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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder of an after school event on

1st April

Come along to our after school event at Waycroft Academy as part of the Bristol-wide Festival of Learning!

When: Wednesday 1st April 2020 **Time:** 3.30-5.30pm
Help Bill the Duck find out about Waycroft Values! Go on a fantastic quest around each room, complete an exciting activity and help him learn about our values.

There will also be an Easter hunt and raffle run by the Friends!



World Book Day

The children and staff have really enjoyed dressing up to celebrate world book day. Thank you to all the children who took part in the Mr Potato Head book character competition, they all looked incredible and well done to the two winners Eva C (KS1) and Leon P (KS2) on their fantastic designs. Photos of the day are attached.



Film Club

Hannah Worsey from the national Into Film Organisation visited our Film Club on Tuesday. She came all the way from Birmingham to be with us at our club. She taught us about archive films and we looked at films about Bristol from 100 years ago. The film was directed by a woman, which was very unusual for the day. Then we discovered how to make vox pops and soon we were filming our very own vox pops about the city of Bristol.



Reading



We have been discussing reading lots with children over the last few terms and have been really encouraging them to gain a love of reading alongside their teachers. I would therefore like to share some of the children's quotes with you about reading:

'You can spend time relaxing when you read. It helps you to learn because some books include morals and will teach you to be kind. When you are stressed you read a book and go into a different world to relax.' **Jodie (y4)**

'It's important to read because if you read non-fiction books they will help you learn.' **Jack (Y3)**

'It can help you later in life because you might be a teacher or lawyer and you will need to be able to read. It can help with your writing or grammar.' **Cherubin (Y5)**

'Reading can help to calm you down and cheer yourself up. Books that have facts in them help you to learn.' **Jack (Y4)**

Learning Heroes and Courtesy Award

Winners

Our learning heroes were:

For 28th February 2020

Yr3- Georgia S, Jack O, Beth & Alfie

Yr4- Sanoshga, Jacob, Oliver & Flora

Yr5- Cherubin, Thomas P, Scarlett & Reuben G

Yr6- Ashleigh, Ben LI, Elliott & Kyla

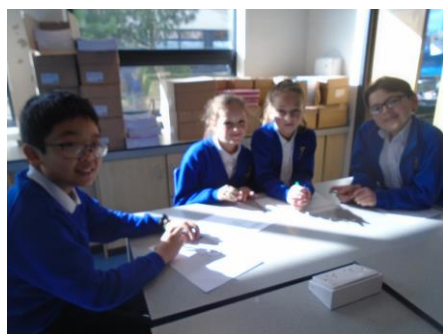
Our courtesy award winners were: Elsa T (Y1) and Evie M (Y6).

Instead of our usual Friday celebration assembly this week, we celebrated World Book Day on the Thursday.



Year 6 AIM Event

Last week year 6 visited Oasis Brislington to take part in an AIM event. They had a fantastic morning making pancakes, spaghetti structures and creating music. Well done to all the children who took part and representing the school so well.



ParentPay Debt

A polite reminder to ensure your child's lunch and breakfast accounts are always in credit. This week the school was owed over £600 by parents across the school.



Sports for Schools



A couple of weeks ago we hosted a sponsorship event with the athlete Isabel Haigh.

The money has all been counted and we are pleased to announce, we raised an AMAZING £2,541.91!!!!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part. The money will be spent on new P.E. equipment! Certificates and bands for children will be issued shortly.

Wellbeing Award for Schools



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools that we started last September.

This work has been part of our ongoing commitment to developing our practices to improve adult and child wellbeing and mental health and will remain a focus in school. Thank you to the parents, children, local academy councillors and staff who met with the assessor as part of a rigorous 6 hour assessment process.

Year 3 Parent Lunch



Thank you to everyone who came in to have a lunch with their child. The children had a really lovely time and the lunchtime staff were so pleased with your fantastic feedback about their meals.

Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball



Well done to the Year 3 and Year 4 children who took part in a dodgeball event on Tuesday 3rd March. Well done on your great sportsmanship and teamwork!



Y2 We are Photographers



Year 2 children were extremely lucky to have photographer Ricky Bush visit their class this week as part of their 'We are Photographers' computing unit. They learnt all about being a photographer as well as some top tips, including the rule of thirds. They then went outside and took some fantastic photographs, finally editing them using software on the Ipad.



Winter bugs and Coronavirus



The school is now getting daily updates from the DFE and Public Health to ensure all schools are complying with the latest best practice.

Can I please ask that if you are travelling abroad, you state the location you are visiting on our exceptional leave of absence form, which is available from the school office. If you have already completed a form, please just pop in and let us know where you are going.

We have put up 'Catch It, Bin It, Wash It' posters (these were more child friendly than the NHS version) this week and children have been reminded about hand washing and why this is important all day every day.

Some children are getting very anxious and are sharing things they have seen on the news or heard at home with others. We are spending a lot of time reassuring children in school and explaining that this is for adults to think about and they don't need to worry about it. We understand this is worrying for many people, but please help us to protect the children's wellbeing as much as we can at this uncertain time.

Sun Books for Schools Campaign

Thank you to everyone who contributed tokens for the Sun Books for Schools Campaign. We reached the target of 3,500 tokens and have received our free books which we hope the children will enjoy.

Spare uniform/PE kit



We hold a limited amount of spare uniform and PE kit in school for use in emergency situations. Over the past few months, our stocks have almost gone. If children are given spare clothes, please can they be washed and returned so they are available for others when needed.

Also if you have any good quality items that your child has grown out of that we could use, please hand them into the office. We are particularly short on KS2 (aged 7-11) items.

These may include:

Pants/socks/tights (EYFS/KS1)
Spare trousers/skirts/dresses (EYFS/KS1)
Jumpers (whole school)
PE tops (whole school)
PE shorts (whole school)
PE trousers (whole school)
PE hoodies (whole school)

Please also check lost property if your child has lost anything, as these will be emptied at Easter and items will either be redistributed or disposed of.

Y4 Multiplication Check



If you are a parent of a child in year 4, please read the attached leaflet about the multiplication check your child will be doing in June. Please continue to work with your child on their times tables.

The school council have talked to Mrs French for the newsletter this week, please enjoy the attached interview.

Apologies for the last minute change to our school menu today. The kitchen staff found a small piece of foil within the breaded chicken so we felt it was best to dispose of the remaining chicken and substitute the menu.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School