



Friday 13th  
October 2017

# Warden Hill Primary School

## 2017-2018 Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us for our Harvest Festival celebration of thanks last week. It was a bit of a squash and a squeeze, however it did not detract from the brilliant performances of all our children. Your kind donations for the Cheltenham Foodbank will also make a big difference to this local charity.

Our children have had a wonderful time again at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, listening to authors talk about their books and how they get their inspiration. Thank you goes to our PTA for subsidising the cost of the coaches for this trip. If you have a couple of hours spare at the weekend, then why not take in a session at the Literature Festival with your children? Use the link to **check out what's happening over the weekend and details of how to book.**

<http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature/whats-on/grid?genres=132>

The re-development of the Junior library is slowly underway with help from Y6 choosing beanbags **to sit on as well as some more suitable reading tables. It's a work in progress but we are excited** about where it is going! As well as the library, the Reception outside space is getting a re-vamp **and the children are already enjoying the new, much loved, 'caterpillar' tunnel. We are also adding to the 'green' in the infant playground, a set of balance beams to support our children's active** play.

**We look forward to seeing you all at parents' evenings next week and I'll be in the main reception** area selling firework tickets if anyone wants to pop by to see me. Please take time to look through **your children's work in their books as well as on the walls** - they have produced some excellent pieces this term. On that note, all teacher led clubs will be cancelled next week, thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Just a reminder that after half term all our children will need to come to school in their 'winter'** uniform.

From time to time I am sent alerts about keeping our children safe. With so many of our families **with babies and toddlers I would like you to use this link for your information about 'sleep positioners'** <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/clear-cot/>

That just leaves me to say have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards,

Georgina Flooks

Head teacher



## Girls' Football Tournament



On Friday 4th October the Girls' Football tournament was played at multiple venues across Cheltenham. Warden Hill hosted teams from Berkhamstead, St. John's, Lakeside and Leckhampton, but only the winners of each group would progress to a finals tournament at Prestbury St Mary's. The opening fixture against Berkhamstead A was extremely close, 1-0 down with only 3 minutes to play, a brilliant tackle and through ball out of defence by Kira was scored by I sobel. In the last seconds of the game, I sobel scored again to win the game 2-1. In the following games against Lakeside A and St John's, the team worked brilliantly as a team, and were especially strong in defence. Winning the final two fixtures 1-0 and 2-1 meant Warden Hill qualified for the finals tournament for the 2nd successive year.

The finals tournament had 2 groups of 3, and only the winners of each group would play in the overall final. On arriving, Warden Hill watched Bishops Cleeve beat Oakwood, before having to face both teams themselves. We knew we were in for a tough match, as Cleeve had won the tournament in the past 3 years. When the game kicked off, Warden Hill were overpowered and went 3-0 down very quickly. All of a sudden Warden Hill were in trouble, especially against a team who hadn't conceded a goal yet! A late goal before half time gave us hope of a come back. In the second half, the girls played with brilliant energy and fight coming back to 3-2, and as the final whistle blew, had been pushing for the equalising goal. Although our only defeat, this was possibly the team's best performance of the entire day. In the final fixture, Warden Hill faced a very strong Oakwood team. In a game that required resilience and positive characters, Warden Hill were outstanding in a 3-2 victory, which made Mr Williams and Mrs Newman extremely proud of how the girls conducted themselves on the pitch.

Warden Hill eventually finished 3rd in the Cheltenham wide tournament, a huge success, only losing 1 match all day. We are hoping for more fixtures before the end of the year. Well done girls!

Mr Williams and Mrs Newman

## Football continued

A/B team fixtures:

In the opening 3 fixtures of our group, the teams have had some mixed fortunes.

A Team V Swindon Village Won 9-6

A Team V St Marks Won 6-3

B Team V St Marks Drew 1-1

A Team V Prestbury Lost 6-2

B Team V Prestbury Lost 5-3

A special mention must go to Lewis (Y5) who stood in brilliantly as the A Team goalkeeper against Prestbury, as we were a player short through illness. Well done Lewis!

Our Y4s produced a brilliant assembly on Wednesday all about the brain! They shared with us how important it is to have a growth mindset. They spoke and sang brilliantly - well done Y4!



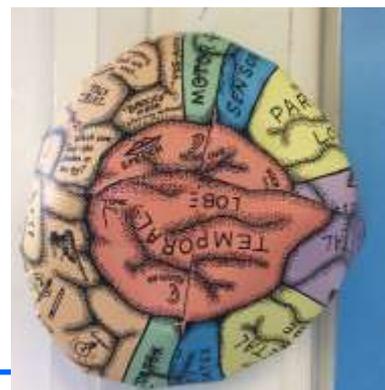
### DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET



INSTEAD OF....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them



Y4 had fun making brains!



## 4W Metaphor Poems

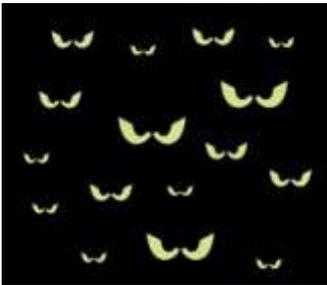
### The Moon by Sammie

The moon is a big banana in the sky  
The moon is a bright torch lighting up my way  
The moon is a huge golf ball in space  
The moon is an enormous flying saucer for aliens  
The moon is a massive football for Mars  
The moon is a hamster that runs around the Earth.



### The Dark by Lucy

The dark is a barrel of coal  
The dark can make shadows come in at any time  
The dark is a scary place  
**It's a graveyard, filled with ghouls.**



### Snow by Sean

The snow is icy waves breaking apart on the beach  
The snow is the fur of an Artic fox shining in the moonlight  
The snow is autumn leaves dyed a frosty white that drift to the ground.



## Maths Challenge

We started with some tricky/fun algebra problems (e.g.  $B-C=E$ )., Then we moved on to Counting Down (as shown on the TV show) in which you have to make a large number out of 6 smaller numbers. The finale came next, we had 20 cards (one at a time) and had to complete as many cards as possible within the time limit. Though neither teams won (we came 5th & 8th out of 22 teams), we had great fun and think we have proven to be great mathematicians!

Written by Sam and Isaac Y6





On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, it was Stone Age Day! It was extremely fun. First, we did Drama with Mr. Bridgwood. We were pretending to go on a Beast Hunt. There were sabretoothed tigers, Andrews and much, much more! I felt like I was a stone age warrior myself! Next, we made our own Stone Age pottery with Ms. Barrett. I found it quite tricky to shape the pot/day because I kept doing the walls too thin and thought it would crumble. Eventually, I succeeded. Soon after lunch we did Music with Ms. Crosby. It was very funny - and also extraordinarily LOUD! I loved all the noise anyway!!



# Year 3 Stone Age Day



For the Stone Age day we did lots of fun and exciting activities. We all dressed up like cave men and cave women. First of all we made clay pots just like stone age people did. Next we decorated them and left them to dry. What an exciting activity we did with Miss Barrett to start the amazing day! After break we went into Miss Crosby's classroom and we did some entertaining music. There was a drumming section, a shaking section, a scraping section and there was a certain beat. Our last activity was probably the most entertaining activity of the funnest day of year 3. The day ended in quietly but it was so fun and entertaining. Joanne (33)

PTA Fireworks Friday 3rd November  
Tickets go on sale Tuesday and Wednesday  
next week during Parents' Evenings.



**Food and drinks before  
the fireworks**

**Glow wands**

**Tickets must be bought  
in advance**

**Adults £3.50  
Children £2.50  
Under 2's FREE**

**FIREWORK  
DISPLAY**  
**Warden Hill Primary School**  
**Friday 3rd November**  
**Gates open at 5.30pm \* Display starts at 6.30pm**

**No parking in Durham Close \* No sparklers \* No pets \*  
No alcohol other than that bought at the bar!**



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## Pupil Success:

Sam Y4 was awarded player of the year for the under 11's Cricket team at Shurdington. Well done!



## Newest member of the Warden Hill Family

I am delighted to announce the safe arrival of Evie. Mrs Smith and Evie are both doing really well. **Both of Evie's big brothers** are really proud.

## School Cleaning Job

If you are interested in any additional work we have a cleaner job going at the school. Please pass the word onto friends as well!

## Reception 2018 Family Open Days:

We are hosting two Open Mornings & one Open Afternoon for our Reception 2018 cohort. So if you have a pre-schooler due to join us next year please pop these dates in your diary:

Thursday 9th November @ 9:15am-11:45am.

Thursday 30th November @ 1:30pm - 2:45pm

## Parents' Evening Reminder:

Miss Nelson has emailed details of the online booking system. If you are experiencing any **problems, please don't hesitate to pop in and see us.**

## School Photographs Reminder: Thursday 19th October

School photographs, individual & sibling (pre-school siblings are welcome to have photographs with their siblings between 8:30am-8:55am in the infant hall.)

Flu vaccine information will be emailed after half term.