



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Community Week

Next week is our annual community week and this year we are focussing on our Golden Model and re-launching our circle times. Circle time is central to our Golden Model and part of every child's weekly timetable at Watercliffe Meadow, it is a time for the class to come together as a community, help each other solve any problems and celebrate successes. During the week each class will be enjoying circle times discussions, games and practising the circle time skills. In keeping with Watercliffe Meadow tradition there will be voting for May Queen and Jack in the Green in each class, these will be celebrated during the Friday assembly. It is going to be a fantastic week, if you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Gaming Safety

We have had a lot of issues in school recently stemming from children playing the game Fortnite online. Here is some guidance of the game from UK Safer Internet Centre:

Fortnite is an online game, which includes Battle Royale, where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: *'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'*.

This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat. We hope you find this guidance useful. For more information please look at the website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

Parent Governor

As Kerry Wiggington and Damien D'Arcy have been the only parents to express their interest in the 2 positions of Parent Governor they will undertake a second term in the role without any need for a governor election. If you have any issues you would like to discuss with them please either see them in the school yard or call into the office to arrange a meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kerry and Damien for their continued support and for all the time they dedicate to the role. They have been excellent parent advocates on the governing body and are keen to continue making WCM a better place for our children.

FAST is coming...

We are very excited to be able to tell you about an amazing family project that we are running in school for the fourth year. This is an opportunity for you to spend some quality time with your family once a week for 8 weeks from 3.30-6.00 doing a variety of activities. This project is designed by Save the Children and is completely free for families with children in Nursery, Reception or Y1. You will be fed and well looked after and have the opportunity to win a family hamper each week. A crèche will be provided for younger or older children although there will be times in the session when you will all be together. Our very special Gillie Lane, Danielle Houghton and Tracey Mansell will be part of the team looking after you. If you would like to know more, then call in and see one of them! We have places for up to 20 families.

Learning Across School

All classes have their own blog page. Why not look at what your child has been learning. Go to our webpage and click on the tab for blogs. www.watercliffemeadow.co.uk

Our learning sticker activity in F1 last week was to make a minibeast in the construction area using Kid K-Nex. We had some pictures that we could copy or have a go at making our own. We

did a fab job - take a look on our blog to see what we did.

In **F2** we have been learning about the author Eric Carle. We have researched how he makes his illustrations and the children have made their own. The outcomes are fantastic, what amazing artists we are.

We are so excited in **Y1** because our caterpillars are growing! During the first 7-14 days they will shed their exoskeletons 4 times and grow more than 10 times their original size.

Last week **Y3s** went on an exciting trip to Harrogate. We went in a museum to learn about the ancient Egyptians and we got to hold objects that were over 3000 years old. We also got to write our names in hieroglyphics, wear Egyptian clothing and we even learnt how to mummify a body - eww! During our time in Harrogate we also got to visit the Royal Hall Theatre and an art gallery.

In **Y6**, we have had a fabulous time in PE. Outdoors we have honed our rounders skills. During Indoor, we have done rhythmic gymnastics (Mr B looks ace in a leotard) some of the kids have enjoyed it so much, they have gone out and bought their own ribbons. In writing, we have been learning how to put suspense into our writing. We have done this by...

Easter Reads

This Easter Read challenge has been the most successful ever. Altogether we have had over 60 returned forms, well done! Reading at home is essential to language development and supports children to write and grow their imagination. The response was so high we ran out of badges and are currently waiting for a new batch to be delivered. We would like to thank families for the support they have given their children and school.



London Residential

A final letter will be going home tomorrow for the Y5 children going on the residential to London. Key things to remember are comfortable footwear such as trainers (not wellies) and a rucksack which goes on your back to carry all your belongings (not a case on wheels or any other type of bag). We will be doing a lot of walking and have to carry our own bags at all times while out and about seeing the sights. If you have any last minute questions call into the office. We will be posting our experience on Facebook so make sure you follow our WCM

page.

Castleton Residential

The dates of the Y6 residential are Monday 21st – Friday 25th May and the cost is £110. Deadline for booking a place has now passed and final numbers have been submitted to the Rotary Centre. Just a reminder that full payment needs to be made by Friday 11th May.

Y6 Prom

As the Y6 prom grows ever closer we would just like to draw your attention to a possible bargain for the girls...Mrs Hubbard and Mrs Hawksworth were shopping in Hillsborough at the weekend and saw lots of Prom style dresses in The British Heart Foundation shop in perfect condition. Mrs Hawksworth even bought a dress for a wedding she is attending. Why not go and search out a bargain?

Books!

If you have got any reading books at home from the Easter Read that belong to school and you are no longer reading them could you please return them. The books we have in school are falling in numbers at the moment...which is great because it means more children are reading, but we do need them back when you have finished! If you think we are short of any particular types of books please let Kerry Heap know, she loves shopping, especially for books!

Royal Wedding

To celebrate the upcoming Royal Wedding in F2 we are holding our own Royal Wedding but we need your help! We need donations of pretty dresses, shoes and wedding related stuff (head dresses, handbags etc) please. We can return if you need them back.

Nursery Places

Our Nursery team will soon be sorting out places for children who are 3 years old and ready to start in September. If you have already filled in an application form then you will be contacted soon with a time and date for a home visit. If you have not registered your child for Nursery or know any of your friends or family that have 3 year olds not attending Nursery, call in to the office for an application form. Children are admitted in date of birth order and we currently have spaces for September in all 4 of our sessions. We will also be offering the 30 hour free early learning places.

Bank Holiday Weekend

Don't forget it is Bank Holiday on Monday and we are not back to school until Tuesday!