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Headteacher's Message

It was positive to be able to welcome so many parents to our parent consultation meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. I hope you found it useful to be able to speak with your children's class teachers about their learning and wellbeing and identify areas in which you can continue to support at home. Parent partnership is so important and these opportunities to information share are incredibly valuable.

Mrs Bourne was stationed by the entrance during both evenings to explain more about our upcoming Parent Learning Conference. We now have 64 parents signed up! If you haven't yet filled in the Google Form, please do so. It is a great opportunity to come and gather some more information about important aspects of our provision such as anti-bullying, online safety, pastoral and SEND support as well as attend up to four, 20 minute workshops from a menu of choices linked to English and Maths. The aim is to equip parents with helpful insight into what and how the children learn at school and how best to support them at home. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so via this link <https://forms.gle/AKgRwx2GqSyUPTui8>

We were visited by some ancient Egyptians today. They borrowed the year 3 classrooms and spent the day doing some unusual and interesting activities. I witnessed some dancing, pyramid building, head dress designing and jewellery making among other things. Mrs Nash and Miss Courtenay are keen to share the adventures in next week's Wire so look out for this special section. What a shame our year 3 children missed it!



Siân McCarthy

General Information

Staffing News

We had another new member of staff join us this week. Miss Louder has joined us as a teaching assistant in Nursery.



Easter Holidays – school closed

A reminder the school closes at 1.45pm on Thursday 28th March for Easter holidays. All children return on Monday 15th April.

Feet First Walking Instructors

Surrey County Council are looking recruit more Feet First **Walking Instructors**. Please follow the link for more information: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=563>

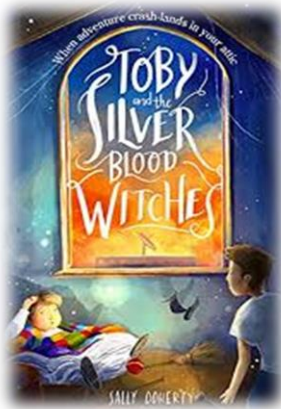


Summer Term Enrichment Clubs

Thank you to the parents/carers who expressed interest in our Summer Term enrichment clubs. Parents/carers will be informed of the club(s) that their child(ren) has been placed in next week so look out for this information in your email inbox.

Reading

Book Review



Toby and the Silver Blood Witches

★★★★★

Toby is a boy who gets pulled into a magical adventure. A mysterious woman appeared in his attic, a Silver Blood Witch. Toby and the witch set about rescuing the other witches from the SMI (Society of Magical Investigation).

I really enjoyed this book as it was filled with magical twists and turns - I never knew what to expect next! Anyone who has enjoyed magical and adventure stories would get lost in this good read. *Harriet, 6P*

100 Reads

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

Bella – Butterflies

Abbie S – 5B

150 Reads

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

Mary – 2DO

200 Reads

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

Eliza – 2DO

Tiny Happy People



Ball games to boost language

As we have had some sunshine this week, it would be nice to get outside and play some ball games. Follow the link below to see 5 simple ball games to try with your families.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zrmnsk7>

If you don't have a ball, don't worry! Why not try the games in the video with some rolled-up socks, a cushion or a teddy?



Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!






What's the best way to handle disappointment?

In the news this week

Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience, guaranteed chocolate fountains, performances by Oompa Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £35 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Enrichment Activities



Year 5 and 6 Boys Football

The Year 5 and 6 boys' football team played a friendly football match against Cleves this week. This was an opportunity for children across both year groups to come together and play a non-competitive game in a more relaxed environment. Going up against Cleves, we knew the competition would be tough. The boys worked extremely hard together and, despite the loss, came away with an excellent goal by Samir. A special mention goes to Magnus who stepped in to fill the position of goalie and made some great saves. Well done boys, we hope you enjoyed the game! *Miss Pott and Miss Gardner*



Pastoral News

Helping your child when they are anxious

Start by letting your child know that you have noticed a change in them and then help them to name the feelings.

Reassure them that it is normal to feel anxious and then give them some calming strategies they can use. There are lots of helpful strategies and a great video to watch on the Place 2 Be parenting smart website.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-is-anxious>

There are also lots of good books to help your child:





Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting: Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are looking for a fixed term Teaching Assistant until the end of August 2024. 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 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 Primary 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.

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting: Do you have a passion for Early Years? Are you motivated by working within a high performing environment? We currently have an opportunity for a dedicated nursery Leader 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 on the link at the side of page 1.

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant 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.



FOWO

Tesco Tokens – The Results Are in!

Earlier this year, FOWO was a nominated charity for the Tesco in-store blue token scheme. Through the token scheme, Tesco donates grants to charity projects, with the grant value determined by the number of votes (tokens) received by Tesco shoppers when shopping in-store. We are thrilled to announce that FOWO has now received a grant of **£2,500** from Tesco. This will be used to buy additional equipment for the Early Years Outdoor Area, which was the named project on the grant application made last year.

Seymours Estate Agents Boards – Summer Fair – Can you help?

Seymours Estate Agents will once again be sponsoring the Walton Oak 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, Seymours will choose the 30 addresses that give them the widest spread.

Summer Uniform Rail in the Foyer Next Week

FOWO has a really good stock of summer uniforms, particularly summer dresses. Next week, a clothes rail with summer dresses, grey shorts and PE shorts will be in the foyer from Monday pick-up until the close of school on Thursday. Feel free to stop by and grab a bargain. Each item costs £1, which can be put in an envelope (provided) addressed to FOWO and posted through the office **letterbox** or you can do a bank transfer. Please keep the rail tidy and do not leave clothes on the floor.



Celebrations



Achievements outside of School

Eva's football team, Walton and Hersham U10 Wasps (Whites) won their Cup Final at the weekend. A very exciting 2-1 win. All the girls played brilliantly as a team.



Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Nominah & Mariana
Ladybirds	Levi-John
Hedgehogs	Chloe & Bradley
Squirrels	Daniel, Shay, Penelope, Alisa, Michael, Mahdi & Ibrahim
1A	Rafe & Harley
2DO	Ilana
3C	Tommy, Musbah & Sienna
3N	Noah, Vincent, Brody, Joshua, Lyra & Vincent
4C	Sami, Mollie, Savannah, Nina & Thomas
4G	Leo
5B	Mimi, Eva, Maci & Lara
5P	Zack
6P	Alex

Values Certificates



Butterflies	Evie	For always being so enthusiastic about her learning and being ambitious and challenging herself during independent learning time.
	Arlo	For being curious during independent learning time and always being respectful and kind to others.
Ladybirds	Lizzie	For beginning to build her independence and always being inclusive and kind during play.
	Albion	For always having such a positive attitude and for always being kind and respectful towards others.



Hedgehogs	Luke	For being consistently ambitious in all his learning, he is always writing and doing Maths challenges. He is very inclusive and supportive towards his friends.
	Matty	For collaborating well with his friends and consistently showing resilience when undertaking tricky learning challenges independently.
Squirrels	Cecie	For her enthusiasm for learning and her ability to want to challenge herself every day!
	A'isha	For becoming a more independent learner and challenging herself in everything she does.
1A	William	William has become a very resilient member of 1A. He is always keen to learn new things and has grown in confidence in not giving up until he has tried. Well done - we are so proud of you!
	Honor	Honor's enthusiasm for learning always shines through in every lesson. She is always showing her eagerness to learn and is ready to take on challenges. It is very evident that Honor is a very ambitious learner!
1H	William B	For always demonstrating the ability to be resilient and show off his creativity in all areas of his learning. He is a caring and collaborative member of 1H and brings his infectious smile in every day.
	Ella	For consistently showing her curiosity and knowledge within each lesson. She is a team player and will make sure those around her are ok. Ella is a hardworking and kind member of the class and is such a delight to have around.
2C	Elizabeth	Constantly showing curiosity with her learning and always thinking about how she can be kind and respectful to her peers. Elizabeth's confidence has also grown this term which has been wonderful to see.
	Theo	Demonstrating resilience in his learning. Theo will face challenges head on and always strive to do his best, showing great ambition. In the classroom, Theo is always kind and considerate to his peers.
2DO	Seren	It has been wonderful to see Seren growing in confident and becoming more of an active learner during lessons.
	Lula H	For engaging actively in all lessons with positive contributions and persevering when things are challenging.
3C	Kiri-Mai	Kiri-Mai's willingness to lend a helping hand and offer support promotes a sense of belonging in our classroom. It's evident that Kiri-Mai takes great pride in her work and strives for excellence in everything she does.
	Teddy	I admire Teddy's positive contribution to our classroom environment. His upbeat attitude and collaborative spirit enhance the learning experience for everyone. Teddy actively encourages his peers to participate, creating a collaborative learning environment where everyone's strengths are celebrated.
3N	Dino	Dino's enthusiasm is contagious, igniting positivity wherever he goes. He is always helpful and willing to lend a hand, he approaches each challenge with eagerness to learn and grow. Dino demonstrates compassion towards his peers on a daily basis.
	Lyrra-Jane	Lyrra-Jane has overcomes barriers within her reading to reach goals in her daily learning. She is always willing to offer a helping hand to children and adults. Her happy, cheerful character is beginning to shine through as she throws herself into every challenge she faces.
4C	Eliza	Eliza has demonstrated an outstanding improvement in her handwriting and writing efforts, as well as overall effort in class. She actively engages in lessons and tries her best, when she is unsure she will proactively ask questions. Well Done, Eliza!
	Mia	Mia has consistently demonstrated exceptional effort and active engagement in class. She shows enthusiasm and actively participates in whole class or small group activities. She readily offers assistance and encouragement to others.
4G	Zeshan	For showing perseverance and dedication to his learning. Zeshan has made great progress across the curriculum since he has been at Walton Oak. He listens well and spends his time in lessons being curious about his learning.



	Effie	For making a positive contribution to 4G. She is curious and ambitious, always trying to be her best. Effie is a friendly girl who shows empathy and is supportive towards others. Well done Effie.
5B	Lara	For being consistently kind and inclusive towards her peers. She is always looking for ways in which she can support her peers. Lara refuses to give up within her learning and this makes me incredibly proud as her teacher.
	Maci	For showing persistent resilience within her learning. She is always willing to give things a go, even when she finds the learning tricky. Not only this, she is consistently working collaboratively to support her peers and pushing herself to be her best. Well done Maci!
5P	Ehan	Ehan is endlessly curious and always asks thought-provoking questions that inspire everyone around him. He approaches learning with a contagious enthusiasm, eager to explore new ideas and understand the world around him.
	Zack	His growing independence in learning and ambitious approach to keep calm and eagerly explore new concepts - asking lots of questions and sharing his knowledge.
6G	William	For being ambitious and resilient with his learning. Even when he faces a challenge, William uses his curiosity to find new ways to overcome it. William's growing confidence is a joy to see in the classroom.
	Jessie	For always being ambitious with her learning. Jessie's enthusiasm and positivity allows her to be her best whilst also encouraging and supporting her peers.
6P	Lukas	His positive and ambitious attitude in and around the classroom, showing, as always, an excellent approach to all of his learning.
	Zara	Always being a kind, caring and considerate member of 6P whilst always giving it her all and being her best in every element of her learning.



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



Easter Camp



Tuesday 2nd April - Thursday 4th April
Tuesday 9th April - Thursday 11th April
9.30am to 3pm. 5 - 13 Year Olds

To be held at:

**THREE RIVERS ACADEMY
HERSHAM**

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Easter

— BUNNY HUNT —

28th March 2024 2pm - 3.30pm

Join us for our Easter Bunny Hunt!

We'll be hiding Easter bunnies around our garden at Burwood Grange. Come and see if you can find them to be in with a chance of winning an Easter Egg prize!

There will be refreshments available on the afternoon for a small donation towards our Barchester Foundation Charity.

**All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Forms for the hunt to be collected from reception and taken back to reception for the prize.**

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