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Note from the Head...

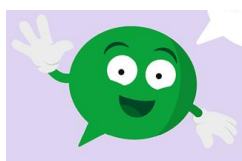
This week it has been wonderful to see the children engaged in their learning whilst experiencing so much more. Enrichment activities have started after school, as well as pupils visiting Westlands to hear an orchestra play a song they have helped compose, whilst a team of cross-country runners from KS2 complete in a local event and claiming a silver medal for the school! – well done team we are so proud of you all.

Something I believe we do incredibly well, is to make school life busy and fulfilling. Every moment there is something happening for some children across the school, helping them build confidence, resilience, respect and compassion for all.

This week the children have taken part in the NSPCC PANTS lessons. This is to support their knowledge on how to be safe, but also know the language used to clearly identify parts of the body.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

The NSPCC website has many areas of support for parents and is a great resource to support whilst our children grow up.



In assembly this week we have share "Speak out, stay safe" which encourages children to speak up about things they are not comfortable with, and who is a "safe adult" that they can talk to. Please spend time with your child to discuss this message but also about staying safe in a range of situations – ie at swimming, at the park, somewhere new.

Best wishes

Graeme Wilson - Headteacher

Attendance – 97.4%

What an amazing week this has been, thank you all for making this happen, we are truly thankful. The increase in children's attendance had been noticed the monthly attendance meetings.

Congratulations to **Earth** and **Milkyway** class who join the 100% club this week.



Colour Run – Friday 15th May – Field at Home Drive

The races will take place at the following times:

Reception, Year 1 and 2 – 9:15am

Year 3/4/5/6 10:30am

If you are able to help chaperone the children from school to the site and/or marshal at one of the events – please can you let the school office know via the form on ParentMail – thank you so much.

Easter Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all of the children that took part in the Easter Reading Challenge. It was wonderful to see that over 100 children completed all 10 challenges that were set. Each class winner was awarded with their prize in Assembly today.

Well done to:

Mercury – Rosie

Earth – Martha

Mars – Evie

Saturn – Oscar

Sun – Lola

Apollo – April

Galaxy – Ptolemy

Pluto – Lacey

Venus – Amelia

Neptune – Wren

Jupiter – Elliot

Moon – Joni

Asteroid – Darcey

Milky Way – Emily



Visit to the Community Hospital

As part of Intergenerational Week, Year 5/6 School Council members visited patients at the hospital this week. It was a fabulous afternoon, with the

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children and patients taking part in a collaborative art project, as well as colouring and reading together. The children who attended were a credit to the school, and it was wonderful to see their empathy and kindness in action. Well done.



MHST Workshops and Webinars

A reminder that the MHST will be coming into school to deliver another

parent workshop titled **"Supporting Your Child's Big Feelings."** The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 5th May** and will last approximately **one hour**. To support as many families as possible, it will be delivered **twice**: once at **2:00pm** and again at **5:00pm**. Please book your space on ParentMail.

In addition to this, please use the link below to access the full Summer Term webinar booklet, which includes dates and information of webinars that are available this term:

<https://bit.ly/Summerterm2026>

Mobile Phones



Mobile phones are creeping back in to school! Please can we remind you that pupils **are not permitted** to have mobile phones in school. **WPS is a mobile free school**. Should you need to contact your child then you are able to call the office and

messages can be passed on – should pick up arrangements change, and if you are concerned about your child walking home alone then they should be picked up or chaperoned by friends and family from a distance. Therefore, from Tuesday 5th May, pupils will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones into

school. School will not be responsible for them. In the past we have had a serious breach of their use in the school and we can not take responsibility, or have staff spending their time dealing with the fallout from the mis use of mobile phones. We are here to educate our pupils, not spend our time sorting out issues due to misuse.

We know this will cause concern with some parents, but this is the policy of the school. Thank you.

Year 6 SATS breakfast club

Polite reminder for year 6 parents that SATS breakfast club starts on Monday 11th May, Please complete the form on Parentmail should you wish your child to attend.



Medals

- **Louie** in Pluto Class for fantastic progress in his reading.
- **Grace** in Mercury Class for independently remembering to use finger spaces in her writing.
- **Albie** in Earth Class for such a wonderful positive attitude, your kindness towards others and for being a fantastic role model!
- **Sophie** in Venus Class for a fantastic attitude to improve her phonics – well done!
- **Evie B.** in Mars Class for joining WPS with great confidence and enthusiasm.
- **Freddie** in Neptune Class for writing an excellent recount about Longleat including conjunctions.
- **Oscar** in Saturn Class for showing kindness, respect and friendship.
- **Oliwia** in Jupiter Class for using fantastic expression to show mean characters .
- **Erin** in Sun Class for always working with focus in every lesson, being an amazing role model and always showing respect.

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- **Isla** in Moon Class for showing increased enthusiasm and confidence when participating in class discussions and answering questions!
- **Omer** in Apollo Class for making a brilliant start to our new maths unit on angles and degrees. He has shown great confidence and focus when identifying angles.
- **Xander** in Asteroid Class for his fantastic batting and bowling skills in cricket.
- **Ptolemy** in Galaxy Class for his consistently FABULOUS Math brain and for his incredible general knowledge and for his passion for reading!
- **Lily W.** in Milky Way Class for her amazing effort in writing and persevering with editing when writing our fridge narrative.

Optician Advice

Tips and tricks to help your eyes

Spot the signs of short-sightedness:

- Headaches
- Tiredness
- Regularly rubbing your eyes
- Needing to sit close to screens, such as the TV
- Struggling to see the whiteboard from a distance

1. Get outside

From going to the park to riding your bike, looking at objects far away in the distance gives your eyes a chance to relax.⁶

2. Go screen free

All that time spent in front of screens can strain your eyes.⁷ Taking some time away from your screen is great for your eyes. So step away from the tablet and put that computer to one side for a while to refresh those eyes.

3. Keep objects at a distance

We know it's tempting to keep that screen close, but there is some evidence that this could increase the chance of short-sightedness.⁸ We suggest keeping devices and books at least the same distance as your knuckle to your elbow.⁹ Why not give it a try?

4. Special myopia management contact lenses and glasses

Did you know you can get special glasses and contact lenses that not only help you see clearly but can slow down how quickly your sight may change?¹⁰ Your optometrist can chat to you about this and explain how they work.

5. Enjoy your sleep

Having a good night's sleep can help with myopia¹¹, so make sure you're getting under that duvet nice and early and grabbing a great quality sleep.