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There has been a scattering of red among the usual Walton Oak purple today as we invited children to wear a red nose or a red accessory for a small donation in aid of Comic Relief. Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK. Their goal is to "drive positive change through the power of entertainment".

There has been lots of entertainment happening today, especially joke telling - my favourite one being...

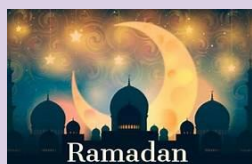
How do you get a baby astronaut to sleep? You rocket! *Honor, 1A*



The best jokes were shared in a whole school assembly this afternoon which got everyone laughing.

You may have noticed an increase in the sporting events that we have participated in as a school this year, across the age groups - all of which have been celebrated in The Wire. We will continue to expand our participation and are looking for ways to increase capacity in our team to manage this. Currently, Miss Pott and Miss Gardner are instrumental in the planning, organising and attending of events and I am so very grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment towards this - The children are very lucky. I look forward to seeing how far we can continue to expand this offer across the school and across an even wider range of sports in the future.

It was particularly exciting to see our girls football team win their match last Friday, on International Women's Day. We are all very proud of them, as we are of all our young athletes across the school. See the football match reports below.



Another big event this week for some of our families is the start of Ramadan. This is a month of fasting, reflection, community and family time for millions of Muslims around the world. We wish '**Ramadan Mubarak**' to all the members of our school community who are taking part in this special religious practice.

Look out for details of other events coming up over the next few weeks:

Tues 19th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (1.45pm-4pm)
Weds 20th March	Nursery Pirate Day
Weds 20th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.15pm-7.15pm)
Fri 22nd March	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Fri 22nd March	FOWO Spring Family Beetle Drive (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Tues 26th March	Reception Trip to Bockett's Farm
Weds 27th March	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court
Weds 27th March	Year 4 Delight in Dance Presentation (1-3pm)
Thurs 28th March	Last day of Spring Term (1.45pm finish)
Mon 15th April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays
Tues 23rd April	St George's Day - Children are invited to wear their uniforms
Weds 24th April	Parent Learning Conference (5.30pm-7.40pm)
Fri 26th April	Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip (9am-12pm)

Siân McCarthy





General Information

Staff News

We have been pleased to welcome Mrs Maj this week, who has joined us as a TA in year 2.



Parent Learning Conference

Earlier this week, Mrs. Bourne shared a 'menu' of workshop sessions for parents and carers to choose from at our upcoming Parent Learning Conference on Wednesday 24th April. The 'menu' flyer contained a link to a short Google Form for parents/carers to complete, sharing which sessions they plan on attending at the event. Thank you to those of you who have already completed this form - it is really helpful for us in being able to plan for the smooth running of this event. If you are yet to complete the form, please click on this link to do so:

<https://forms.gle/AKqRwx2GqSyUPTui8>

We are asking that parents/carers complete this form by Wednesday 27th March at 9.00am.

Healthy Snacks

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat during their break time. Please ensure this is limited to fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, rice cakes or bread sticks (no chocolate or sweets). Nursery, Reception & KS1 children are provided daily fruit or vegetables as part of the Government scheme.

Pupil Voice – PlayPod

Following the introduction of the PlayPod we asked children to share their views in one of the Feedback boxes we have placed in the school reception area. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive – here are some of our favourite responses:

I really like the PlayPod and I hope we can keep it forever! I love building new things with my friends.

I like that you can let your imagination run wild!

It was amazing – great effort! I Love that it makes me happy. You can be very creative. It is amazing!

I really like the PlayPod. I like going into Woody Oaks to build Dens and explore in nature.

The PlayPod is amazing. I could not ask for more. Me and my friends personally like playing with the suitcases. We like wheeling each other round in them. If you could get more that would be great! Thank you for listening to

I don't always use the scrap but I like that the playground is much calmer.

Bikes and Scooters

Just another reminder anyone cycling or scooting to school must stop outside the school gates and then walk the item through the school grounds. This is to keep everyone safe as they enter and exit the school site. Most children do this very well, we have just noticed it creeping back in a little lately. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Reading



Book Fair

Please visit the book fair next week. This will be open after school from 3.30pm - 4.15pm on Tuesday to Friday. Book Fair purchases enable the school to order free books from Scholastic for classroom book corners, Year group topics and additional resources for the library.

100 Reads

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

Teddy B – Butterflies	Oscar K - Butterflies	Max - Butterflies
Tommy – 1H	Kirthana – 1H	Diana – 1H
Faihan – 1H		

150 Reads

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

Mason – 1H	Sandra – 1H	Saffanah – 1H
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200 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 300 reads this week:

Mariana – Butterflies	Zak – Butterflies	Cillian - Butterflies
Matty – Hedgehogs	Max – Hedgehogs	Isla – 1A
Phoebe – 1A	Fionn – 1H	Dylan – 1H
Ivy – 1H	Ruby – 2C	Harriet – 6P

Tiny Happy People



This weeks activity to try at home is finger painting. An activity that most children love, it's great for children to explore with paints and use their imagination.

Children can explore the sense of touch, let them take the lead and talk about how the paint feels as well as what they're painting.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zhw7639>

Click on the link to see some activities to try with your child.





Extra-Curricular Events

Years 5 and 6 Girls Football

Last Friday, the Walton Oak girls' football team put in another spectacular performance as they showed us, yet again, how hard they have been working in recent months. With the sun finally shining, it wasn't long before the first goal hit the back of the net with a super shot by Lyra. From then on, the girls worked together with some excellent passages of play, brilliant teamwork and a real sense of pride. A further three goals were scored by Lyra, Mary and Chloe. The final score was 4-1. Simply amazing!



With only two days rest, the girls were back out on the pitch for another game. Going up against second in the league, it wasn't going to be an easy ride, but staying true to themselves the girls gave it everything they had and came away with another win! At half time, the score stood at 2-0, with Lyra and Mary giving us an early lead. During the second half, we conceded two goals and went into the last 15 minutes neck and neck. Despite this, the girls remained in high spirits and with a lot of resilience, some superb football and a cracking final goal from Mary, the girls finished the match with a 3-2 win.



We are so proud of how the girls have developed this year. From players who hadn't put on a pair of football boots before September to those who have been playing for a club for a number of years, the team has gone from strength to strength. We are now in a three way tie at the top of the table and cannot wait for our final match of the season. Well done girls! *Miss Pott and Miss Gardner*



Year 3 LLT TTRS Battle

This week, the children in Year 3 have been working hard to show off their times tables knowledge whilst earning as many points for their class as possible. They've been in a fierce battle on TTRS against the other Year 3 classes across the Lumen Learning Trust. We've seen lots of healthy competitiveness from our Year 3 children as they've been tracking their scores in an attempt to climb up the leaderboard. We are so impressed with all of the children's efforts which has resulted in Walton Oak placing third overall. In addition, 3C and 3N both placed in the top half of the class leaderboard with 3C in 4th place and 3N in 5th place. Well done to all of the children and a special well done to our top Year 3 players at Walton Oak: Jessica B (3C), Seth (3N) and Noah (3N).



Enrichment Activities

On Thursday, KS2 welcomed Lewis from Surrey Youth Games to their assembly who spoke to them about an exciting opportunity for them to take part in a range of sports, all completely free. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details on how to register your child.



Y4 LLT Maths Challenge

Yesterday afternoon, four children from Year 4 travelled to Saxon to take part in the annual LLT Year 4 Maths Challenge. This is an exciting event whereby children from across the five Lumen schools collaborate with one another whilst taking part in a range of Maths activities. The children have shared the following about their experience:

"I liked going to the challenge day because there was this hexagon challenge. You had 7 hexagons and you had to flip three over and had to try not to make it infinite. I had a fun day doing challenges." *Charlie, 4C*

"There were these little circles that went from big to small and then you had to move them from A-C but you couldn't put it on the littlest circle. I got a certificate and a gold biscuit. It was nice." *Jack 4C*

"We had to solve very tricky maths problems with shapes and it got our brains working hard! I really enjoyed it and we got a certificate at the end." *Jack 4G*



"We had to solve maths problems and they were quite hard. I really enjoyed it - my favourite challenge was called seven flipped where we had to flip hexagon shapes and try and get them all the same colour. We also got a biscuit and a certificate at the end." *Asenath 4G*

Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME



Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Pastoral News



Is your child someone who struggles with endings and change?

As parents and carers, we never want our children to experience sadness, anger or disappointment. So sometimes we try to minimise the impact an ending has. We say "don't worry about that... think about the fun thing coming up next week".

Instead try to change that pattern, allow your child to feel their emotions and join them by encouraging them to talk about it. Once you have spoken about their feelings you can explore what's next, Normalise their emotions, "it's normal to be a bit nervous about meeting someone new".

You could also try to prepare your child for the changes and endings if you know that they are coming. Because we find it difficult to see our children struggle, sometimes we leave talking about change until the last minute. It's much better to spend a few weeks preparing.

Talk about different ways they might feel, and how that's ok. Discuss what might come next. Show them pictures and involve them in preparing.

Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistants/1:1 Teaching Assistants with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information, please click on the link at the side of page 1.



Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting: We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working. For more information, please click on the link at the side of page 1.

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone 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. For more information, please click on the link at the side of page 1.

Darley Dene School in Addlestone is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual who is qualified with a minimum of Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information, please click on the link at the side of page 1.

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. For more information, please click in the link at the side of page 1.

Saxon Primary School is recruiting: We are looking for a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is a part time, term time role, working 22.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hardworking and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care. For further information, please click on the link at the side of page 1.



FOWO



Family Beetle Drive and Games afternoon tickets – Friday, 22nd March, 3.30 – 4.30pm

Don't forget to get your tickets for FOWO's Easter Family games event on Friday, 22nd March straight after school. This year, it will be an old-school Beetle Drive. 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 shouts Beetle and wins a prize! Don't worry if you don't know all the rules; we will run through it all on the day. You can also get a sneak preview on our Facebook page. As well as a few rounds of Beetle, there will also be some other games, plus a tuck shop. If you are not on Classlist you can sign up here: <https://classlist.page.link/EtGBYRa4zME6oANRA>

Seymours Boards – Summer Fair – Can you help?

We're delighted to announce that Seymours Estate Agents is sponsoring the Summer Fair (Saturday, 22nd June). They have agreed to pay for 30 estate agent boards, with each board raising £20. If you are happy to have a board outside your house, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk with your name and address. The boards will go up in May, but we need to provide the addresses in April—not that long after we get back from the Easter holidays, so the request is going out early! If we get more than 30 addresses, don't worry – Seymours will choose the 30 addresses that give them the widest spread.

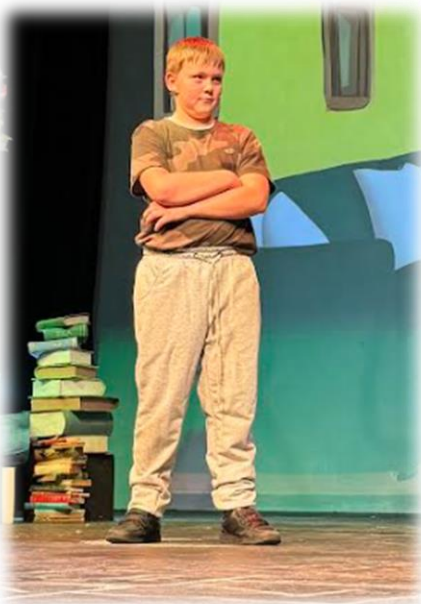
Year Group WhatsApp

If you are not on your year group's parents WhatsApp group and would like to join, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk, and we will connect you with the admin for your year group.

Celebrations



Achievements outside of School



Riley, 5P and Daisy, 4G were given the opportunity to take part in Drama Cube's recent production of Matilda Junior. It was a brilliant show and both children really embraced being on stage and performing. Riley played the part of Michael, Matilda's brother and was hugely entertaining. Daisy had a dual role as one of the children in scary Miss Trunchball's school and also as the acrobat in the story Matilda told from her imagination.

The children had a great time in this brilliant production and we are all very proud of them both.





Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Teddy
Hedgehogs	Victoria Max Isabel Ryan
Squirrels	Philip Cecie Alisa Harlow Bertie
1A	Hallie-Grace Finley Natallie Sienna William
1H	Ava Edward Diana
2DO	Niamh Eliza
3C	Felipe Kiri-Mai Libby Teddy Ruben Suraya Ben Luca Aurora Sophie Anoushka Henry Jessica
3N	Seth Ezmie Louie
4C	Ronnie Millie Rosie Amelie Willow-Hope Ella Tommy Ariyaana Isaac
4G	Delilah
5B	Matey Jemima Eva
5P	Elsie
6P	Lisa Mary Lukas Eddie Zahara Emily

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



Easter

Holiday Activities

Button Spring Trees

2nd April

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm

Create a spring tree picture using paint
and buttons

Cost: £4

Excellent Egg Cups

4th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Decorate a wooden egg cup, egg and spoon

Cost: £4.50

Clay Day

9th April

10-10:45, 11:30-12:15, 2:00-2:45

See our Greek vases and make a clay
creation

Cost: £2.50

Make a Board Game

11th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

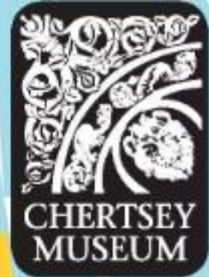
Design your own Snakes and Ladders game

Cost: £4.50

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)

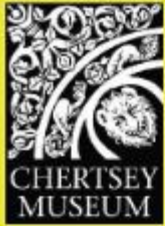
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place





For All
The
Family

1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination
meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE
DROP IN
SESSION



Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertseymuseum.org





Free activity sessions

For 11-16 year olds

Local to you, after Easter

Sign-up from 1st March onwards

**Book your
place
- scan the
code**



- Join with friends!
- Street Basketball, Judo, Girls Touch Rugby, Boxing, Boccia, Row/Bike/Run
- Friendly, supportive coaches
- Everyone's a beginner
- Make new mates local to you

"It's fun, its free and there's loads and loads of activities you can do" - Lara

"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent



Book now

