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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

Learning Heroes – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter. On 1st March, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes

Yr 1: Faye and Tilly

Yr 2: Shenade and Nicholas Z

Yr 5: Sophie Y and Ben

Yr 6: Naomi and Lily F

On the 8th March the Learning Heroes were:

Yr 1: Frank and Ryder

Yr 2: Finley and Max

Yr 3: Flora and Ruby M

Yr 4: Cherubin and Reuben

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

Courtesy Awards – Our courtesy award winners were: Luke in year 2, Megan in year 3, Beau in year 1 and Nathan in year 4.



Goodbye – We are saying goodbye to Mr Gooding, one of our IT technicians, today as he has secured a new role. Mr Gooding will be missed by both children and staff and we wish him all the very best in the future.



Parent lunch and work-a-long with Year 3 – Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came in to enjoy lunch with year 3 before half term and those of you who

joined them for their work-a-long this week. It is always great to see families learning alongside their children and I know the children really enjoyed showing you what they know.



Dinner Money – Please make sure you are keeping your child's dinner money account in credit at all times. Our office team have had to spend a lot of time over the past two weeks chasing debt. Thank you.

Science event - Some of the Year 5 children were lucky enough to attend a chemistry day at Redmaid's school. They joined other schools in creating slime, finding out how much sugar there is in fizzy drinks as well as other exciting experiments. They also



observed explosions and chemical reactions in the drama hall. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and are considering becoming scientists when they grow up.



Book Ark Opening - Jacob N (Pinta) and Lewis F (Mayflower) were our VIP red ribbon cutters at our Book Ark Opening ceremony. Children from Y4 and Y6 have been enrolled as monitors and have been enjoying sharing books with Foundation and KS1 children at lunchtimes. We're all hoping that the warmer weather isn't too far away so that the books and gorgeous new cushions can be brought outside and enjoyed in the fresh air. Thank you to the Friends of Waycroft for funding this lovely resource.



Stockwood library visit - Year 6 children visited Stockwood library to learn about how it operates and how they could become a member of this fabulous local resource. As it happened to be Pancake Day, the children followed pancake related clues that lead them on a trail of discovery around the library. We even managed to have a pancake race too!



KS1 Athletics –



The KS1 children had a fantastic time at the KS1 athletics tournament. Many children won gold in at least one of their events. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to our sports councillor Connie for helping coach the team!



Well-being and mental health- There is an upcoming workshop for parents/carers in the local community. This is to develop understanding of anxiety in children and to share ideas about how to help. This course is run by Primary Mental Health Specialists from CAMHS. The course will take place at Cheddar Grove Scout Hut (BS13 7DT) on Thursday 4th April 09:30 – 11:00. The setting does not accommodate for children so childcare arrangements will need to be organised.



Scout and Guide Movements Founder's Day – Many children at Waycroft enjoyed celebrating the Scout and Guide movements Founder's Day earlier this month by wearing their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts uniform to school. It has been amazing to see so many children taking up this opportunity to mark this important day and the other children have enjoyed finding out more about these local groups.

Bagel breakfast – Most children are now enjoying a daily bagel snack to start the day, which is keeping their tummies from rumbling until lunchtime!

Staying safe online – Thank you to all of the parents/carers that spoke to their children last week about the national concern that was Momo. The children have showed a really mature response following some open conversations. In the end, we all agreed that it was someone bullying from behind a screen somewhere miles away and that we are much stronger than they are if we ignore them!

Y2 Dance Fest - The theme for the Dancefest was 'Our Wonderful World'. Matthew performed a dance to Ellie Goulding's 'Starry Eyed', which was an astronomic success and Mayflower performed a routine to 'April Showers' and the praise came pouring in.



World Book Day – The children have really enjoyed dressing up to celebrate world book day. Please see the photos on the following page. What do you think of our costumes?

Red Nose Day and Comic Relief 2019 – Red Nose day is on Friday 15th March. This year all of the 'nose' designs are characters from the fictional Isle of Silly, a magical kingdom ruled by Snufflekins from the snoreytale Conk Castle. Children can come to school dressed in a 'silly' theme, which could include dressing up as their own 'nose' character from the Isle of Silly and make a donation to Comic Relief. Mrs Kelson has been making some giant red noses that the children will be decorating at lunchtime ready for the big day!

Colston Hall open day on 16th March – Please find attached a flyer for an open day at the Colston Hall that might be of interest for your children.

Thank you to everyone who spent their time raising money for the Sportovator event with Rich Parker. We are pleased to announce that, as a result of all your generous contributions, we raised a massive £3,467.41! This fantastic amount of money raised will go a long way to improving the provision of sporting equipment at Waycroft. Well done to all who contributed, we very much appreciate your effort and support for Waycroft Academy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Lisa Craig'.

Yours sincerely,
Lisa Craig, Head of School



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