



# WALTON OAK WIRE

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## Headteacher's Message

Children's mental health week is acknowledged by schools and organisations nationally in order to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people. The theme for 2024 is **My Voice Matters**. Children across the school have been carrying out activities to support them in recognising the importance of a healthy mind and understanding that being listened to and valued is an important part of keeping their minds healthy.

Our senior prefects had an important role in planning the week and spent time creating a video that was shared in the whole school assembly today. They interviewed a range of staff to explore what every adult's role is in supporting the mental health of children at Walton Oak. This included non-teaching staff such as members of the office team and our site manager. They also interviewed a member of FOWO and a parent governor. It was reassuring for the children to see that every adult in the school plays a part in helping them to feel safe and cared for and to know that they belong.

It has also been great to see lots of photos coming in of things that really matter to the children and support their positive mental health outside of school. There is more information about this further on in the Wire. Thank you to Miss Langley and Miss Code for leading such an empowering week for our children.



Some of our families will be celebrating Chinese New Year during half term, otherwise known as the Lunar New Year or Spring Festival. This year it will fall on Saturday 10th February and will be celebrated for several days. Regional customs and traditions vary widely but share the same theme: seeing out the old year and welcoming in the luck and prosperity of a new year. February 2024 brings an end to the Year of the Rabbit and welcomes the Year of the Dragon. It might be fun to find out which year everyone in your household was born in.

For all those celebrating the Chinese New Year: 恭喜发财 - **We wish you happiness and prosperity!**

Siân McCarthy



## General Information

### Curriculum Information – Topic Webs

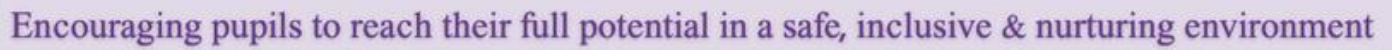
The new topic webs for next half term are now available to view on our school website. We have shared them earlier this time so that parents can discuss them with their children and perhaps plan a fun outing or share a movie or book about upcoming topics to give the children a reference point for their new learning. Have a look at the curriculum area of the website for further information.  
<https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=7>



### Maths Market

Following on from the special Maths Week newsletter that you all received last week, Mrs. Bourne and Miss Pott are incredibly pleased to share that the Maths Market made a total profit of **£617.94**, which is nothing short of incredible. This is such a fantastic amount that has been raised for the NSPCC. We are so grateful to each and every one of you who came along to the Maths Market and supported this really important event; not just for raising money for such a worthy cause, but for how much this meant to the

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UKS2 - 5P

The children have been thinking all about how to look after their mental health this week by taking part in a range of different wellbeing activities. They have been on scavenger hunts, trying mindfulness breathing and looking after their environment.

# MY VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's  
CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK  
8-11  
FEB  
2024



The collage features 18 individual photographs. The first row shows a boy holding a blue and red snake puppet, a green frog puppet, a book titled 'CARS TRAINS SHIPS & PLANES', and a boy with a horse. The second row includes a boy with a snake, a black dog, a girl in a green dress, a boy in a purple suit, and a girl in a pink shirt. The third row shows a boy in a yellow shirt, a girl in a purple shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The fourth row features a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The fifth row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The sixth row includes a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The seventh row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The eighth row features a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The ninth row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The tenth row includes a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The eleventh row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The twelfth row features a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The thirteenth row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The fourteenth row includes a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The fifteenth row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The sixteenth row features a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The seventeenth row shows a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt. The eighteenth row includes a boy in a black shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a boy in a green jersey, and a girl in a pink shirt.



### Nursery World Book Day

The children in Nursery will have their 'dressing up as book character day' on Wednesday 6th March. This will ensure that both Butterflies and Ladybirds Class have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing all of their wonderful costumes. The children in Nursery will also celebrate events across the whole week.

### Spring Term Parent Consultations

Yesterday, a letter was sent to all parents detailing information for our Spring Term parent consultations. Appointment slots will go live on Scopay at 9am on Monday 19th February - this is the first day back after half term. Please refer to the letter sent out yesterday for all key details.

### Punctuality:



People don't always realise the detrimental impact that poor punctuality has on attendance. We still have a number of children who regularly arrive late to school. The image to the left details the effect that being late can have on children's wellbeing and education.

If you are experiencing challenges that make it very difficult to arrive to school on time, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Natasha Herron-Duke, our HSLW via the link on the first page of this letter. We will work with you to make a plan of support.

Otherwise, please think of school as a train you have to catch. If you arrive late for a train, you'll miss it. Our school remains stationary but the timetable of learning starts moving at 9am and the children need to be seated and ready, with coats and bags hung up and equipment ready. This will help them to have a calm start to their learning journey each day!

Find out more about the importance of good attendance and punctuality for your child by following these links:

Attendance Matters Leaflet: <https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=679&type=pdf>

Every Minute Counts: <https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=705&type=pdf>

### Reading

#### Reading at home:



**SOOPER BOOKS**

#### As seen on Dragons' Den

Sooperbooks is an online reading platform containing 113 free books aimed at children up to 10 Years old. Once you input an adult's email address you can access the books to be read aloud or to read yourself. There are original stories as well as rewritten classics to enjoy.

<https://sooperbooks.com/>

#### 100 Reads

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

Arlo – Squirrels	Leo – Squirrels	Lilah – 1A
Edward – 1H	Juno – 1H	Pia – 1H
Eva B – 3C	Henry 3C	Sienna – 3C
Elina – 4G	Skyler – 4G	Caitlin – 5P
Cvetelina – 6P		





### 150 Reads

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

Anaiah – Hedgehogs	Thomas - Squirrels	Anoushka – 3C
Mimi – 5B	Caitlin – 5P	Katie – 5P

### 200 Reads

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

Cillian - Butterflies	Mariana – Butterflies	Zak - Butterflies
Hattie – Hedgehogs	Luke – Hedgehogs	Rory – 1A
Thomas – 1A	Caitlin – 5P	Katie – 5P

### Tiny Happy People



## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK FOR 4-5 YEARS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>PLAY RHYMING GAMES</b> 	<b>PLAY WITH A BALL</b> 	<b>PLAY I SPY</b> 	<b>PLAY THE FACE GAME</b> 	<b>LEARN OPPOSITES</b> 
<b>MAKE A FEELINGS TREE</b> 	<b>SEARCH FOR TREASURE</b> 	<b>PLAY HOPSCOTCH</b> 	<b>SOUND SORTING BOX</b> 	<b>THROWING GAME</b> 
<b>DRAW YOUR DAY</b> 	<b>MAKE UP SILLY SONGS</b> 	<b>CREATE YOUR OWN JIGSAW</b> 	<b>SHARING WITH TOYS</b> 	<b>TIME OUT FOR STORIES</b> 

### A Quiz!

With half term approaching, this week's link is to a quiz to help you find an activity to do. Answer a few simple questions and it will find you a fun activity to try with your children. This is a really useful tool to have for rainy days or when you have a spare few hours and you want to try something fun away from screens.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/4-5-activity-selector/z6tvsk7>



### Extra-Curricular Events

#### Year 4 and 5 Badminton Event

On Monday, some of us went to Cleves sports hall for a badminton event. We got to do lots of games with badminton equipment. The first activity was ladders where we had to hit with the badminton racket as far as we could. If we got it onto the next racket we got 1 point, if we got it onto the next it would be 2 points and so on. We also played 'caterpillars'. The first person had a big pompom and a badminton racket. We had to pass it on to the next person. Another activity was called "Ready Steady Throw ". We had a giant shuttlecock and had to throw it as far as we could. There were cones to show how many points you got depending on how far you could throw it. We really enjoyed learning badminton skills and would love to do it again. *Ruby and Grace 4G*





## Enrichment Activities

### Year 3 Sleepover



Last Friday evening, the children in Year 3 had their annual sleepover. The children enjoyed a variety of activities like a competitive game of bench ball, Roman shield making and cooking flat bread on a fire to which they ended the night off with a movie in the hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting ready for bed and setting up their pillows and sleeping bags for a long night ahead. The children woke up bright and early and enjoyed some breakfast and a film just in time to pack up to go home.



### Nursery Cinderella Ball

The Nursery children had a great day on Wednesday at Cinderella's Ball. They arrived at school dressed as Princes and Princesses with their golden ticket and walked down the red carpet. There was dancing, sitting in Cinderella's carriage and a special visit from the Queen! We had been practising our curtsies, bows and royal waves especially. The event finished with eating some special biscuits that were decorated for the occasion. What a wonderful day!



## Pastoral News



### Parenting Puzzle

This week, the pastoral team is very excited to announce the upcoming dates for this year's **Parenting Puzzle**. The course is open to any of our parents and carers who would like to come along and find out how to get the best out of family life.

It is a **10 week programme** that will be run **once a week** on a **Friday morning** after the Easter half term. It is a great way to get together with other parents and carers and share similar experiences with others. To book your place early and avoid disappointment please contact

**Natasha (HSLW) on- 07938 645 949 or click the HSLW button on page 1**





### 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 on 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 is recruiting::** We are looking to appoint an Early years teaching assistant who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. If you would like to become a part of our friendly and inclusive support staff team and for more information please click the like at the side of page 1.

### House Competitions

#### House Points Update



Last week was an exciting week in the world of houses; there were two competitions taking place at the same time. In the children's competition - where they were either playing Maths games to earn points or battling it out on TTRS - **Griffin** were victorious having earnt the most points collectively across the school. In the staff competition - where they were encouraged to don their best rock star outfits - **Pegasus** earnt the most house points through the number of staff who dressed up as well as the additional house points earnt for those voted 'best dressed'.



The house board in the hall has been updated with all of the house points earnt through the recent competitions added onto the totals. In addition, Griffin have earnt themselves another trophy for winning the children's competition and Pegasus have been awarded their first trophy for winning the staff competition.



Mrs. Bourne met with the House Captains earlier this week and plans are already underway for the Spring 2 competition. Watch this space...





FOWO

### World Book Day Costume Sale – Second Hand Uniform Sale – Friday 23rd February, 3.15pm

World Book Day is coming up in early March; grab a bargain at the FOWO fancy dress sale on Friday 23rd February, where all items will be £1. Second-hand uniforms will also be on sale. Donations of clean, good quality reusable items, gratefully received from Monday 19th February. Please leave these in the FOWO tub in the foyer.

### Y3/Y4 Cake sale – Friday 23rd February, 3.15pm

Alongside the costume sale, there will also be the Y3/Y4 cake sale. Please bring any donations of nut-free cakes on the day. These can be dropped off at school to the office in the morning or brought along when we are setting up in the afternoon. We also need 2-3 volunteers from Y3-Y4 to set up/help on the cake stall. Please email [fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) if you are free or talk to one of the FOWO committee.

### 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 the uniform/cake sale on the 23rd of February for donations to be handed in.

### Save the date - Family Beetle Drive – Friday 22nd March, 3.30 – 4.30pm

In place of Springo Bingo, FOWO's Easter Family games event this year will be an old-school Beetle Drive on Friday 22nd March, after school. Beetle is a fun game, where you roll a dice, and depending on the number rolled, you draw part of a beetle e.g., head, legs etc. The first to complete the Beetle wins a prize. You can play as a team or individually. Don't worry if you don't know all the rules; we'll be providing more information ahead of the event and will run through it all on the day itself. As well as a few rounds of Beetle, there will also be some other games, plus a tuck shop. Tickets to come along will go on sale on Classlist after half-term.

## Celebrations



### Achievements outside of school



Vadim is proud to announce that now he is now a part of Sea Cadets. He looks so smart in his uniform and we look forward to hearing all about his experiences as part of this great organisation. Thanks for sharing Vadim – we are proud of you too.

### Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Arlo, Mera, Teddy
Ladybirds	Luna, Salim, Mariana, Alfie
1A	Ayla, Mia, Finley, Harley
1H	Ella, Sidney, Tommy
4D	Willow-Hope, Savannah, Mollie, Mert, Tommy
4G	Tierni, Pheobe, Delilah, Annabelle, Freddy, Leo, Max & Reggie
6G	Lyla, Charlie, Harrison, Blake, Lisa, Mary, Lyra



## Values Certificates



Butterflies	Zakariya	For always being ambitious with his learning. Zak has a great enthusiasm for learning and is always interested in new topics. Well done, Zak!
	Mera	For always being ambitious with her learning and challenging herself. Mera is always kind and respectful to others.
Ladybirds	Alfie	For displaying great confidence and courage when talking in small group sessions this half term. We love hearing your ideas, Alfie!
	Levi-John	For gaining confidence this half term and joining in with group time and all activities at Nursery.
Hedgehogs	Cole	For being such a respectful and kind member of Hedgehogs at all times and for developing his collaboration when working with his friends.
	Lydia	For being courageous by trying so hard with all her learning even those that she finds difficult - well done, Lydia!
Squirrels	Penelope	For always being kind and caring to her peers. Penelope is respectful and compassionate to all those around her.
	Ibrahim	For always trying his best in everything he does. Ibrahim is courageous and is always excited to try new challenges.
1A	Thomas G	For being an ambitious and resilient learner in the classroom at all times and for showing up every day with a positive attitude to learning.
	Sadie	For being a resilient learner in 1A and not giving up though sometimes things get tricky. Sadie has shown great respect and kindness to her peers and adults in the classroom.
1H	Albie	For being resilient in all areas of his learning and demonstrating great effort and participation during lessons.
	Ivy	For always being kind and inclusive inside and outside the classroom. Ivy is constantly working hard to be a model student.
2C	Alaia	For being ambitious with her learning and courageous in the face of difficulties. Alaia has a wonderful attitude to every aspect of her learning and is a great example to her peers.
	Hayden	For showing continued curiosity in his learning in all different subject areas. Hayden continually demonstrates brilliant learning behaviours through his kind and respectful approach to the school day.
2DO	Phoenix	Phoenix has shown an incredible level of resilience, perseverance and determination in all aspects of his learning! He is a perfect example to others for this! We are so proud and you should be too, Phoenix.
	Simon	Simon has come such a long way since the start of the year. His concentration and listening has improved and he is continuing to improve his focus. He has particularly impressed us during PE – he has great control and skill.
3C	Libby	Libby's growing confidence and enthusiasm is not only admirable but inspiring others around her. Libby's caring and loving nature contributes greatly to 3C.
	Felipe	Felipe's relentless effort in all his learning is admired. This passion and commitment to do his best is truly remarkable. He is an invaluable member of 3C.
3N	Maja	Demonstrating relentless effort and positivity to her learning. Maja impresses all that work with her determination to excel at everything that she does, in addition to being considerate of others feelings.
	Madeline	For showing dedication to her learning and the Walton Oak Values. Madeline's enthusiasm towards every lesson demonstrates to all those around her that learning is fun! She is a kind, caring member of our class who works well with everyone in 3N.
4D	Ariyaana	For always exemplifying our Walton Oak way values. Ariyaana successfully collaborates with others and treats everyone with respect and kindness.





	Brian	For showing perseverance and resilience when answering challenging questions. Brian shows curiosity, respect and kindness to his peers and teachers. Keep up the amazing work, Brian.
4G	Florence	For always doing her best. Florence embodies the WOW values. Florence shows determination to always be her best, this results in some great learning and means she is a role model for others.
	Holly	For fantastic contribution to 4G. Holly shows all of our WOW values all of the time. Holly is curious and pushes herself to the next step in her learning. A pleasure to teach.
5B	Olivia	For being empathetic and encouraging towards others within their learning. Olivia is extremely collaborative and motivated within her learning and is growing from strength to strength.
	Thomas	For being kind and considerate of his peers. Thomas is exceptionally collaborative and has a wonderful thirst for learning.
5P	Riley	For his collaboration in Maths week, he dedicated his time to helping others with printing their resources. Riley also consistently demonstrates his collaborative nature in various sports events & PE.
	Caitlin B	For her helpful nature that always shines through. She is willing to be collaborative, encouraging others to be their best. She helps to create a supportive environment in class.
6G	Penny	For always being resilient and having a positive attitude.
	Joel	For being resilient and courageous in the classroom and with his learning.
6P	Zahara	For going above and beyond to always challenge herself in her learning, whilst working courageously and curiously.
	Eddie	For showing resilience in all his learning, challenging himself each day and being a kind and respectful member of 6P.



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



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BEING OUR BEST! THE WALTON OAK WAY



# Parenting Puzzle Workshop

: At Walton Oak Primary School

Come and find out how to get the best out of family life.  
over the 10 week parenting puzzle programme, you will explore lots of  
different topic, including:

- Understanding why children behave the way they do
- Recognise the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- exploring different approaches to discipline
- finding ways to develop co operation and self discipline in children
- learning the importance of looking after ourselves

SAVE YOUR SPOT

To find out more and book yourself a place, contact Natasha Herron-Duke (HSLW) at Walton Oak on 07938 645 949

The course will be running on a Friday Morning 9:15-11:15 on the  
following dates- 26Tth April 2024, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May 2024  
7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June 2024 and 5th July 2024

if you have completed the parenting puzzle programme before but would still like  
to join please feel free to enquire.

