



West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Where everyone has the courage and confidence to fly.

13th July 2018

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a busy few weeks it has been. There have been many successes to appreciate this week. We hope that your children came home enthused by our visit from Carol Sheehan yesterday. Carol is a local Primary School teacher, who recently competed in the Race Across America (RAAM) raising funds for CFC – Cyclists Fighting Cancer. She talked about her journey, and also raised awareness about the importance of wearing helmets when cycling. CFC aim to raise funds providing vital support for children with cancer. For more information, their website is linked in the Useful Links section. The office will also be selling CFC wristbands for £1 each over the next week should anyone wish to buy one.

Important Information

Sports Day

A big 'well done' to all of the children who competed in Sports Day. We are very proud of their enthusiastic efforts and sportsmanship. All of the houses performed well, but congratulations to EMERALD house for their win. Please see the total points scored by each house below:

- 4th Place – Diamond (995 points)
- 3rd Place – Ruby (1170 points)
- 2nd Place – Sapphire (1690 points)
- 1st Place – Emerald (1775 points)

Thank you to parents/family members that supported all the children during their events, and those that joined for a picnic lunch. Also, thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments throughout the day and organising the ice-cream van.

Fizz Pop Science

With the final workshops completed, children across the school have been inspired by Fizz Pop again. From 'Air Mazing' fun to rockets flying over the school, the feedback was that the children found them engaging and informative, taking their learning to another level. A HUGE THANKS to the PTA, who funded these workshops, as without them, they wouldn't have gone ahead. What's more, we're hoping to have 'Astro Alice' back in school in the Autumn term, so watch this space!

Staff Changes

We are sad to announce that at the end of the term we will be bidding farewell to both Mrs Enright, one of our lunchtime assistants, and also Mrs Nacey, one of our Teaching Assistants. Mrs Nacey has been with the school for over 17 years, and has been with us through many changes. They will both be sorely missed. A warm welcome as well to two members of staff who have been helping out over the last few months and will join us permanently from September, Mrs Fox will be joining as a Lunchtime Assistant and Mrs Teate joins us as a Teaching Assistant.

Road Truck Safety Visits

EYFS and KS1 had their Road Safety Truck visit last Friday. They reported 'It was a brilliant way to highlight the importance of children being safe when near roads, car parks and shops. The children had the opportunity to see through the eyes of a HGV lorry driver, where it was proven difficult for the children to see what was around the vehicle. The children also learnt about the importance of crossing the road carefully using the 4 steps; Stop, Look, Listen, Think. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it was a great way to highlight the importance of their road safety in a practical, fun way.'

Pilgrimage Day

On Wednesday, our school welcomed the Year 6 pupils from Cheddon Fitzpaine and Kingston St Mary schools. The children joined our Year 6 pupils and had an exciting day getting to know each other, as well as having a range of exciting workshops with the theme 'Journeying with God'. Workshops included: cooking, puppets, team building, reflection and singing. The day ended with a whole school collective worship on the school field, led by the Archdeacon of Taunton, Rev Simon.

We would like to thank the army of people who supported the day and gave their enormous amount of energy, enthusiasm and commitment to make this day very special. Special thanks go to Cheddon Messy Church Team, Rev Mary Styles, Tracey H, Lindsay I, Mig P, Stephen H, Julia and Dennis the Yoyo Singing Puppets.

Somerset Young Poets Competition 2018 results

Children in Years 5 and 6 submitted some school work for the Somerset Young Poets competition, and we were thrilled to hear that three of our pupils were shortlisted. Congratulations to Teagan with 'The Experience', who was Highly Commended in the 10-12 category. Also a special mention to Harriett with 'Why can't I know?' and Louis with 'Varadero' who both received honourable mentions in the 10-12 category.

What's happening this fortnight:

Monday 16 th July	Open Day – arrivals from 11.50am
Friday 20 th July	Sports for Champions visit PTA Disco including Leavers* *more info coming home next week

Monday 23 rd July	Year 6 Crealy Trip
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers Celebration Day Leavers assembly 2pm (Parents Welcome)



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Sporting Success: A huge congratulation to Carys, who competed at last weekend's National NDP Trampoline & Tumbling Finals in Nottingham at the Motorpoint Arena. She achieved a bronze medal. She participated in something called DMT (Double Mini Trampolining).

She competes for 'Whirlwinds'. Her journey to the NDP Finals began last October when she competed in a Regional qualifier, followed by 2 more qualifiers in January and February. From these qualifiers she then headed to Bath University in March, to compete against the best in the South West in the Regional Final.

At the Regional Final, the Top 2 competitors for each age group and level qualified to represent the South West against all other regions in the UK. Carys was successful, and went to the Birmingham NIA in June as part of the South West squad and had to finish in the Top 8 (she finished 3rd) in the UK to qualify for the NDP Finals. This is a massive achievement.

PTA News: Thank you to all that helped, donated and/or attended the Summer Fayre on Saturday 30th June. We had a fantastic turnout for the day and **raised a record breaking £3,660!!! A HUGE thank you to the PTA for all their efforts.** We are waiting the impending arrival of some boot benches for the site, which will also provide additional seating in our outdoor spaces, and after a fantastically warm summer term, we still plan to install permanent gazebo's. Hopefully these works will start in the next academic year, once the ground issues have been resolved.



House Points Update

Emerald	834
Sapphire	682
Ruby	1014
Diamond	927

Disco time!

The last disco of the year will be held on Friday 20th July.

EYFS & KS1 6pm-7pm
KS2 & LEAVERS!
7.15pm-8.45pm

“ Education is the most **POWERFUL WEAPON** which *you* can use to *change* the **WORLD.** ”
-Nelson Mandela



Reading Percentages

Percentage of children in the class who have read a minimum of 5 times in the week:

Year 1 - Pelican	50%	Yellow Wagtails	65%
Year 2 - Robin	57%	Puffin	54%
Year 3 - Buzzard	87%	Magpie	83%
Year 4 - Kiwi	58%	Eagle	78%
Year 5 - Crane	87%	Red Kite	89%
Year 6 - Peacock	84%	Peregrine Falcon	95%

Community Links in the BACH and at School

Mondays

Yogalates 9.15am

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Yoga Flow (drop in) 6.30pm- 7.30pm

Pound Rockout work out 7.30pm- 8.30pm

Taunton Table Tennis 7.30pm-9.30pm

Tuesdays

Pilates/relaxation 9.30am

Cuppa & A Chat with Rev. Mary 2.30-3.30pm

Pilates/relaxation 9.30am

Wednesdays

Purestretch 9.30am

Glow Club 6.30pm (Heathfield Community Hall)

Thursdays

Yogalates 9.15am

Sewing 10am-12pm except 2nd week 11am-1pm

Ballet Beatz 6.15pm-7.15pm

Pound Rockout Workout 7.30pm- 8.30pm

Fridays

Miranda Boom, Hartbeeps 9.30am-12pm

Pound Rocket Workout 6.15pm- 7.15pm

Useful websites and other information

ParentMail

<http://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/>

Mind in Taunton & West Somerset

<http://mindtws.org.uk/>

NSPCC – The Underwear Rule

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Bereavement Advice Centre

<https://bereavementadvice.org/>

Cyclists Fighting Cancer

<http://www.cfcaam.bike/>