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Headteacher's Message

Once again, we are at the end of another term! It was lovely to mark this with a special assembly this morning where a number of children proudly received various awards; we celebrated the achievement of many house points; and the children sang the songs they have been learning this term. It was certainly an uplifting start to the last day of term. I think everyone is ready for the Easter break now to rest and recoup, ready for an eventful Summer Term.

Curriculum webs for Summer 1 have been uploaded to our website:

<https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=7>

Please take a look as you may wish to plan a special day out or enjoy reading or watching something topic related to prepare your children for the term ahead. We learn by making links to prior knowledge so having a special memory of something related to the children's learning in school can help their new knowledge to stick.

Last night we held our Local Governor Body meeting for the Spring Term. As always, it was fully attended and there was a lot of discussion about how well the school is achieving its priorities. Across the term, the Governors carried out a range of visits to support the evaluation of the school. There was a focus on the quality of education, particularly looking at the support teachers receive to be able meet the needs of all the children in their class and ensure that all children can learn well. There was also a focus on behaviour, both inside the school and at playtimes. The general feedback was positive. Governors used their insight to validate that leaders are taking the right actions to keep children safe and ensure children are receiving the education they deserve. They asked probing questions to encourage me, as Headteacher, to think deeply about what is important for us, right now as a school and what requires further consideration going forwards. Ensuring children attend well is definitely an area to continue to focus on. We are also going to look closely at the developments in the foundation subjects (the wider curriculum beyond Maths and English) to make sure children are receiving broad and balanced opportunities across a range of subjects. I am grateful for this support from our Governing body.

I wish you all a positive Easter Break. I hope you manage to enjoy quality time together and that the weather is kind enough to us, so the children can get outside and have some fun. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to Walton Oak on Monday 15th April.

Siân McCarthy



General Information

Staff News

As you are aware, Mrs. Bourne is expecting her first baby in August. She aims to keep working until the end of the Summer Term before starting her maternity leave in the summer break. We will be welcoming Mrs. Lauren Butler as Acting Deputy Head. She has been a senior leader at two other Lumen schools: Echelford in Ashford and Darley Dene in Addlestone. She will visit us during the Summer Term to get to know staff, children and parents and carry out a detailed handover with Mrs. Bourne. Look out for her on the gate next term and please do come and say hello.



Uniform

A reminder, all children are expected to wear the appropriate uniform and shoes to school. If you are shopping over the Easter holidays, summer uniform (dresses) can be worn in the Summer Term with black school shoes (no trainers).



Responsible and Considerate Parking

We would like to remind all parents to be responsible and considerate about where you park. We have had another complaint from a local resident regarding parents parking over their driveway. Blocking someone's driveway is really unacceptable as it poses inconvenience and a safety risk. Before you leave your car, please ask yourself whether you are parked in a place that is not going to cause a problem for others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reading

100 Reads

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



Odette – Squirrels	Michael – Squirrels	Milena – 1A
Mia – 1A	Sadie – 1A	Leo – 4G
Naveesh – 5B		

150 Reads

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

Leo - Squirrels	Alisa – Squirrels	Kai - Squirrels
Halo – 1A	Seth – 3N	Phoebe H – 4G
Pheobe K – 4G	Florence – 4G	Effie – 4G
Bentley – 5B	Ishara – 5B	

200 Reads

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

Thomas – Squirrels	Aisha – Squirrels	Thomas – 4C
Mimi – 5B	Jemima – 5B	

Tiny Happy People



Easter is a perfect time to get together with friends and family, enjoy the longer days and have fun with your young children.



On the link it lists some of our favourite language-learning activities that will keep your child entertained for the whole weekend. You won't need anything other than a few household items and some eggs.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zpghn9q>

Extra-Curricular Events

Football

This week, our Year 6 boys' football team played their final league matches of the season. On Monday, we travelled to St Ann's Heath for their penultimate match. Despite another well-fought match, the boys were unable to capitalise on the chances they had and finished with a loss. This did not take away from the hard work and resilience that they showed throughout the match with some excellent play.



On Tuesday, it was the turn of the Year 5 & 6 girls' football team as well as the Year 6 boys. Both teams travelled to St Anne's and played next to each other in the pouring rain! Once again, the boys didn't let early goals from the opposition get them down. With a great free kick taken by John, and an excellent finish from Harrison, they were able to score a brilliant goal. It was lovely to see Blake there to support from the side line.



The boys have had a difficult season, not helped with the loss of their goalie - Blake - to injury. A huge shout out to Finn for stepping up and taking his place - we're glad Blake is feeling better and are looking forward to seeing him back soon. We are so proud of how well the boys have worked as a team this year, and although they did not finish it with the win's they wanted, the success of their Saturday and Sunday leagues respectively shows what brilliant players they all are, and the talent of the teams they have been up against in their school games. We are both so proud of them all and want to thank them for all of their hard work and positivity.

The girls yet again put on a brilliant performance, going 3-0 up in the first half. Mary, Lyra and Poppy all found the back of the net, with Penny and Zara making it extremely difficult for the opposition to get close to goal. We are waiting for confirmation on where we have finished in the league, but know that we are at least third, separated from the top only by goal difference.

With cup matches still to come, it is all very much still to play for!

Once again, we are amazingly proud of the girls and the team work from every single player both on and off of the pitch. Well done to you all for all of your hard work this season. Miss Pott and Miss Gardner



Enrichment Activities

Year 3 Ancient Egypt



Ancient Egyptian history and mythology. Additionally, one of the highlights of the day was the race to wrap a mummy, which added an exciting and competitive element to the event, as teams raced against the clock to perfect the ancient art of mummification.

Year 3's recent immersive learning day exploring Ancient Egypt was an absolute success! Everyone immersed themselves in the vibrant culture of Ancient Egypt through a series of engaging activities. It was fantastic to see everyone fully embrace the spirit of the day, adorned in elaborate costumes reminiscent of gods, goddesses, Cleopatra, and pharaohs. Their attention to detail and enthusiasm truly enhanced the experience for all involved.

Throughout the day, all the children had the opportunity to delve into various aspects of Ancient Egyptian life. From the art of creating papyrus to intricate jewellery making, embracing the hands-on experiences with enthusiasm and creativity. They took part in a scavenger hunt, where the children embarked on a quest to uncover hidden treasures and solve puzzles inspired by





Children also explored the fascinating world of hieroglyphs through pixel art, creating their own unique designs using this ancient form of communication. Lastly, they had the opportunity to decorate personalised 'Nemes', complete with their own faces. The day allowed everyone to step into the shoes of pharaohs and gods/goddesses like Cleopatra, bringing the rich history of Ancient Egypt to life in a truly immersive way. Events like these not only deepen our understanding of history but also foster creativity, teamwork, and a sense of wonder!

Young Carers visit to Glendale Care Home



On Wednesday, some of our young carers were invited to visit Glendale to take part in an Easter egg hunt in their gardens. The children were very lucky to come away with some tasty treats that they found. We were then invited to meet some of the animals from the mobile petting farm with the residents including Bora Bora the dog, Kevin the Shetland pony, Mary the lamb and a number of chickens and rabbits. The children had a wonderful time sharing this experience with the residents of Glendale.

Year 4 – Delight in Dance!



Year 4 performed their Heroes vs Villains dance yesterday. Throughout the half term, they have been looking at traditional story formats whilst also creating their own characters to write a story about. After their performance they shared their Dance Journals and stories with their grown-ups.





Pastoral News



Easter holiday Events

The Surrey Community Lounge are hosting a virtual art workshop on 3rd April at 3.30pm you can join via the QR code or on their Facebook page (see flyer below).

Shout! Are running a number of free events over the holidays:

Tuesday 2 April

What: Pond Dipping and Woodland Walk - 10am-12pm followed by Nature Inspired and Recycled Crafts: 12pm-1pm

Where: West End Pond, Winterdown Road, Esher KT10 8LJ

Bring a picnic and stay for lunch.8

Monday 8 April

What: Scavenger Hunt along The Thames - 1pm to 3pm. 1 hour walk with stops for activities / 1 hour play. Unleash your inner explorer! Get ready for a thrilling adventure as you navigate through clues and activities along the river. Solve clues, spotter sheets and games.

Tuesday 9 April

What: Bug Hunt - 10am-12pm followed by:

Nature inspired and recycled crafts: 12pm-1pm

Where: Hurst Park, Sadlers Ride, West Molesey, KT8 1TW

Bring a picnic and stay for lunch

You can find out how to book here <https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/childrens-activities/holiday-activities>

Thank-you to all who responded with interest to the parenting puzzle workshop, unfortunately though we will not be going ahead with the workshop this term due to an insufficient amount of parent/carers sign up. We will however look to run this again in the Autumn term.

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.

House Competitions



Reading Bingo House Competition - The Results



This half term, we have had an exciting Reading Bingo challenge running as a house competition. We had many entries from each house, resulting in lots of house points being earned. There were 16 challenges on the bingo card and the children who entered received 2 house points per challenge that they completed; if they completed the entire bingo card, they received a bonus 20 house points **and** were entered into our prize draw.

A very well done to the following children who completed the full bingo card:

Dragon

Rory - 1A
Yahya - 1H
Lily - 1H
Zakai - 2C
Eliza - 2DO
Lyla - 6G
Penny - 6G

Griffin

Ruby - 2C
Kacey - 2DO
Sophie - 3C
Mica - 3C
Tierni - 4G
Harriet - 6P

Pegasus

Nancy - 2C
Emily S - 2DO
Annabelle - 4G
Cvetelina - 5P
Ava - 6G
Mary - 6P
Safya - 6P

Phoenix

Juno - 1H
Libby - 3C
Madeleine - 3N
Amelie - 4C
Mollie - 4C
Milo - 4G
Molly - 4G
Naveesh - 5B
Jemima - 5B

All of the above children were entered into our prize draw for their efforts in this house competition and we can now reveal that the three children who were selected at random in this morning's assembly, earning themselves a £10 book voucher are: **Lily - 1H, Yahya - 1H and Nancy - 2C**

We are now pleased to share that, as a result of all of the house points earned from this competition, the results are as follows:

1st - **Phoenix** - 735 points
2nd - **Dragon** - 586 points
3rd - **Pegasus** - 514 points
4th - **Griffin** - 432 points

Very well done to Phoenix house who have been presented with their winning trophy for this competition this morning. The house points board now looks as follows:





Celebrations

Achievements outside of School



Congratulations to Mollie (4C) who has passed her Grade 1 ballet exam with high merit. Mollie went to the Royal Academy of Dance in London for her exam which was a great experience. We are very proud of her achievement.

Gold Leaves

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

Hedgehogs	Ianis & Atanas
Squirrels	Philip
1H	Lily, William, Fionn, Juno, Ella, Sam & Albie
2DO	Cora & Jacob
3C	Zach, Felipe, Teddy, Summer, Lola, Edith, Mica, Jessica B, Amelia, Mahek & Eva
3N	Immy, Adiyat & Maya,
4C	Tommy, Albie, Mollie, Ella, Courtney, Rosie, Kiara, Amelie & Lamar
4G	Bianka, Florence, Grace & Zeeshan
5B	Maci, Bentley, Thomas & Ali
6G	Joel
6P	Zara & Harriet



Headteacher Awards – Spring 2024

Well done to all the children who have shown exceptional achievement in both their learning and in the way they demonstrate the Walton Oak Way.



Butterflies	Muhammad	Muhammad has developed a determined attitude towards his learning this term. He has grown so much in confidence and is proud of all that he has achieved. Muhammad always displays kindness and respect for others and likes to be helpful too. Well done Muhammad!
Ladybirds	Lucy	Lucy demonstrated the Walton Oak values in all that she does. She is always enthusiastic about learning and likes to challenge herself even when learning independently. Lucy has been very kind and respectful, supporting new members of the class and is a great role-model to her peers. Well done Lucy!
Hedgehogs	Holly S	Holly shows the Walton Oak values every day; she consistently shows kindness and respect towards children and adults. She has been very ambitious with her learning this term and is challenging herself everyday particularly in her writing. We are so proud of the way she has become more confident and resilient.
Squirrels	Penelope B	Penelope is a very hard working member of Squirrels class. She is consistently challenging herself and is always busy choosing and completing the activities we have out each day. She is kind and polite to her peers and to adults which is a joy to see. She is helpful around the classroom and can always be seen tidying things away! Well done Penelope!
1A	Mia T	Mia is a very ambitious member of 1A. She is always expressing enthusiasm and curiosity in her learning. Furthermore, Mia is always displaying kindness, respect and resilience towards her peers and all adults in the classroom. She is not afraid to help others when she sees that they need it.
1H	Esmee H	Esmee has shown dedication throughout the last term to all areas of learning, especially in phonics. She is growing in confidence everyday and this is shown in all areas of her learning. Well done, Esmee – we are so proud of you!
2C	Millie W	Millie has shown a great deal of ambition with her learning this term, constantly striving to do her best, even when faced with a challenge demonstrating her growing resilience. Her curiosity shines through in everything that she does as does her kind and respectful attitude to her peers.
2DO	Ilana P	Ilana embodies all of the WOW values which makes her a great student and role model for her peers. She has displayed great kindness to new members of the class making sure that they feel welcome and safe. She shows a great enthusiasm and curiosity for learning across all areas of learning. She is a joy to teach! Well done Ilana – we are so proud of you!
3C	Edith J	Edith's enthusiasm for learning is contagious, inspiring those around her to embrace curiosity and learning opportunities. She embodies the qualities of a true friend through her selfless acts of kindness and unwavering support for her classmates.
3N	Elliott B	Elliott has an abundance of enthusiasm towards everything he does both in and out of the classroom. He embodies the essence of kindness, radiating warmth and compassion in every interaction. He is a consistent learner who demonstrates the Walton Oak way and is a role model to everyone in the class and around the school.
4D	Amelie H	Amelie demonstrates enthusiasm, determination and perseverance in all areas of her learning. She consistently shows kindness and respect to everyone around her. Amelie's genuine care for others creates a positive and inclusive environment for all. She is a joy to teach – Well Done Amelie.
4G	Daisy M	Daisy is a quiet member of the class but her abilities and attitude do not go unnoticed. She tackles every learning opportunity with a smile and enthusiasm, always working hard to be her best. Out of the classroom, she is a good friend and shows empathy and understanding towards others. She is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Daisy.



5B	Ishara P	Ishara is a self motivated, determined individual. She lives and breathes the Walton Oak Way and is consistently compassionate and kind towards others on a daily basis. Well done, Ishara.
5P	Caitlin W	Caitlin is a shining star in our classroom! She has consistently demonstrated qualities of kindness, respectfulness, and diligence through this term. She has been working super hard and had made good progress in her learning journey. Caitlin is a great listener in class and is always eager to learn new things. She sets a fantastic example for others by being kind, respectful, and working hard every day.
6G	Xander	Xander has shown great resilience and ambition with his learning this year. He is often finding new ways to challenge himself and overcame any barriers he may come across. Xander consistently demonstrates the Walton Oak Way and ensures he always shows kindness and respect to others around him.
6P	Theo	Theo is a quiet member of the class, yet it has been wonderful to watch his confidence grow throughout the year. Theo has demonstrated an excellent amount of resilience and determination in all of his learning, working hard to problem solve which has allowed him to make good progress within all of his learning.



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



Animal art **WORKSHOP**

3 April, 2024
3:30pm



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