



Warden Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



FEBRUARY 2020

Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term, despite the weather!

School Reports

You will have all received your child's report before half term. These reports allow us to share with you the progress your child has made and/or the next steps in their learning. Our Teachers will also be able to comment in detail on your child's progress at Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March. Please see the website calendar for more details.

Wider Personal Development

Over the last term our children have taken part in **inter-house events** (encouraging team work, resilience and respect). All our children took part in our **Safer Internet Day** assemblies – keeping them up to date with personal online safety. I've delivered assemblies covering the themes of You Can Do It (personal resilience) and what it takes to become an Expert – 10,000 hours. Our Y6 children have had 2 sessions now linked to keeping safe online and healthy relationships. There has been a range of PSHE lessons taught on **Healthy and Safer Lifestyles**. Year 3 are half way through their whole class music tuition in **Gamelan**. We are hoping to roll out whole class music

tuition soon, so that every child, whilst at Warden Hill, has a chance to learn a musical instrument. Our children are able to attend a variety of after school clubs and the uptake for these are extremely high. We have a new **Eco and School Councils** who are already briefed with their next assignment. They are working together to get ready for the Big Pedal 2020 at the end of April. Start warming up!



All of these carefully planned experiences curriculum based as well as extra curriculum, helps to build our children's wider personal development.

Coronavirus Advice

Please see the Recent Letter page on our website where we shared Government's advice on Coronavirus outbreak:

<https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/about-warden-hill-primary-school/recent-letters/>

Inconsiderate Driving and Parking

We had a few complaints from parents over the last couple of weeks about cars driving too fast and also parking inconsiderately, e.g. mounting the pavements to park, whilst pedestrians are walking on the pavements at the same time; driving through puddles and soaking passers by.

Please can we all try harder to be as considerate as possible and keep our roads (and pavements) safe for our children.

Children and Parent Questionnaire

From time to time, we ask for feedback from your children and yourselves, as part of effective school evaluation.

Our children are currently completing a short online 3 minute survey which will help us to gain an insight into what they think of the school.

We'd like you to do the same.

Please head to the Ofsted Parent View where you can register and then give feedback about our school.



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this.

Warmest regards
Georgina Flooks

Relationships, Sex and Health Education in Primary School

In the KS2 Hall, during both nights of parents' evenings, there will be an opportunity to come and look at the lesson plans and some of the resources that will be used to deliver the Relationships and Sex Education and Relationships and Health Education which is statutory from September 2020. We will also have available the updated Relationship Education and Sex Education Policy for you to read.

Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents

We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. That is why, from September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education.

These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 25 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

Your child's school will have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of its pupils.

Relationships Education

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online.

Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. In an age-appropriate way, your child's school will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families and people who care for me
- caring friendships
- respectful relationships
- online relationships
- being safe

You can find further detail by searching 'relationships and health education' on GOV.UK.

Health Education

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.



By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

You can find further detail by searching 'relationships and health education' on GOV.UK.

Princesses, Knights and Dragons Rule for the Day!

Reported by Florence R



Yesterday, reception children dressed up as pretty princesses, noble knights and dangerous dragons for their topic in school.

On Tuesday 11th February, both reception classes got together and came to school as sassy princesses, fearless

knights and fire-breathing dragons as their topic is Towers and Turrets. The amazing day was filled with excitement such as making catapults and treasure hunting.

Hazel (5) told us, "My mum made the costume and I helped make the mask."

Talking about her catapult Jemima (5) informed us, "It was made from lollipop sticks, an elastic band and a spoon,"

Although reception were a little messy by home time, it looked like a lot of fun with 60 smiley faces!

Gymnastics Competitions

Last term, children from year 2 to year 5 represented our school in a gymnastics competition. They had to learn a floor and a vault routine and perform this on their own, in front of other competitors and spectators. They all represented Warden Hill brilliantly and should all be very proud of their achievements. Well done!

Mrs Weaver, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Davis



We participated in a gymnastics competition against other Cheltenham schools. We had to perform an individual floor and vault routine. We had a fantastic morning and it was an amazing experience to be part of a team. Our teachers were very proud of our performances.

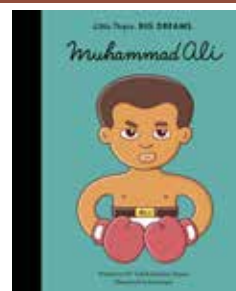
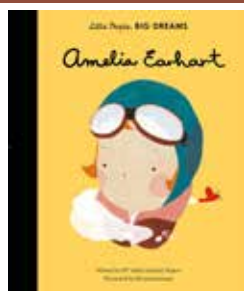
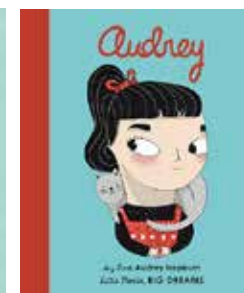
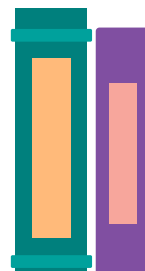
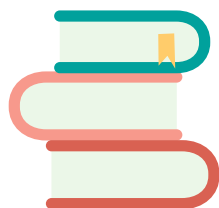
Faye, Naomi and Evie (Year 3)
Ana and Ewan (Year 4)

World Book Day

We are celebrating books on World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

Through the wonderful series of books titled, Little People, BIG DREAMS by the fantastic Isabel Sánchez Vegara, we aim to celebrate diversity, inclusivity, inspiration and uniqueness.

From Josephine Baker to David Attenborough, each class will meet and explore in depth inspirational stories of these people who had dreams when they were little.



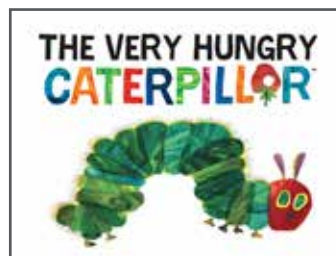
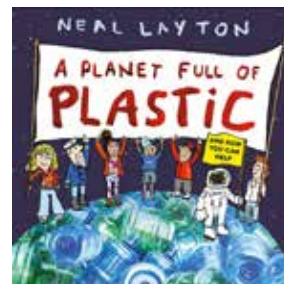
Take One Book Week

Take One Book Week is back at Warden Hill. Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March.

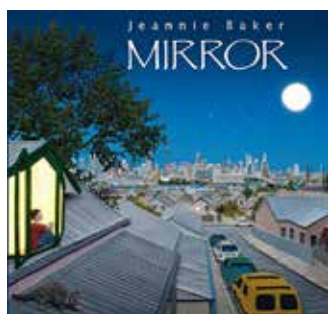
The purpose of this week is to allow the children to explore and delve deeper into a novel, chosen carefully by teachers, that allows for rich and inspiring learning across the curriculum.

The chosen novel will also inspire other areas of the curriculum ensuring that the children produce high quality outcomes in many subject areas.

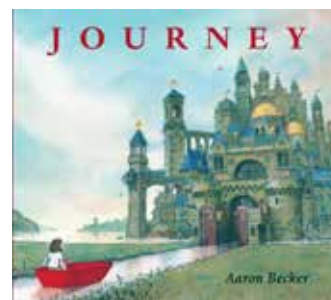
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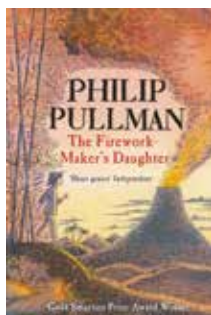
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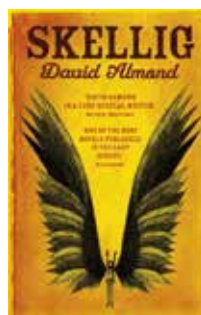
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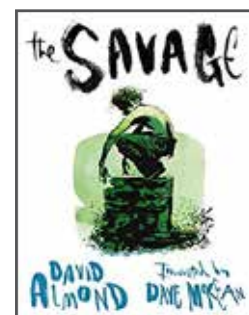
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YEAR 4



YEAR 5



YEAR 6

House Captains



Windrush:

House - Gus
Vice - Neve
Sports - Molly



Leach:

House - Alice
Vice - Harry
Sports - Martina



Coln:

House - Alfie
Vice - Ethan
Sports - Hannah



Churn:

House - Isla
Vice - Alfie
Sports - Luke



House Points Update



Leach

293



Windrush

282



Churn

248



Coln

244

House Rugby

Our latest house event, in our packed sporting calendar, was house rugby, which took place on the final day of last term.



Our sessions were, once again, filled with learning and practising rugby skills, particularly passing and movement drills.



As before, the feedback from the rugby coaches was fantastic, having reported that the attitude, keenness to listen and learn and ball skills from our children were superb.



By the time the scores from the sessions in the morning had been added together, the afternoon tournaments took place, with years 5 and 6 showcasing again what talented athletes we have at Warden Hill.



The eventual winners were Churn, adding to their trophy for house football from earlier this year.



We now look ahead to this term's house orienteering and another opportunity for our rugby stars to compete at the 'Newlands Tag Rugby Festival' in April.

Football Teams Update

All three of our football teams have been having great success in recent weeks.

Our Girls' Team had its first competitive fixture all year, facing Naunton Park. The girls put in an outstanding performance to win the game 6-0, with Alice J scoring a hatrick.

We have organised a local girls' tournament in March to test our skills against other local schools too.

The school 'B' Team fought out a tough 0-0 draw against Woodmancote, where they managed to hit both the post and the bar, but couldn't find a way through to score. They have another fixture coming up in March against Charlton Kings.

The 'A' Team have been competing in the second stage of the Cheltenham District Football League. Having qualified as group winners in the first section, they are competing with other qualified teams in the 'Shield'. Two extremely competitive fixtures against Naunton Park and Woodmancote have led to outstanding performances, where the boys won by a single goal on both occasions (1-0 v Naunton Park and 3-2 v Woodmancote). Should they also beat Charlton Kings in March, they will reach the final of the league to meet the winners of the group.



A Team: Patrick, Gus, Thomas, Joseph, Luke, Ellis, Sam, Tobi, William, Eddy



B Team: James, Luke, Raffy, Lucas, Harry, Lucas, Oscar, Rhys, Ethan, Alfie, Ciaran, Rufus, Noah, Max, Leo

Online Safety

Last term year six were lucky enough to be revisited by PC Fiona McDowell. On this occasion she was talking to the children about healthy relationships and their online safety.

As a school, we are aware of the challenges faced by children in an ever-increasing online world. As they progress through KS1 and KS2 we continually rehearse rules and develop understanding of online safety. In year six, we particularly want to equip them with the skills they need to stay safe online beyond their time at Warden Hill. PC McDowell was able to reinforce some of the amazing opportunities the internet offers and how to mitigate the risks about what we share about ourselves online.

We have one more session with her this year, where she will also lead an assembly with the rest of the school.

It's Okay To Be Different



It's Okay to Be Different, by Todd Parr, cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colours and silly scenes.

Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.

And here is Jake's (Year 1) version inspired by the original book:



Gases in the Air

On Tuesday, all of year 5 were lucky enough to visit Cheltenham Ladies College to see an amazing science show performed by Tim Harrison, a chemist from the University of Bristol.

It was an inspirational demonstration about lots of different gasses such as hydrogen and helium. During the presentation, Tim Harrison put a rubber tube into liquid nitrogen, a very cold liquid, and had a little shower. When the tube was left in the liquid for a while it changed from a flexible solid to a rock hard solid.

He also showed us a chemical reaction with fairy liquid and two other dangerous chemicals to make a huge foamy eruption!

Finally he talked more about gasses using some balloons to show us the difference between hydrogen and helium. We were extremely surprised when he set the hydrogen balloon alight and caused a HUGE explosion making us jump out of our seats!

Seb and Lucas







Eco Council

Throughout February, our Eco Warriors were busy launching our new crisp packet recycle scheme. The children met with Mrs Herbert and Mrs Wilkes (our lunchtime supervisors) to inform them of the details of the project. Thank you to our Infants and Juniors who have started using our crisp recycle bins to recycle their crisp packets at lunchtime!

Our Eco children also completed the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, where they enjoyed recording birds in our area.

Pupils' Success



Patrick R, year 5 pupil, has been selected to represent the Gloucestershire Junior County Academy for golf, for the second year running.

Footballers wanted

Mark Davies, one of our year 4 parents, is coaching the Southside Lions U9s football team, based in Hatherley.

They are currently looking for new players for the boys' under 9s team. If you are interested, please get in touch:

Mark Davies
marknroo@sky.com
07966 391443

Table Tennis Club

Starts Saturday 29 February
at YMCA Sports Hall
Arle Road
Cheltenham
GL51 8LE

Juniors 10.30am - 12.00 pm
Seniors 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Open to all players and non CTTC members

19 tables available
Bats and balls supplied

Coach: Graham Slack
Coaching sessions available
Email Graham with any questions
grahamslack@blueyonder.co.uk

Cricket Taster Sessions

Over the coming weeks we will welcome coaches from Gloucestershire Cricket Board who will run cricket taster sessions for children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

We will report on the sessions in our next newsletter.

Gloucestershire Cricket Board are promoting two national programmes run locally at cricket clubs.

Please click on the following links to find out more information:

All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds:

gloucestershirecricketboard.com/youth-cricket/all-stars-cricket/

Dynamos Cricket for 8-11 year olds

gloucestershirecricketboard.com/youth-cricket/dynamos-cricket/



Big Moments with All Stars Cricket.

All Stars Cricket returns this May! Guarantee a fantastic first cricket experience for all 5-8 year-old girls and boys with 8-weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development.

Plus, we'll kit them out with their very own All Stars Cricket backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, personalised shirt and cap – free of charge with each registration.

Learn more at allstarscricket.co.uk
Registration opens March

The poster features a cartoon star character holding a cricket bat, a small 'ALL STARS cricket' logo with a bat and ball, and a blue star icon.



Introducing Dynamos Cricket.

A brand new cricket programme for 8 – 11 year-olds graduating from All Stars or those new to the sport! Apply your skills in an exciting, fast paced, and energetic game of countdown cricket!

Each child will be kitted out with their own New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number on the back, just like the heroes of The Hundred.

Get ready to download the Dynamos Cricket participant app, packed full of exclusive videos, challenges and activities to practice at home or with friends.

Learn more at dynamoscricket.co.uk
Registration opens February

The poster features a boy in a yellow t-shirt looking up, a 'DYNAMOS CRICKET' logo, and several colorful triangles.



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Tuesday 3 March
Thursday 5 March
Friday 6 March
Tuesday 10 March
Wednesday 11 March
Thursday 19 March
Wednesday 25 March
Thursday 26 March
Friday 27 March
Wednesday 1 April
Friday 3 April

Feet First Dance Festival
World Book Day
Chloe Inkpen Visit
Girls' Football Tournament
School Nursing Hub
Football Fixture: Warden Hill v Charlton Kings Junior
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
House Orienteering
Rotary Quiz
End of Term 4, 1:30pm

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