

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 17.03.2023



*We aim to be the school of choice for our community.
Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

Building solid foundations (Mathew 7:24)

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

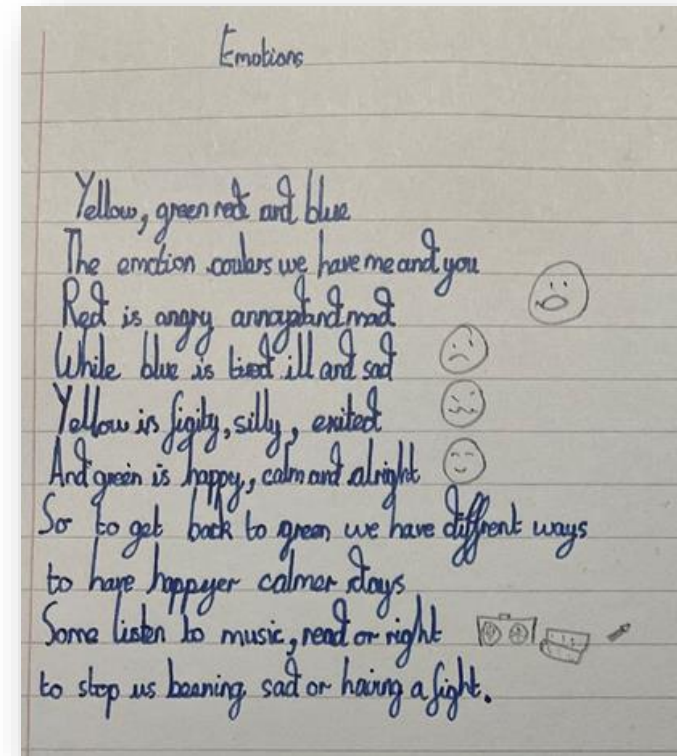
Collective Worship

Our focus this week has been on how we can better take care of ourselves, so that we are better people to be around and are more supportive to others.

We have used the Zones of Regulation chart to better identify how we may fall in each of the zones.

Everyone has been encouraged to think of strategies that would work for them, helping them return to green.

We are also looking ahead to our Easter Service in St Mary's Church. This will be on Friday 31 March – parents are warmly invited.



Written by a year 4 student

This week's Highlights

Year 3 are enjoying crafting letters ready for shadow sculpture photographs. Children have enjoyed building on their knowledge of the Jewish festival by learning more about the Seder plate.

Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Green Park where they built shelters to withstand the blustery conditions; traversed an obstacle course whilst blind-folded and flew through the air on a zip wire. Thankfully, they all survived to tell the tale!

Year 5 created amazing Lowry-inspired figures in a scene, depicting our school values, for an Art project.

Year 6 enjoyed discussing the concept of free will as part of RE this week.

House point totals: **Red 1640** / **Green 780** / Blue 1420 / Purple 960

Pupil Achievements

A huge well done to **Leo, Isabella, Mia and Jessica** for raising £104 for Lung Cancer in their recent sale.



Ellie from 4W takes on the lead role of Jemima Potts at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on March 30th and April 1st. She'd love your support in making this a successfully attended show!

Red Nose Day 2023

Today we supported Red Nose Day. It was lovely to see all the children take part in mufti and we had lots of laughs with our joke competition. The winners for the best joke were:

Year 3 - Clara, Oakley, Emir

Year 4 - Amelie, Estelle, Eloise

Year 5 – Imogen, Freya, Lottie

Year 6 – Tillie, Ava, Zac

The children also enjoyed their Red Nose Day biscuits which were made by our School Council.

We have managed to raise just over £300 so far, if you are able to contribute please do so using the JustGiving link below...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wendover-ce-junior-school-wendover3>



Young Carers News

This year's Young Carers Action day on the 15th March focused on 'Making time for Young Carers' so during our weekly meeting the Wendover Young Carers wrote about 'What being a Young Carers Means to Them'

It makes me feel happy because its nice and it makes me feel calm, but you have to be nice.

It means to share your worries.

I think being a Young Carer means being a part of a group, with kind helpful people, where everyone understands how you feel.

I think being a Young Carer means being part of a group, where everyone understands how you feel in and out of school. Where you relate to other people who are kind and considerate to everybody!

I think being a Young Carer means you get understood and cared about in general and it's fun

I think being a Young Carer means being part of a group who understand you and helps you go on the way.

It means that I have lots of responsibility like caring for him, helping him when he needs help and trying to understand him better when mum and dad can't. He can sometimes not find people to play with, so I try to find his friends or we make a game up together. And when he wants me to play the same game with him I try to enjoy the game. When he is really angry I try to be patient and calm him down.

I love being a Young Carer because I love helping out with my sister. When she gets angry I can calm her down. When we go to school on a Tuesday we can go to Young Carers. I love it so much, it is very fun.

I ❤️ Young Carers because you care for people.

Being a Young Carer is sometimes tiring, but most of the time fun.

Being a Young Carer is so fun and cool.

It means that I have a big responsibility and we have to look after the person we care for. We also need to be kind. I need to understand him as much as I can and play with him.

Being a Young Carer means that I can talk to some people.

What being a Young Carer means to me: I love being a Young Carer, its my love and my hope and I can express myself and my feelings.

Being a Young Carer means we have to stick up for each other. Also, we respect each other no matter what. The most important thing is to trust each other.

A Young Carer means to me that you need to take care of the person you care for and it means you have to be a patient person and kind, caring person.

Road Safety

Despite numerous appeals to parents, there are still too many parents choosing to drive onto campus.

Recent incidents include: near misses, dropping children off in unsafe places, waiting on double yellow lines with engines running, wetting pedestrians due to driving quickly through puddles and driving the wrong way over the yellow crocodile teeth.

Further to the letter that was sent to all parents of children, we are considering more direct action. This may include closing our car-park gates for all vehicles, only admitting authorised vehicles through from 8.40am. We are also considering asking the police to deal with any parents who choose to drive without due care and attention.

WJS Easter Bake Sale

When: Monday 27 March 2023 at 3:30pm

Where: Under the Gazebo

Have fun creating amazing Easter themed bakes, bring them into school on Monday 27 March!

A prize for the best Easter-themed entry per year. Remember to name your entry if you want to enter the competition!!

Winners announced in the next School Worship.

All bakes will be displayed for sale under the Gazebo after school, so remember your pennies!!

Have fun, get ready, let's bake



Book Fair

We are pleased to tell you that the Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school this year. It will take place in the hall on the following days:

- **Thursday 23rd March 2023 and Friday 24th March after school 3.30pm-4pm.**
- **Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March after school during parents evening.**

We will have a range of books on offer so please do come and browse the shelves. We appreciate your support, as the proceeds from the fair will help us to fund new books for the children.

Book fair and online payment

This year, the fair will be cashless. To make buying your books even easier, we are able to take payment through the Book Fair website at the following link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1232560>

Or you can scan the poster's QR code and enter the school's postcode on the website.

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.



Dates for the Diary

Year 3 Swimming Lessons: Every Friday (Friday 17th March – Friday 26th May)

Year 3 Roman Day: Tuesday 21st March

(please log on to ParentPay to consent and pay)

Y4 Class Assemblies: 4W Wednesday 22nd March @ 9am

4J Thursday 23rd March @ 9am

4S Friday 24th March @ 9am

Year 6 Big Bang Workshop: Monday 27th March

(please log on to ParentPay to consent and pay)

Parent Consultations: Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th March

(bookings open Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th March)

Easter Service: Friday 31st March at St Mary's Church (Y3&4 10am Y5&6 11am)

2023 PTA events

Easter Bake Sale: Monday 27th March

Preloved School Uniform Sale: Monday 27th March

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th June

Fancy learning a musical instrument?

There are still spaces in our extensive range of instrumental lessons.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar (Chris Milton)



Here is an opportunity for your child to begin their journey in music, and develop life-long skills that they will never regret.

At WCEJS we are working hard to provide pupils with more performance opportunities in music, and would love more of our pupils to get involved and learn from our talented peripatetic music teachers.

Spaces still available in: Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn) Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) and Classical Guitar

Some lessons can be taken in small groups, which reduces the cost.

Applications for:

Strings and classic guitar should be made via Bucks Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Drums/Bass/Electric guitar/Piano please email beckfordmusic@hotmail.com

Brass please email rjkitchen@sky.com

Airplay and Ben Club for Service Families

At RAF Halton, Airplay youth workers are working in partnership with RAF Community Development staff to deliver a range of activities for children and young people. The initiative is designed to help relieve some of the pressure on highly stretched RAF families. Activities provided through the Airplay programme aim to stimulate and nurture children's aspiration, ambition and resilience. We also provide vital support and reassurance to families.



Monday

1600 – 1800 – Junior school years 3,4 and 5. Come along and hang out with friends and do fun activities including arts and crafts, games, cooking and more.

1800-2000 – Senior school years 6+. Come along and chill with your friends, play video games, do some cooking and other cool activities.

Tuesday

1530-1715 – Ben club for ages 5-7. Arts and crafts, games and more. £1.20 entry including a snack

All sessions run from the YAC (building 222) and sessions are £1 entry. There is a tuck shop with maximum spend £1 for Juniors and £2 for Seniors.

For more information about Airplay contact Julia Purton, Station Youth Worker 07548 831755
julia.purton@oneymca.org or Facebook: RAF Halton Airplay Youth Club

Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

Premier Education are providing before and after school care every day the school is open and also offer multi-activity camps during the school holidays. Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Our staff will adapt each day based on particular children's needs or the weather, but timings and structure of the days will be consistent. Activities will be designed to fit in with the schools termly theme and include arts & crafts, baking, sports, Lego, games, quiet reading and general free play.

Our sessions run at the Wendover Youth Centre Monday to Friday for the breakfast and after school club. For the Breakfast club, children are dropped off at the Youth Centre from 7:50am, and will be taken to the school at 8:45am. Children attending the After school course will be collected from the school playground (meeting at the adventure playground) and escorted after registration over to the youth centre.

Prices:

Breakfast club, 7.50am – 8.50am - £5.25 a session

Afterschool club, 3.30pm – 6pm - £12.00 a session

Chilterns.office@premier-education.com

01296 620097

Booking:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Booking for Gymnastics and Dodgeball:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019/?location=wendover>

Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.