

Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

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Yr 6

We had an enjoyable Maths Cafe on Tuesday. After a short warm up, we read the story of King Arthur and the first round table featuring the characters Sir Cumference, Lady Di of Ameter and their son Radius. We then measured the circumferences and diameters of various circles and discovered that when we divided the circumference by the diameter the answer was always very close to 3. This led us to Pi and a lively game of Dingbats - we clearly have some experts among us! Here's one of our favourites.



Yr 5

We have made it! This final week has been a very busy one. We have been performing our composition in assembly, completing a set of instructions, reflecting and translating different shapes and learning all about gravity and air resistance. Year 5 definitely deserve this well-earned break. I hope you all have a great time and come back eager to move on with our learning.

Yr 4

This week we have been finding out about what happens to numbers when we divide them by ten. We have discovered that zero and the decimal point are really important. Our 500 word competition stories are coming along really well. We are busily putting them into word documents so that we can send them in to Radio 2 next week. As part of Safer Internet Day we are thinking about how we keep ourselves safe on line while gathering information and sharing



our personal details with others.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 23rd February for the Year 4 class assembly.

Yr 3

This week as part of Safer Internet Day, we discussed the importance of keeping what we post on social media websites private. We looked at some examples and shared our ideas of how we would deal with certain situations to ensure we keep ourselves safe when online. Linking to our topic on Ancient Greece, in English we have been exploring the Greek myth Pandora's Box. We have designed our own boxes and the contents that would go in them as well as written our own versions of Pandora's Box.



Yr 2

We are celebrating 'Safer Internet Day' by using a range of resources designed to help the children to recognise what personal information is and the importance of keeping it safe when online. We will also identify clues that could give away personal information in photographs and learn to make choices about what is OK, and not, to share online. We enjoyed lovely weather for our trip to the Dinosaur Park on



Monday. It was great for the children to be able to see dinosaurs life-size and to learn about some

species we had not previously encountered. And we got to stroke some Guinea Pigs and a super-soft rabbit called Thistle!

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Yr 1



We continued our work on animals last week and visited Holkham to speak with a lady about the deer they keep there.

We then made posters about the deer using this information when we got back to school. We also made paper plate animals in our story cafe. Thank you to all the family and friends who attended, we had a lovely time! This week we have been learning about our five senses. This is so we can compare ourselves to other animals. We also had a visit from Lara, our new French friend, which meant we could discuss the differences between people who live in different countries. In maths we have been learning about map drawing and orientation skills.

Nursery

Beryl and Flossie are enjoying their extended



Christmas holidays with Mrs Hardy. They will return to the Nursery School as soon as they're allowed out in the open again. At present they are inside to protect them from Avian flu.

This week in Nursery School we have been thinking about the different ways in which animals move. Some slither across the grass like a snake or worm and others stretch up tall like a giraffe to find food.



Thank You

A huge thank you for your support on Numbers Day last Friday. Your children looked amazing, we had some very creative artwork. We raised the staggering amount of £160.10 for the NSPCC. Our drumming workshops were extremely popular and a joy to watch the children taking part. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.



Congratulations to our Brilliant Club - Amber, Archie, Darwin, Francesca, Jake, Spike, Cheney, Georgia, Grace, Jace, Reece and Shayla who have all successfully completed their Scholars' Programme by submitting a 1000 word essay and working with Nicholas Bradley a PhD researcher from the UEA.

Eight of the children spent the day at the UEA on Saturday along with parents and carers. They had the opportunity to look around the UEA campus, take part in lectures in real lecture theatres, learn about what types of courses are available at university and how to apply. At the end of the afternoon the children took part in a ceremony where they graduated in front of approximately 400 people. It was a fabulous day out and, as always, the children were an absolute credit to the school. We are all exceptionally proud of their accomplishments.

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PFA

Huge thanks to all that supported our first ever Jumble Sale! It turned out to be quite a toy fest with some great bargains to be had! There are still toys available to purchase, these can be found on the PFA Facebook page.

We seem to be very busy at the moment with the Valentine's Disco on Friday 10th (tickets available on the door or in advance from Lillian) then in half term the amazing Wells Panto crew will be hosting two nights of pantomime fun (Friday 17th & Saturday 18th - tickets available from Martins). The PFA will run the bar both nights with snacks and a selection of wine and beer.

After the half term we will be hosting the Adult School 80's disco. Tickets are £10 which includes a two course meal in the canteen followed by some funky 80's tunes in the hall. This will head us on to our Easter activities to include fun family Bingo and an Easter themed treasure hunt.



Head Lice

This term we have had a high number of reported cases of head lice throughout the school. Please can you ensure that you are regularly checking your child's hair and treating as necessary. It is important to let school know if your child has had head lice so that other parents can be made aware there has been a case of head lice in the class and can check their child's head. We would like everyone to thoroughly check their child's hair over half term so we can all come back to school head lice free. This comb is highly recommended as part of the treatment of head lice, please see http://www.nittygritty.co.uk/products/52/the_nitty_gritty_comb/



Communication

As you are aware last year we moved to an electronic system of emailing newsletters to all parents and carers. This was organised to keep you informed, save paper and the additional costs of printing. Due to parental feedback I am aware that despite our school system working well there are issues with local broadband connectivity and filtering systems on parents / carers individual PCs and smart phones.

I have therefore taken the decision that from half term a weekly paper newsletter (max 2 sides of A4) will be given to children every week. If you have more than one child at school only the oldest child in a family will receive the letter. Newsletters will have slightly less information in them however teachers will still be uploading more detailed information to the school website, we will continue to use the text message service and we will continue to use the email system when appropriate. I hope this helps to improve communication.

REMINDER

Parent's Evening dates:

Monday 27 th Feb	3.30-7.00pm
Tuesday 28 th Feb	3.30-7.00pm