



Welbourne Primary Academy

January Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 17th January
Child Measurement Programme
(Year 6 & Reception)

Friday 2nd February
NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 15th February
Whole School VR Experience Day

Wednesday 28th February
RNLI Talk—Year 1 & 2

School Trips

Monday 29th January
Year 5 Table Tennis



A note from Miss Lawson

Welcome back and what a fantastic start it has been to our spring term. It has been great to welcome our families back and the children are all beginning to adapt to our new behaviour routines and expectations. Please see overleaf for further details.

As you maybe aware from the news, the government has launched an attendance campaign aimed at reminding parents and carers that moments matter, attendance counts – not just because of the importance of learning, but because of the wider holistic benefits for children's wellbeing and happiness. We are always aiming for an attendance figure of 96% as this ensures that children will be benefitting the most from their education. Our attendance figure is currently at 95.36% which is a fantastic achievement. Please can we ask for your help to try and push this past the 96%? I am aware that the winter months can bring additional illnesses but if your child/ren can attend school then please make everyday count. If you are unsure whether your child can attend school, please use the link below which has further information. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/when-is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/).

The children are always fantastic at wearing the correct school uniform and look very smart. Please can I remind you that the correct uniform for PE is black shorts, black jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt. Children will also need to wear trainers for outdoor PE sessions. This is a real focus for us this term and your help in ensuring that the children have the right kit on the correct day is much appreciated.

Miss Lawson

Year 5 Online Space Event

Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to be part of a festive online space event hosted by the Science and Technology Facilities Council. The children were able to share all of their solar system knowledge and find out some new interesting facts. Afterwards, the children got their craft hats on and made their own planets out of different materials - the results were brilliant!



Behaviour

At the start of this term, we had a really successful training day in which we updated our behaviour policy as we strive for Welbourne to have the best learning environment possible. As part of the updated behaviour policy, we have introduced the idea of having a behaviour curriculum, which we thoroughly researched. The idea of a behaviour curriculum is where we explicitly teach children the routines and expectations of the school.

We have split the routines and expectations that are being taught into five areas:

- Always—What we expect the children of Welbourne Primary Academy to always do.
- In our learning zones—What we expect when they are learning.
- On the school grounds—What we expect from children when they are around school.
- In the community—How the children should act in the community.
- When using technology—How children behave when they are online.

We have introduced the behaviour curriculum to support all the children of Welbourne Primary Academy to strive in school, in their community and in their future lives.

Year 3 Flag Fen Visit

Year 3 visited Flag Fen to learn about The Stone Age. They experienced building shelters using the wattle and daub technique which involved getting very messy, as well as creating pottery using techniques brought to England by The Beaker Folk. They practiced their rock painting skills using materials such as raspberries and crushed up charcoal. After this, they took aim and practiced throwing a spear to experience how individuals during the Stone Age would hunt and gather. At the end of the trip, they enjoyed a fire in a traditional Neolithic roundhouse.



Year 6

Year 6 have started the new term with a Spring in their step. They have looked at Inuit art and have begun to create 3D sculptures. They have learnt specific techniques to focus on the realism of Arctic animals.



Christmas Carols at Martin Court

Choir had a lovely afternoon at Martin Court singing Christmas carols with the residents. The children enjoyed spending time with them and spreading festive spirit.



Songwriting Winners!

Last term, Year 4 were learning about Peterborough's Anglo-Saxon and Viking history. Some Year 4 children entered a competition where they had to write about Peterborough's heritage and culture. They chose to write about Peterborough Cathedral. We are excited to announce that their poem was chosen and is now being made into a song by a professional songwriter. This will be learned by children across the city and sung on stage at The Cresset later this term!