

Dear Parents

Sports Report from Mrs Anderson

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the annual inter-school Cross Country at Stamford Welland Academy. It was a busy event, with lots of runners from all of the local primary schools. It was typical cross-country weather - cold, damp and windy. However, our spirits were definitely not dampened and we saw fantastic achievements in all of the races. Many of the pupils were competing in their first event for Westfield and the number of children who have joined cross-country club over the last term has risen, which is great to see. The Westfield team spirit was inspiring, with all of the pupils showing great determination and support for others. A special mention must go to Samaria Bajaj (5L) who missed her event as the races ran earlier than we had been advised, she not only ran in the Y5/6 boys race, without a warm up and without any fuss, she came home in a cracking 37th place!!!

A huge thank you to all of the parents and family members who enabled the children to participate. We still don't know the team event results, hopefully they will be sent to school shortly.

School Information

Our Stars

A huge 'congratulations' to our special stars this week. To achieve this award children have tried very hard to excel in an area of their learning or behaviour. Our stars this week are:

Reception Year 1	Olivia James Archer Howard	Oakley Baxter Maisie Coates	Jennifer Twaite Ben Pizzey	
Year 2	Alexander Spencer	Thea Cochran	Molly Winn	
Year 3	Myles Cottam	Theo Curtis	Oscar Skelton	
Year 4	Scarlett Gabbutt	Amalie Tilley	Noah Bullen	Ella Hatton
Year 5	Elliott Eveleigh	Jacob Quince	Hollie Glover	
Year 6	Harry Caruso	Sofia Ward	Zoe Harris	Joshua Kirk

We are delighted to present Music Star Awards to Holly Thorpe, Leo Klein and Rex Whitelock.

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 28th February.

Gold Trophy	Miss Sloan's Class (99.33%)
Silver Trophy	Mr Clark's Class (99.31%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Bull's Class (100%) Mrs Scotney & Mrs Woodcock's Class & Mrs Pardoe's Class (99.33%)

Online Safety Parent Q&A - A Date with Dan

After a very successful Parent Question & Answer session around Online Safety last year, we are giving parents another opportunity to ask Dan any questions they may have about keeping their children and young people safe online. Whether they want to know about specific apps, game ratings, parental controls or any other burning question then this event is for them! Parents do need to register beforehand. The event will take place on the 18th May from 6:30pm-7:30pm and the link to sign up is: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-287806616337</u>

Year 2 Parent Assemblies – Next Week

A reminder that Year 2 are due to welcome you to their class showcase assemblies next week. We would ask that a maximum of 2 people attend per child. The assemblies will be approximately 20 minutes and are an opportunity for children to share the work they have been doing this year. For all assemblies, we would ask that parents enter the school via the middle infant door only - at the front of the school - the door will be opened at 2:20pm each day. Assemblies will be held as follows:

Y2C will hold their assembly at 2:30pm on Monday 14th March.

Y2H will hold their assembly at <mark>2.30pm on Thursday 17th March.</mark>

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you for these special events.

As per the Parentmail sent yesterday, unfortunately due to sickness absence, the assembly for Mrs Pardoe's class has been temporarily postponed. Once Mrs Pardoe returns to school and the children have been able to rehearse for this event, we will circulate a new date. Thank you for your understanding, I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Pardoe a speedy recovery.

School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair - you have helped raise an amazing ± 380 in books for our school.

Oracy Challenge: Alphabet game

You need to play this game in a group. You can play it with your family at home or a group of friends. You need to pick a topic (e.g. animals) and as you go through the alphabet, each person in the group takes turns to name something that begins with that letter. For example, person 1 could say "antelope", person 2 could say "bird", person 3 could say "cat" etc. The game ends when *no one* can think of a word for a particular letter.

Class Photographs - Postponed

Unfortunately, due to a rise in Covid cases at school, we have postponed the class photographs that were scheduled for next Monday. We hope the photographer will be able to visit after the Easter holidays and will confirm the date one we have it.

Support for Parents - explaining Russia's invasion of Ukraine

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is distressing and concerning, and we understand children and young people may have questions or be seeking reassurance. While schools are well placed to talk to pupils about the images they are seeing and help them navigate the concepts and issues this brings up we also aware that it raises issues some parents may never have encountered before. Please see the link below - the information is produced by the Department for Education and **shares some useful advice and resources**. Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)

Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <u>https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne</u>

Design a logo competition - We'd love one of our children to design us a lovely new logo that we can have professionally created into a graphic to use on all our future event publicity materials. Please design your logo entry on an A4 sheet of paper, write your name and class on the back and hand it in to your class teacher by Friday 25th March. All entries will be passed on to the FOW committee who will choose their favourite logo and award a prize to the winner.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Mother's Day Sale - Wed 23rd March

A chance for the children to treat the special lady in their life - that may be their Mum, Step Mum or Nan. Children can choose a special gift for £2 which includes a free card. We don't want to give the game away too much but there are about 10 different gifts to choose from of varying colours and designs (stock dependent) so they'll be able to choose the most fitting one for their special someone. Please remember to send children in with their money on the day, in a named envelope, and they will be taken to choose their gift during the school day.

Cultural Report by Rohan and George (Y6S)

Year 6 have been learning about printing and who was famous for it in the Victorian period and also how it started. The Headteacher (Miss Atkinson) introduced us to the project. They spent the morning learning about the styles in printing including Gothic, Romantic, Medieval and Impressionist. There were a few activities like describing the printings, spotting the pairs, similarities and differences. Just before lunch Year 6 were looking at different prints and famous printers for example William Morris. After lunch the teachers let Year 6 have a practice of printing until 2:00 pm. Year 6 went on a Teams meeting with Miss Atkinson and she told us what to do. Miss Atkinson showed us some prints she made which looked really good. They were designed on underwater themes and fossils. When the meeting was finished, Year 6 got to design their own prints. After that, they started printing their design onto paper with ink and repeated. In the end, Year 6 had an experience of what it was like to be a Victorian printer.

Save the Date - Year 6 Pool Party

The Year 6 leaver's Pool Party has been booked for Sunday 17th July - further details to follow nearer the time.

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Hammond who was the winner of the school lottery last week. The winnings increase as more people join - if you want to join for just £1 per ticket per week and have a chance of winning the weekly draw, then please go to <u>www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</u>, search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions.

Miss K Atkinson Headteacher