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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – On 23rd March, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 1: Isabella and Summer

Yr 2: Finley and Nina

Yr 5: Sandra and Ryley

Yr 6: Gabriella and Eve

On 13th April the Learning Heroes were:

Yr 1: Amy and Georgia

Yr 2: Megan and Taylor

Yr 3: Jude and Harry

Yr 4: Libby and Georgia

On 20th April the Learning Heroes were:

Yr 3: Charlie and Lily

Yr 4: Mia and Harvey

Yr 5: Tom and Kyran

Yr 6: Harry and Millie

Well done to all our children for showing their use of 'building learning power'.



BLP Focus – Managing distractions

This means you are able to recognise possible distractions and ensure you stay on task. You can create your own best environment for learning.

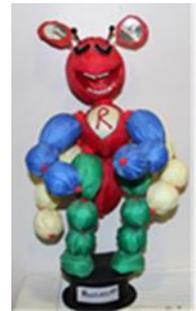
Over the next two weeks can you manage your distractions when carrying out a task at home by:

-Timing how long it takes you to write out your 9 times table. The next day time yourself again, however play music in the background or get someone to do a funny dance to try to distract you. Do you still get the same time?

- Singing your favourite song whilst someone else sings theirs.

Can you stay on track?

-Creating a family distraction list, before starting an activity together, to ensure everyone stays on task. Let us know what you have done as a family, you could blog about it (don't forget to tag it BLP) or send us a picture!



Courtesy awards - On 23rd March, Corey in Y1 and Beau in Y4 were awarded with these special lanyards, on 13th April the awards went to Elia in Y1 and Maisey in Y6 and on 20th April the awards went to Sawyer in Y1 and Lexie S in Y3. Well done to all of them for showing their courtesy skills.

Play to Learn – Unfortunately we will not be continuing with Play to Learn from September 2018. Although we realise it is an excellent social opportunity for young people within the community, it is not financially viable to sustain this group. As many of you are aware, school budgets are getting tighter every year, and we need to prioritise the school's funding for our early years and school age children.

Staffing – Miss Bagnall, our SENCO is leaving us at the end of this month. We wish her all the best in her new role and she will be missed greatly. Mrs Sage, one of our middle leaders, will take over this role on return from maternity leave shortly. If you have any queries in the meantime please ask to speak to Miss Craig.

Tudor workshop –

Y6 have enjoyed a visit from a Tudor workshop. We had lots of fun exploring artefacts and acting.

We have learnt about many

different elements of Tudor life. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their day and behaved well throughout the trip.



Blogging - The children in KS2 have been blogging a lot lately and have been sharing their amazing writing with the world, remember to check out your child's blog pages regularly for updates and to leave comments for them!

www.waycroftacademyblogs.net or go through the link on our school website.

Well done – When children are in Y6 they go on a valuable trip to the Life Skills Centre to develop their skills to become thoughtful citizens. Just before the Easter break, Thomas and Layton had the chance to put these skills to the test in real life when a gentleman had an accident in front of them including: stopping traffic, getting a driver to call an ambulance and getting additional help from local residents. Children are always reminded to make sure they don't put themselves in danger when helping others, but the impact they had on this man's life was potentially life-saving. Well done!



Linked to this, it is important that children are well equipped to deal with an emergency in the home too. Do your children know who is a safe person to get help from or how to call 999 in an emergency? Children are lucky in school with so many adults to help them but at home it may just be them and yourself. Please speak to your children about what to do in your specific scenario to help them save lives too.



Girls football - The girls played 4 won 4, only conceding one goal, and showed some amazing skills throughout their matches. Some of them were lucky enough to meet the Bristol City manager Lee Johnson!

Friends of Waycroft: The Friends of Waycroft are now collecting tombola prizes ready for the school fayre on Saturday 9th June. Keep the date free for an excellent day of fun and games! New ideas for this year – details coming out next week!

Polite Reminder – Please can we remind parents that unless children are attending breakfast club, they should not be on the school site until 8.00am. You are responsible for your child until this time and it is not acceptable for children to be hanging about outside of school unsupervised or waiting in the car park before breakfast club or the start of the school day. They have a 10 minute supervised time frame to arrive at school and this is for their safety, if they are not attending breakfast club. We also need to ask that parents don't allow their children to play with the Early Years resources before and after school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Nursery Allocations – Thank you to all of the families who have applied for a nursery place from September 2018. You should have received a letter this week regarding your place – if you have not received a letter but have applied please get in contact with us.



SATS week – During May, both Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their SAT papers. It is important in the weeks leading up to these important assessments that the children eat a healthy diet and are well rested. This is not something to worry about – your children will be well looked after in school at this time but if you do have any concerns, please speak to the class teachers. If for any reason, there is a problem during SATs, such as a broken arm or a significant bereavement in the family, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to provide additional support.

New information will be on the website for Y2 and Y6 parents/carers next week – please look out for it.

Girls netball – The Waycroft Year 5/6 girls netball team were one of two schools selected to represent Bristol at the county games held at Bristol Grammar School. Over 850 children attended the event taking part in a variety of events including hockey, archery, tag rugby and mountain biking. In beautiful conditions, the girls played High 5 netball which meant a rotation of positions being played throughout the morning. For many, this was a very new experience. Whilst results were not in their favour, the perseverance and resilience shown were very impressive. Many coaches commenting on their standard of play and sportsmanship. Well done girls.



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Yours sincerely

Lisa Craig, Head of School