

Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter



Issue Number 1

Friday, 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has hard to believe we are already in the last week of September! It has been wonderful for us to welcome back all of our learners, who have settled quickly to their new classes and routines. We are so proud of our new Reception children who have joined the school with enthusiasm and courage, quickly making new friends, and adjusting to brand new learning environments. My greatest joy has been to walk with the children on the school field – everyone is enjoying mixing - no more bubbles - and the older children have really taken the younger ones 'under their wing', playing new games and developing social skills. Whole school assemblies have resumed, including Celebration, values, global events and singing assemblies. We have received great responses to our new school clubs, which started this week and have appointed many new positions of responsibility.

Whilst many of the pandemic restrictions have now eased, as a school staff we maintain our frequent hand and desk cleansing routines throughout the day. This is keeping our children and staff healthy and happy – so far so good. We are pleased to welcome the parents and carers of Key Stage 1 children back onto the playground with our new Reception families. I know this is a critical period - if any parent or carer wishes to discuss any health and safety concerns at any time, please just call the school office on 01344 772034 – we welcome your suggestions.

Year 6 are preparing to leave on their adventurous residential trip to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau in Snowdonia National Park, North Wales from Sunday, 26th September 2021 for one week. The RYG team, led by Mrs Vincent and Mr Thomas, held a parental briefing meeting on Thursday, 17th September 2021. This was the first time we have had so many families in the school hall for a long time! As we had to cancel all our residential events last year (Year 3 sleepover, Y4 Ufton Court, Y5 campout and the Y6 RYG trip), the RYG trip is itself another 'post pandemic' first. We wish the staff and Year 6 children a wonderful week, hopefully blessed with dry weather.

What a positive start to the new academic year! I would like to thank all our staff, parents and carers for preparing the children so well for the new year and helping them to feel safe and reassured when coming into school. As a community, we feel strong and are remain doggedly determined to continue to provide motivating and progressive learning to all our children. Please read on for details of forthcoming Parental Consultations and exciting events at school.

Best regards,

Leslie Semper

Headteacher Wildmoor Heath School

Teacher - Parent Consultation Meetings

The autumn 2021 parental consultations will be held in school within the classrooms. We will hold these over two evenings on Monday, 18 October and Wednesday, 20th October 2021, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. We will operate our on-line booking system for the meetings and details will follow shortly. Each family will have a 10 minute slot in which to discuss your child's academic and social progress plus targets. Mrs MacManus, our SENDCo, will be on hand to discuss any specific SEND concerns.

Forthcoming Events

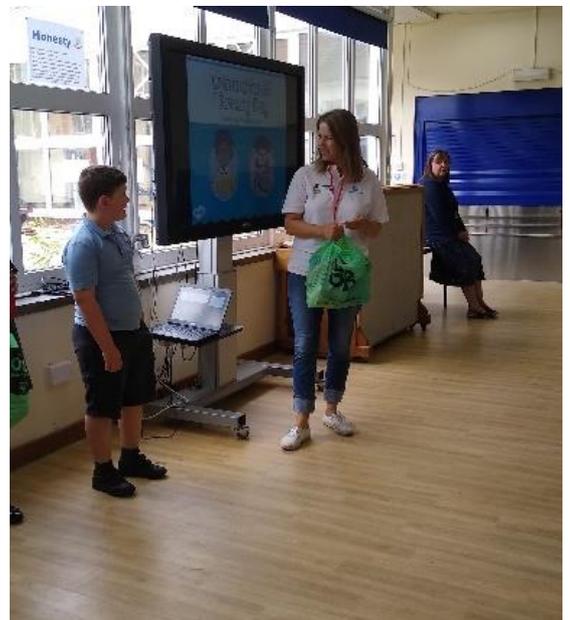
The school office is busily arranging and booking opportunities for our children's enrichment. These will include our annual professional pantomime in the school hall in December 2021 plus the Roots to Food cookery workshops for every child in early 2022. The PTA has also prepared some exciting fund-raising events – more details to follow in this newsletter.

Co-op Competition Winners

The Co-op in Crowthorne recently ran a competition to encourage children to develop their growing skills by growing sunflowers from seed and measuring them. The competition was open to all local schools.



We are delighted to announce that Wildmoor Heath was the winning school with a sunflower measuring over 3 metres and Douglas in Year 4 was crowned the winning individual. Laura from the Co-Op presented the awards in a school assembly; Douglas and our Head/Deputy Girls and Boys were delighted to receive them. Well done Wildmoor learners!



Request for Seasonal Autumnal Plants

We would kindly request that you send in some seasonal plants (pansies, primulae, cyclamen, etc) plus some small shrubs for new planting areas we are creating in the school's internal courtyard. We will welcome all donations, including small saplings or tree whips you may have. Our gardening club is looking forward to planting some colourful new additions.

Positions of Authority

With school life fully restored to normality, we have made several appointments of positions of responsibility. These are significant appointments at Wildmoor Heath, representing our development of children's character and skillset. Through these roles, we raise aspirations for all, and prepare our pupils for future responsibilities. All pupils are wearing coloured badges to represent their area of responsibility.

Congratulations to all concerned!

Representing our School

Head Girl: Roxy, Year 6

Deputy Head Girl: Lydia, Year 6

Head Boy: Izaan, Year 6

Deputy Head Boy: Adam, Year 6

Ambassadors (Year 6)

Abigail	Jessica	Brayden
Poppy	Rosie	Reggie E
Aine	Matthew	Robin
Mollie	Addison	Ben D
Ben F		

House Captains and Deputy Captains

Wellington: Jago (HC) Kaiden (DHC)

Easthampstead: Poppy (HC) Martha C (DHC)

South Hill: Mollie (HC) Beau (DHC)

Sandhurst: Brayden (HC) Arthur (DHC)

Librarians

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Matthew Kian Adam George	Izaan Archie Brayden Reggie E	Lydia Maisie Abi Poppy	Roxy Lara Maddie Aine	Ben F Tommy Jago Jenny

School Council

Year 1 - Kush and Tia

Year 4 - Starlet and Ben

Year 2 - Emily N and Finlay

Year 5 - Harry and Ffion

Year 3 - Will and Emily B

Year 6 - Ben F and Leah

Eco Warriors (Year 5)

All pupils

Open Days

The school will hold Open Days for prospective parents on the days shown below. Please pass this message onto any families you may know who will have a child starting Reception in September 2022. We also offer 1:1 school tours for any parents who cannot attend on an Open Day. Our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls, plus Year 6 ambassadors, will be happy to show parents around our school and talk about life at Wildmoor Heath.

Tuesday 5th October 2021 – 2.00pm

Wednesday 6th October 2021 – 2.00pm

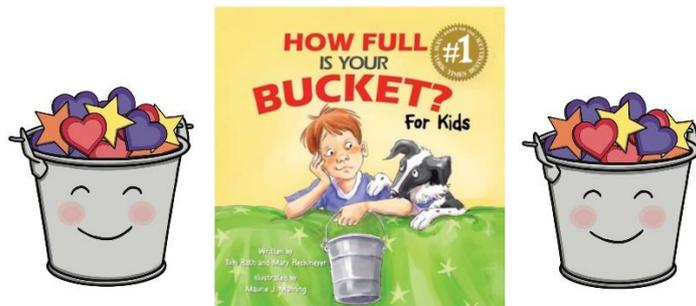
Wednesday 13th October 2021 – 10.00am

Thursday 14th October 2021 – 10.00am

Tuesday 9th November 2021 – 10.00am

Thursday 11th November 2021 – 2.00pm

How Full Is Your Bucket?



This term we have launched a new initiative in school called 'How Full Is Your Bucket?' The idea is based on the bestselling book, which seeks to teach children (and adults too!) that every moment, action and interaction matters.

The story imagines that we all have an invisible bucket - when it is full, we feel great. When it is empty, we feel awful. The young boy in the story, Felix, begins to see how every interaction in a day either fills or empties his bucket. Felix then realises that everything *he* says or does to other people fills or empties their buckets as well. Our positive/negative actions have huge impacts on how we make others feel, but also how we feel about ourselves.

We are encouraging every child and adult in our school community to become 'bucket fillers', rather than 'bucket dippers'. As we have shared with the children, simple acts of kindness fill buckets. They all add up to create a more positive, inclusive and happy environment to be a part of.

The children are being encouraged to share their bucket filling achievements with their class teachers and Mrs MacManus. We have been so delighted with their positive and enthusiastic response so far.

Please do ask your child how they have filled a bucket today!

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?



For further information, please contact Mrs MacManus (Wildmoor Heath School SENDCo).

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

MRS SEMPER, MR THOMAS, MRS JOHNSON,
MR PHELPS AND MRS THURGOOD

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

1. Protecting children from maltreatment;
2. Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
3. Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
4. Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

At Wildmoor Heath School, **all staff maintain a culture of vigilance** and put the health and safety, learning progress and pastoral needs of our learners first. We have robust safeguarding procedures in place, including annual formal training for all plus ongoing informal updates.

Wildmoor Heath has five trained DSLs who receive multi-agency training, attend ongoing formative sessions and represent the school at Child Protection meetings.

Mrs Semper is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), supported by Mr Thomas, Mrs Johnson, Mr Phelps and Mrs Thurgood as the Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs). Our Safeguarding Policy (date September 2020), together with a Covid-19 Addendum Policy, can be found on the school website and/or a copy can be requested from the school office.

If you have any concerns whatsoever about a child, or something that you have witnessed inside or outside of school, please ask to speak to Mrs Semper, Mr. Thomas, Mrs Johnson, Mr Phelps or Mrs Thurgood.

Wildmoor Heath School, Lower Broadmoor Road, Crowthorne RG45 7HD

Tel: 01344 772034

E-mail: secretary@wildmoorheath.org.uk

REACH FOR THE STARS ★★

Respect - Empathy - Aspirations - Courage - Honesty