



The Thursday Celebration

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Neil Griffiths returns to Watercliffe

On **Wednesday 29th January**, author and inventor of 'story sacks', Neil Griffiths is coming to WCM. Neil has been before and produced with us a short film sharing his top tips for reading at home. Neil will start with a session for parents in the hall from 9.00-10.00 before working with children in school for the rest of his time with us. As well as sharing great ideas for making reading fun at home, he is also very entertaining. All parents are welcome...come and join us.

Maths Workshops

In the last couple of weeks of this half term we will be holding a workshop to look at the written methods that children learn in school and some of the ways we now teach maths. If you would like to attend then please sign up on the sheet in your child's classroom so that we know how many tables, chairs and resources we need.

Your child will also come with you and no parent will be asked to answer any maths questions!

Y1 To be arranged!

Y2&3 Tuesday 4th February 2.30pm

Y4&5 Tuesday 11th February 2.30pm

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the families who came to talk about their child's progress on Tuesday and Wednesday, it was very evident that there are a lot of proud families in and around WCM! If you have not yet made an appointment please see your child's class teacher who will sort a time out for you. We really want to work together so that we can help every child achieve their potential.

Parent View

Thank you to all the families who have completed the Parent View survey this

week. If you have not yet done so please ask your child's teacher or call into the office. A completed survey will earn a Breakfast Club / Tuck Shop voucher. The answers you provide will allow us to look at your thoughts and opinions about aspects of school and see where we can make improvements to the service we provide.

Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have had a jungle vet role play area. The children have really enjoyed pretending to be vets and trying to make the jungle animals better.

In **F2** we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have been looking at how they celebrate this special time and trying to write Chinese numbers and letters. For snack we will be trying some Chinese food. We also have learnt how to sing a song all about the New Year.

In **Y2** we have been practicing and refining our sketching skills to make our drawings a higher quality. We have been drawing different animals.

Last week **Y3** visited Weston Park as part of our Ancient Egypt theme.

First, we had a look around the museum, exploring the old toys, a Bronze Age hut and looking at the different animals.

After lunch we took part in an Egyptian workshop, learning how people were mummified and why. A fantastic day was had by all!

Swimming in **Y4** is coming to an end now and we have made so much progress over our 18 week block. This week we had to take PJs or shorts and a T-shirt so we could practice life saving skills. It was a little harder than just swimming in our usual swimming things but we managed it!

This week in **Y5** we have kick started our very exciting ICT project. This term the

children will be working towards planning, designing and producing their very own App for our capital city London. All this learning ties in with our fascinating question of “How do cities work?” Year 5 will be exploring this big question this term through ICT and Geographical skills. All linked in with our residential to London! We are very lucky in Y5!!

Our **Y6** writing focus this week has been around identifying features of writing. To do this we have looked through a piece of writing called ‘The Tongo Lizard’. Within this, we have searched for features such as: colons, semicolons, adjectives, noun phrases and many more. We will then aim to use these features in our own writing later on in the week.

PE @ WCM

We are always looking for different ways to get our children involved in sport and you will all know about the WCM Marathon which is very popular. There are lots of other things happening in and out of school, here are a few examples:

Y6 children took part in a bouldering competition last Friday at the Climbing Works. Mr B said the team were amazing, we will find out if they have reached the next round in a few weeks.

Mr Barnes took some of the Y3 & Y4 children to a handball tournament after school on Thursday! They all did brilliantly and we are really proud of them for trying a new sport!

Mr Tompkinson is full of praise for the WCM Football team who are having a fantastic season. The Cross-country Team race again on Saturday morning at Norfolk Park, they are nearing the end of a very tough season of running.

We are a very active school and we are proud of all the children achieve and the effort that is put in!

London Residential

Thank you to all the families who came along to the information meeting on Tuesday evening. We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 17th April** and return on Saturday 18th **June around 6pm**. Information packs have been sent home with your child if you did not attend. Please remember if you owe any money to school

and you are not on a plan to repay this you will not be able to book a place for your child. The cost of the residential is £65 and this must be paid in full by 14th February to allow us to book train tickets and places in the museum.

Thornbridge Residential

The parent information meeting for the Y4 Thornbridge residential will take place on **Tuesday 28th January at 5.00pm** in the hall. Come along to collect your information pack and find out more about the 3 days. Mrs Gill and Mrs Read’s class will be going 23rd – 25th March and Mr Barnes’ class 25th – 27th March. If you can’t make the meeting your pack will be sent home afterwards.

WCMGT

Week 1 of auditions are over and the judges have expressed excitement at this year’s talent! We have had some old faces return to share their talent and some new faces who were just fantastic!

There are 2 more days of auditions next week and then the semi finalists will be announced on Friday 31st January. The final will take place on **Friday 14th February**.

Journals

We want to remind families how important it is to have journals in school every day. We put a lot of information into the journal to support your child’s learning at home and school. Journals are used to record maths ‘CLIC gaps’ and spellings as well as reading. We have invested a lot of money in them as a school because they can be really helpful in supporting learning. Thank you to the families who regularly support their child to bring journals to school.

Half Term Holiday

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 14th February** and come back to school on **Monday 24th February**.

Inset Day

Our last INSET Day of the year is on **Wednesday 11th March**. School will be closed to children.