What a great attitude - we are all so proud of Nancy for her passion and care for the environment.



Gold Leaves

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

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| 1A | Thomas G, Phoebe, Scarlett, Sienna, Jolie, William, Isla, Sadie, Lilah & Rory |
| 1H | Julia & Mason |
| 2DO | Sam & Kornelia |
| 3C | Sophie, Jessica, Mahek, Sienna, Jessica B, Ruben, Felipe & Mustafa |
| 3N | Madeline, Ayla, Adiyat, Alexandra & Fraser |
| 4D | Mollie |
| 4G | Maddie, Tierni, Molly c, Effie, Milo & Holly |
| 5B | Rosie, Olivia, Thomas & Callum |
| 5P | Lou,i Bartosz, Katie, Habis, Magnus, Ehan & Arlo |
| 6G | Sienna, Angel, Lola, Jessie, Penny & Ava |
| 6P | Samanta, Lukas, David, Danas, Tommy & Eddie |

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



FWO INVITES YOU TO

BREAK THE RULES

50p for each rule broken or £3 for all.
Bring cash and hand to your teacher

- FACEPAINT
- TEMPORARY TATTOO
- NAIL VARNISH
- CRAZY HAIR
- CRAZY TIE
- FANCY FOOTWEAR (NO HEELS!)
- MUFTI TOP
- MUFTI SKIRT, TROUSERS OR SHORTS
- NON-SCHOOL BAG
- ANY SNACK (NO NUTS)

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY



MATHS WEEK 2024

Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb

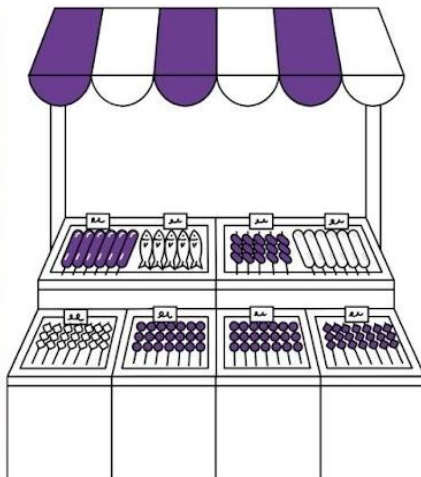


Remember that we are
dressing up as rock stars
on Friday 2nd February in
support of NSPCC
Number Day!



WALTON OAK MATHS MARKET

Friday 2nd February
2.30-3.30pm



Come along to our Maths
Market on Friday 2nd Feb
from 2.30pm to purchase
your child's carefully made
product in support of NSPCC.



NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

AN INTERACTIVE WEBINAR FOR
PARENTS & CARERS AROUND KEEPING
KIDS SAFE ONLINE

It's not easy getting kids off screens, is it? Let alone protecting them from online predators, cyberbullying and the damaging effects of pornography.

But as parents & carers you play a CRUCIAL role ensuring the online safety of your children.🌐

You hold the key to ensuring the online safety of your children in this digital age. Empower yourself with confidence by joining my Zoom webinar '**Navigating the Digital Landscape: Empowering Parents for Online Safety Across Different Ages**' where you'll gain invaluable insights into fortifying your family's digital fortress

🚀 Webinar Highlights:

- **Proactive Parenting Strategies:** Uncover effective strategies to proactively manage your child's online presence, promoting a secure and positive digital environment.
- **Age-Tailored Guidance:** Discover age-specific tips to navigate the digital landscape at every stage of your child's development.
- **Practical Tools and Techniques:** Equip yourself with practical tools and techniques to implement parental controls, monitor online activities, and cultivate responsible digital habits.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Have burning questions? Get them answered live. Engage in a dynamic Q&A session tailored to address your specific concerns.
- **Building Digital Resilience:** Learn how to foster resilience in your children, empowering them to face the online world confidently and make informed choices.

Book your place today:

📅 **Save the Date:** Tuesday 6th February at 7pm on Zoom

🌐 **Connect From Anywhere:** No need to leave the cosy corners of your home via Zoom and connect with fellow parents on this important digital journey.

💎 **Don't miss out on this opportunity** to elevate your role as a digital guardian. Register now for this Zoom webinar and embark on a transformative experience that promises to redefine your approach to online safety.

📝 Register and Embrace Digital Parenthood with Confidence!

🌟 Together, Let's Navigate the Digital Landscape for a Safer Tomorrow for our Kids! 🌟



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VS
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PHOENIX


AN EPIC HOUSE BATTLE

MON 29TH JAN - FRIDAY 2ND FEB
7AM-7PM DAILY
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WHICH HOUSE WILL BE VICTORIOUS?