



Welbourne Primary Academy

February Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day Events

Friday 8th March
Year 1 Family Engagement Session

Monday 11th March
Year 4 Family Engagement Session

Tuesday 12th March
Year 6 Family Engagement Session

Wednesday 13th March
Year 5 Family Engagement Session

Thursday 14th March
Year 3 Family Engagement Session

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day

Wednesday 27th March
School Disco

School Trips

Wednesday 13th March
Soke Football Event

Wednesday 14th March
Choir Songbook Singing Event

Thursday 21st March
Year 4 & Delta Room Ferry Meadows

A note from Miss Lawson

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It definitely feels like spring is on the way even though we are all rather soggy!

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to complete the parent survey at parents evening. We really value any feedback whether it be positive or an area in which we can improve. It was fantastic to see that 97% of parents would recommend us to someone else. We would obviously love for that figure to be 100% and so any constructive feedback in relation to this would be greatly received. If you had a telephone or teams appointment there is still the opportunity to complete the survey by following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Dha4b54hGj>

This term, we are really pleased to introduce Miss Darling to the Welbourne team. She will be working across the school supporting in classes and carrying out individual and group interventions. We are also lucky to have a number of students from Queen Katharine Academy supporting in classes, a number of volunteers and three trainee social workers. We are so grateful for this support and the children are really enjoying working with new members of the team.

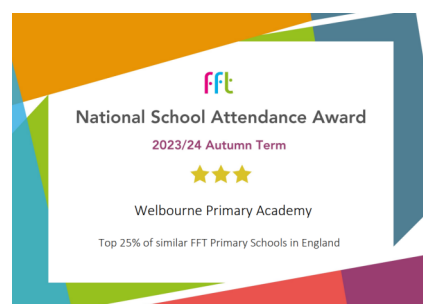
A huge congratulations to Mrs Hemsall who give birth to baby Ettie at the beginning on January. Both mum and baby are well and enjoying the baby cuddles!

Miss Lawson



Attendance Award

As you will be aware, we have been working hard to improve our attendance across the school. Good school attendance is critical to ensure that children learn well and because of the wider holistic benefits for children's wellbeing and happiness. We are delighted that we have received our first ever attendance award from FFT. The awards have been given to schools with attendance in the Top 10% and Top 25% of all 7427 FFT schools nationally for the 2023/24 Autumn term. Thank you for all that you do to ensure that your children are at school everyday and please can I ask that you keep up the hard work.



Pastoral

As part of the pastoral update, I would like to remind everyone of the Parent Signposting Document, which points people in the direction of external agencies that can offer support to children and adults in many different areas—a copy has been attached to the newsletter.

Over the next few weeks, we also have our Parental Engagement sessions, which is an opportunity for parents to join the class in a learning activity. We really encourage parents to attend the sessions as it gives a great insight into the children's current learning. Please let the office know that you are attending via ParentPay.

Year 1— Friday 8th March

Year 2— Wednesday 6th March

Year 3—Thursday 14th March

Year 4—Monday 11th March

Year 5—Wednesday 13th March

Year 6—Tuesday 12th March

Safer Internet Day

Safer internet day aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all. The theme for this year was:

- *inspiring change
- *making a difference
- *managing influence
- *navigating change online

To celebrate the day, we looked at ways to stay safe online. We hear so much on the news about the negative influence of the internet but there can also be many positive advantages. If you want help, please look at our web page Welbourne Primary Academy—Online Safety which has advice or please ask your class teacher, Mrs Maltby, Mr Hurford or Mrs Mounfield. One top tip is to have an ongoing conversation with your child to help you find out what they are doing. Below are some starter questions:

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

NSPCC Numbers Day

The children dressed up as digits to support NSPCC. We raised £160.79 Children and staff enjoyed the delicious biscuits that were made especially by the kitchen staff. Thank you to everyone who made donations.



VR Day

As part of science week, all classes took part in a VR Experience.

Year 6 explored the oceans, they swam with dolphins and explored marine animals. Year 5 and Year 1 explored animals, they flew with an eagle and hunted with a tiger. Year 4 and Year 2 explored minibeasts, they shrunk to see things as a ladybird and went into a hive as a bee. Year 3 became Eco warriors where they learnt the effects that pollution and plastic waste are having on our environment. Reception travelled to space and explored the planets. Everyone learnt lots of facts about the topic they explored.