



Welbourne Primary Academy

March Newsletter

Upcoming dates

School Events

Monday 27th March

Bikeability (year 5/6)

Tuesday 28th March

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Thursday 30th March

Easter Disco

Friday 31st March

Cancer Research Sports Event

School Trips

Tuesday 25th April

Year 1 trip to Stibington Centre

Wednesday 26th April

Year 3 trip to Wrest Park, Bedford

Thursday 11th May

Reception trip to Sacrewell Farm

A note from Miss Lawson

We have had a fantastic half term with the usual hub bub of curriculum activities and events.

We continue to focus on our school rule 'Be Ready to Learn'. We have discussed the theme of stickability in our assemblies and classrooms. We have considered how we learn from our mistakes and have taken some of our inspiration from the author and TV presenter Claire Balding who discusses how she falls off a horse many times before being able to ride. The children are really beginning to show determination in their lessons which is a joy to see.

Attendance continues to be an area that we are looking to improve and we have noticed that our attendance seems to be lower on a Friday and a Monday. It is critical that your child attends school **everyday**.

A child that does not attend school everyday will:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

If you would like some help and support in improving your child's attendance please contact our family liaison officer who will gladly discuss the support that we can offer.

Miss Lawson



Wonderful Music Events

Britten Sinfonia Orchestra – Izzy Gizmo performance – 22.3.23

Reception, Key Stage One and our hubs have been delighted to have a visit from the Britten Sinfonia Orchestra. The classes have spent this term reading the story of Izzy Gizmo and learning songs linked to it. The performance included a live retelling of the story by a professional story-teller. The music was played by a live classical orchestra. The school hall was filled with music and the children had a great time.

Year 6 and Choir singing day 17.3.23

Year 6 and Choir had the opportunity to join with other schools in a Peterborough-wide singing celebration. The children spent the day attending music workshops, meeting classical musicians, and practising singing on stage. The day culminated in a performance on stage at The Cresset to the children's families. It was a wonderful day and a great opportunity for the children.

Parents Evening and Survey

Thank you to all of those parents that were able to attend our parents evenings either in person, via teams or telephone. We hugely appreciate the time people took to complete our parent survey and will use the information that we have been given to continue to make improvements to your child's education.

Eat them to defeat them

Once again our fantastic catering team are running our 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign. The aim of this campaign is to try and encourage children to eat more vegetables. So far the children have tried peas, carrots and cauliflower. The children have the option to taste these vegetables that have been cooked in a variety of ways: carrot cake, pea hummus, carrot fritters and pea jelly to name but a few of the exciting and delicious samples on offer. I have been really impressed with how open minded the children have been in trying these new tastes and the positive comments that have been made!



Winners from Safer internet day

The children produced some excellent videos for our Internet Safety competition. The videos were visually great as well as very informative and each one was unique.

Luckily, the competition was done in conjunction with Peterborough United. Therefore, the winners will be taken on a tour of the Peterborough United stadium.

The fabulous winners are:

Year 2—Evie E & Bethany C
Year 3—Joanna D & Ryan R
Year 4—Grace C & Maksymilian M
Year 5—Skye B & Filip W
Year 6—Izzy T & Ryan O

I would like to say a big well done to everyone that took part and made a video as they were all superb.

Uniform Reminders

Please can I remind all parents to ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and on the correct days. This consists of:

White T-shirt with black bottoms, to be either full length or shorts. Please also provide trainers for outside sports. In the winter months a tracksuit top is also required.

If you are having any issues in providing school uniform please contact your class teacher.

Can I also remind you that make up is not to be worn and only stud earrings are permitted.

Now Press Play

We have been very lucky to be able to trial NowPressPlay. NowPressPlay is an immersive audio resource that can be used to aid learning in many areas of the curriculum. The audio experiences are grouped to ensure the children receive targeted audio to make sure there is maximum impact.

Year 5 listened to a story about the Stone Age. During the experience the children became part of a story. The character they were playing wanted to go hunting with their father and sister. During the hunt, the hunting party was set upon by wolves. During the attack, the character became separated from the rest and went on an exploration of learning about the Stone Age and their inventions. To show how excited the children were, here are some of what was said:

- "I loved the freedom of being able to move around the classroom while listening to the story. It helped me learn because I was part of the story."
- "I was so nervous when the wolves surrounded us at the campfire."
- "It was amazing how much the Stone Age people invented."

As a school, we are working with NowPressPlay to embed the audio stories within our curriculum.

World Book Day

We all had a fantastic day in school dressing up as our favourite book characters. Each class took part in our 'Drop Everything and Read' throughout the day and in writing our school story. Four members of our year 5 class took part in a world book day competition with two children coming highly recommended and receiving prizes—well done for all of those children that took part. We also had a visit from Gavin Slater, Community Manager at Peterborough United who donated books for us.



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