

# Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter

### 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

#### Pupil Premium

As part of the government's Pupil Premium plan all schools have a budget for additional support for children who for example have been in receipt of free school meals during the past six years, looked after children and forces children. This budget may be used for helping those in need of uniform, music lessons, booster sessions and extra-curricular clubs. If you feel your child may be included in this and you need some support please see Mrs Lavender.

#### Year 6

This week we have been busy preparing for the SATs tests, but also taking time to begin our topic and English work linked to the whole school theme of 'Living on an Island'. The children have been researching Charles Darwin and his theories of Evolution which were formulated on his travels aboard 'The



Beagle'. They have also been studying 'The Tempest', written by William Shakespeare, which is set on an Island off the coast of Italy. Now

the children are familiar with the story, they will be planning and writing their own versions. The government have recently published a leaflet and short video for parents about 2016 assessments (SATs) at key stages 1 and 2. They are promoting them across Facebook and consumer parenting sites. You can find the document by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

If you have any further questions regarding the tests or test week (9th - 12th May), Mrs Lavender and myself will be holding a parents' information session after school on Wednesday 27th April from 3:15 until 3:45. Please come along if you can.

#### Year 5

As well as looking forward to our London visit we have been using addition and subtraction to solve problems.



If you have any spare time this week, please help your child with some mental arithmetic practice as this would quicken up our calculations in class.

#### Year 4



Next week Year 4 will be going on our very exciting school visit to the Natural History Museum in

London. Just a reminder the bus

will be leaving school at 7am and returning to school at about 8:30pm. We will be looking at why the dinosaurs died out, how we can group different animals, and how habitat change can affect a population. We will also be looking at adverbials apostrophes and different tenses.

#### Year 3

This week we have been investigating the use of possessive apostrophes, which is always a bit of a challenge. Thankfully the children will have the opportunity to practise further as the term progresses and as they move up the school. In Maths we have started doing addition with 3-digit numbers, using the compact method rather than the expanded method. The children have realised that the compact method is quicker and takes up less space. However, you have to be careful to put the numbers in the correct columns and to add in the 'carrying' numbers in order to find the total correctly.

#### Year 2

This week we are finding out about Lamu Island off the coast of Kenya. We are also working really



hard to learn our 2x, 3x, 5x and 10 x tables. Please help your children practice at home.

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#### Nursery

We continue to learn about the smaller creatures on our island.

This week the children in the Nursery School have been creating a tadpole habitat. 



#### Fashion Show

Thank you very much to everyone who supported our Fashion Show on Friday night. We raised £300 on the raffle, £512 on the ticket sales and £90 from the PFA for refreshments. Altogether £900 was raised which is a brilliant achievement. The children had a fabulous time dancing and modelling for both Kidz Stop Shop and M&CO. A huge thank you to Miss Mansell for her exceptional organisational skills in putting this show together.

Thank you from Mrs Norman, Mrs Moore, Miss Mansell and the Reception Class.



#### Safety On-line

Our local PCSO Sarah Kirby wishes to share the following information with you all.

The NSPCC launched a new awareness raising campaign on Friday 9th January which is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 8 to 12 years old and addresses how parents can help keep their children safe on-line. The **Share Aware** campaign aims to give parents the tools to feel confident to have these conversations. The campaign directs parents to a range of new resources, including **Net Aware**, a simple NSPCC guide to the social networks, sites and apps children use – as rated by parents and young people themselves. I have been asked to pass the **Share Aware** details on to our local schools for your awareness -

[www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware)

A big thank you for all your support this week. The school is looking good, the children are smart and ready to learn. We have ended our week with an immersive writing day culminating in a trial of St George, I am sure your children will tell you all about it. Have a great weekend.  
Mrs Lavender