



# Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

ISSUE 2 – OCTOBER 2023

## October already!

I can't believe it is October already! September has flown by so fast. It has been lovely seeing all the children return to school with smiles on their faces, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn.

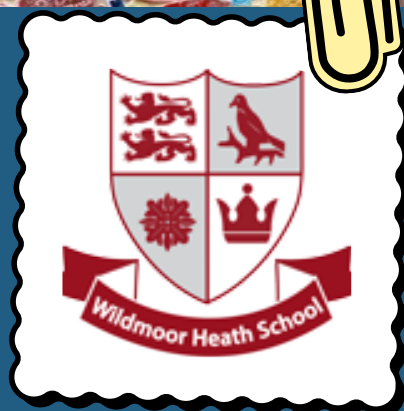
I have just returned from a very successful week with Year 6 in North Wales. A big thank you to Mrs Webb, Mr Jackson and Mrs Thurgood for supporting the children so brilliantly! The instructors were full of praise for the children's behaviour and attitude throughout the week. See the **Curriculum News** for more information and photos.

As the days get shorter and colder, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, especially wearing a raincoat to school. We encourage children to go outdoors, even when it is raining!

Thank you for all your support whilst we work through a few changes to some of our systems. I understand there are a few teething problems with the **My Child At School** app, but once it is running correctly, it will make things much easier in the future. Please contact the office with any concerns or queries regarding the new apps.

Can I remind parents that it is not safe to park on the mini roundabout or double yellow lines outside the school gates. Please consider the safety of all children and adults when parking. Thank you!

**Mrs Vincent**



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## Thank You - We Love Crowthorne!

The Wildmoor team want to say a massive thank you to all the parents who have been adding such positive messages about the school on the **We Love Crowthorne Facebook group**.

We all think this school is unique and we are glad that you are all spreading the word too. We really appreciate your support and welcome any positive news or word-of-mouth comments to promote the school. **THANK YOU!**

I would highly recommend wildmoor heath. They have been amazing for my two daughters . Lots of outside play and opportunities. One form entry and all the teachers and staff are amazingly friendly and welcoming and totally invested in the children.

Wildmoor all the way...

Wildmoor Heath is an amazing school. Wonderful staff and great outdoor space. They also do a forest club after school (not sure what age) which my daughter in year six absolutely loves. My two daughters could not have had a better start to school life

Another vote for Wildmoor Heath. Two children there currently, year 1 & 2. They both have thrived. Lovely nurturing teachers, access to the field and climbing frames, out door learning, walks out on the Heath.

Would recommend you visit Wildmoor Heath, their outdoor space is outstanding. The opposite of a small cemented area.

Another vote for Wildmoor Heath 👍

## Key Dates

**OCTOBER 2023**

**Friday 6th October 9.30am: &  
Monday 9th October 9.30am**

Open Day for  
2024 Reception Parents

**Tuesday 10th October 9-10am:**  
SEND Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 11th October:**  
School Photographs  
(Individual & Siblings)

**Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th &  
Thursday 19th October from  
3.30pm to 5.30pm:**  
Parent Teacher Meetings

**Wednesday 18th October:**  
'Flu vaccinations

**Friday 20th October 1.30pm:**  
Open Day for  
2024 Reception Parents

**Friday 20th October 2.45pm:**  
Year 6 Parent Assembly  
(Rhos-y-Gwaliau)

**Monday 23rd to Friday 27th  
October:**  
Half Term Holiday

**Tuesday 31st October 3.30 - 4pm:**  
Take One Picture Gallery  
Parent Tour





## Children's Leadership Roles & Responsibilities



New leadership roles were announced this month.

Well done to the following children who will be taking on these important roles.

### Year 5 Play Leaders

Alfie  
Aliviah  
Emily  
Sienna  
Will

### Year 5 Eco Warriors

Freddie  
Elodie  
Bianca  
Emily  
Loki

Fletcher  
Aliviah  
George  
Seb  
Annabel

### Year 6 Computing Ambassadors

William  
Fletcher  
Michael

## PTA - Roald Dahl Day

The PTA has been working tirelessly to raise funds for school projects, and their recent chocolate bar sale was a tremendous success. On 13th September, the chocolate bars sold out rapidly, and three lucky winners discovered a golden ticket in their chocolate bar, earning themselves a sweet hamper. Thanks to your generous support, the PTA was able to raise over £500!



**GOLDEN TICKET**



## Parent Teacher Meetings



Next week, we'll be sending out a message to inform you about our first Parent-Teacher Meetings for this academic year.

The meetings will take place over three days:

**Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, and Thursday 19th October.**

Currently, teachers will be organising their availability on those days.

When they are set up, select a 10-minute slot through **School Cloud**.

If you can't find a time that works for you, please contact the school office for further assistance. More details will be sent out next week.

### Photo Permissions

Please be advised that your child's photograph can only be included in the school newsletter, which is also uploaded to the website, with your permission. Please ensure that you have provided consent online.

### 'Flu Vaccinations

Remember to sign up online for the 'flu vaccinations on **Wednesday 18th October**.

Contact the office if you have any questions.

### Join Us for an Art Gallery Tour



As part of this year's National Gallery Take One Picture programme, children have been learning about the famous painting "Surprised" by Henri Rousseau. Each class has used the painting as inspiration for their own unique artwork. We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, October 31st, from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm**, for a tour of their creations. Our talented young artists will be your tour guides, showcasing their fantastic artwork.





## Meet the Team!

Each month, we are going to share a little more about our wonderful staff team at Wildmoor Heath.

This month, find out more about our **Year 6 team** and our Modern Foreign Languages Teacher.



### Mrs Webb - Year 6 Teacher

For many of you, I am not a completely new face, having been in the front office here for some years before departing to train as a teacher. After completing my training, I taught children in KS2 for a couple of years, within a larger school in Bracknell. I am delighted to return to this very special community school and to have the privilege of teaching Year 6. I may know some of you through my community connections, including Growthorne Baptist Church and The Ark Pre-school. I love reading, music and drama and am excited to get involved in these areas at the school.



# Meet the Team!



## Mrs Muttitt - Year 6 LSA

I have been married for 23 years and have 2 wonderful boys. They were both born in South Africa and moved over when they were 9 months and 4 years old. Both boys attended Wildmoor Heath and Edgbarrow School. My eldest is now in University studying Osteopathy and my youngest has just started at BCA doing animal management.

Shortly after arriving from South Africa, I was employed by Bracknell Forest to conduct playball sessions to year 1 and 2 in all primary schools. Here I used sport as the means to provide children with a sound base from which to develop every aspect of their lives. Socially, Emotionally, Cognitively and Physically! Playball introduces young children to be constructive and enjoy sport participation.

I have been with Wildmoor Heath School for the past 14 years. I have a passion for teaching, learning and sharing knowledge and inspiring students. I have had the opportunity to work in both KS1 and KS2. I have the want to improve and develop children, promoting a love for learning and better the lives of future generations. I respect the students, regardless of their age and skill, and make them feel special, important, and unique.





# Meet the Team!

## **Madame/Senora Peake - French and Spanish Teacher**

Bonjour! My name is Madame Peake for the first half of the academic year and Señora Peake for the latter half. I am the part time MFL teacher for KS2 at Wildmoor. I have a degree in French and Spanish and although I am English mother tongue I speak French and Spanish fluently. I have been lucky enough to have lived and worked in the South of France, Paris and Madrid and I regularly return to France and Spain. My passion truly lies with travel and languages and I am here at Wildmoor to enthuse the students to love learning about the different countries and cultures all over our wide world. I have been teaching at Wildmoor for 3 years now and have worked in various Education settings over the years after starting off my career managing a language recruitment agency in London. I love to keep busy so not only do I work at Wildmoor I also teach French at another primary school in Ascot and help run a retail property consultancy on the days I don't teach! When we do get to holiday time I spend most of it with my husband and two teenagers in our little house in Normandy where we get to go cycling and eat lots of croissant ! Wildmoor is such a special place and I know I am so privileged to be working with such wonderful colleagues and a fabulous set of students brimming with curiosity.





# Safeguarding and Child Protection

**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;
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 staff.

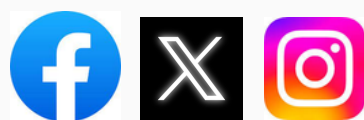
Wildmoor Heath have three trained DSLs who receive multi-agency training, attend ongoing formative sessions and represent the school at Child Protection meetings. Mrs Vincent is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), supported by Mrs MacManus and Mrs Joseph as our Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs).

Our Safeguarding Policy (latest September 2023) can be found on the school website (here) 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 speak one of our safeguarding team.

## Contact Us:

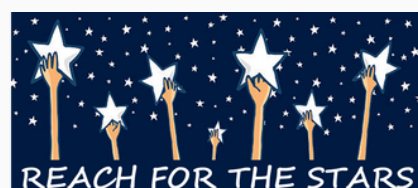
**Contact Us:**



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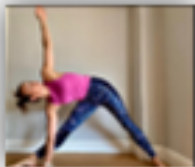






# October Wellbeing Challenge!



At Wildmoor Heath, we believe in the importance of being active, learning, connecting, giving and taking notice. These are the 5 ways to wellbeing. This month's wellbeing challenge is going to focus on being active. We know that exercise and being active has enormous benefits for our health and happiness. It can boost our confidence, help us manage stress, help us sleep and think better too – improving how well our brain functions. There are lots of simple ways to become more active each day – you can walk, run, dance, swim, cycle or do some yoga. The list is almost endless and it can make a difference to how we feel every day.

Our wonderful PE Leader, Mrs Rich, has kindly volunteered to demonstrate a series of yoga poses that you can learn at home. We have a different pose for each week of October. We hope you enjoy this challenge – please let us know how you get on!

| Week of 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | Week of 9 <sup>th</sup> October   | Week of 16 <sup>th</sup> October  | Week of 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Week of 30 <sup>th</sup> October  |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Extended triangle pose</b>  | <b>Eagle pose</b>   | <b>Cobra pose</b>   | <b>Tree pose</b>  | <b>Crow pose</b>  |
|   |    |    |    |    |
| <p>Turn one foot, so it is pointing to the side. Keep your arms straight. Bend through your hips, over your foot with your toes pointing out. Rest your lower hand on your shin or ankle and stretch your upper arm up to the sky.</p> <p>Hold this pose for a couple of breaths, then return to standing. Lower your hands to your sides.</p> <p>Repeat on the opposite side.</p> | <p>Extend your arms at the shoulders. Cross your elbows and place one on top, bringing your wrists and hands closer together above your elbows.</p> <p>If you feel steady, lift one leg up and over the other.</p> <p>Soar back to standing and repeat on the other side.</p> | <p>Lie on your tummy with legs stretched out behind you.</p> <p>Place your palms beside your shoulders on the ground.</p> <p>Join the legs together, tightening them - imagining they are together as one.</p> <p>Inhale deeply. Press into your palms and begin to lift your upper body. Gently lift your head, chest, and shoulders off the ground.</p> | <p>Slowly bring up your left foot. Bend your knee, and place your left foot on the inside part of your right leg.</p> <p>Relax and straighten the left leg on the floor. Ground it – imagine it being a tree root, weaving through the Earth and hold steady.</p> <p>Inhale and bring your hands to your sides. Reach out like branches on a tree.</p> <p>Exhale and bring the hands together in front of your heart.</p> | <p>From a squat position, place your palms flat on the ground out in front of you.</p> <p>Place your knees gently on the backs of your upper arms.</p> <p>Tilt forward to lift your toes off the ground and balance on your bent arms, looking forward.</p> |

# PTA News

## WILDMOOR HEATH PTA

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### Chairs Report 2022/23

This is my second year as Chair for Wildmoor Heath PTA. This year has been one of significant investment in the school, after our efforts in 2021/22. This year saw the installation of new outdoor play equipment, at a total cost of over £12,000. The children have enjoyed playing and using this equipment, and everyone within the PTA should feel extremely proud of the work they dedicated to raise such a significant amount, and the impact it has had for all the children at Wildmoor Heath School.

On top of this, 2022/23 saw the PTA support the purchase of 15 iPads. These will be used by all the school year groups, but importantly for Year 4 students who practice their times tables daily on them in preparation for their national assessment in June each year.

Further funding went into the school grounds. With a huge amount of hard work from parent and PTA volunteers we helped with the upkeep of the school grounds. We invested in paint, a new outdoor blackboard, as well as a new sign at the front of the school. The overnight impact to the grounds was huge, and we could not have done this without the help of our volunteers.

We also built, installed, and filled our Wildmoor Heath Book Shack. This ensures that all children always have access to a variety of books, complimenting the already very strong literacy curriculum that the school drives. The book shack also enhances the look of the front of the school, with its beach hut style, and is used daily by children.

Combined, this is an investment of £17,938.53 into the school over the last year. This would not have been possible without the strong support of our parents. I would like to spend a special thank you to the PTA members, and to Mat, parent and owner of Forrest Roofing and Carpentry who installed our book shack, fitted a much better roof, flooring and built all the bookshelves inside.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank local and national businesses that have supported us throughout this academic year with sponsorship or donations. With these, we are able to run large events that we know will make a significant profit, and not put PTA funds at risk. Our Christmas laser light show, and summer fair received significant sponsorship from Hall Hunter Farm, Hat and Home Estate Agents, Zoomm, Pinewood Football Club, Frank Schipper Estate Agents and Beehive after school club.

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Without the support of these businesses, we would not have been able to achieve the level of funding we have this year. We would also like to thank HP Inc for their money match, which resulted in £2,855.57 of additional funding over the last year.

This year sees a change in leadership team at the school, with Clare Vincent becoming Headteacher and Colette MacManus becoming Acting Deputy head and PTA lead. On behalf of the entire PTA team, I would like to thank you for your immediate collaboration and support. While we continue to discuss and align where PTA funds should be invested during this coming academic year, some of the initial suggestions include funding shaded areas on the field for the hotter months, funding chrome books and science equipment.

This year also sees changes to our committee. I would like to say a huge thank you from everyone to Andrea Winks and Charlotte Vaughan. Andrea and Charlotte have been our treasurer and secretary over the last year, and without them our success of last year would not have happened. They have dedicated a huge number of hours to the PTA, and while we are sad to see them step down from the committee, we are pleased that they keep their support and ideas as they remain as active members of the PTA.

We would also like to thank Sarah McKernan for her leadership with 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform over the last few years. Last year this raised £399.53 for the PTA. Sarah has now handed this responsibility back to the PTA, and this year we hope we will see our online uniform shop go live. We would also like to thank Charlotte Williams for leading on our Bags 2 School collections, which last year raised £539.20. We have now installed a clothing bank, meaning parents can donate clothes at any time.

With change, brings opportunity, and we have already seen that new fundraisers are gaining better traction and momentum within our community. This year, I hope we can continue that, and bring together creative ideas for different fundraisers that continue to drive significant funding into the school for all the children to benefit from. Our recent Wonka bar fundraiser is testament to this.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported, attended or volunteered for an event. We cannot achieve any of this without your support. Together we have made a huge difference to the journey our children have through Wildmoor Heath School, and we look forward to seeing you all at our events and meetings in 2023/24.

Zoë Jokiel

Chair of Wildmoor Heath PTA

# PTA News

## Wildmoor Heath PTA

### Final Treasurer's Report 1/9/22 to 31/8/23

Prepared by Andrea Winks Wildmoor Heath PTA Treasurer

Report for AGM 4/10/23

Account period 1/9/22 to 31/8/23

#### Summary

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Balance at beginning of Academic Financial year | £19,099.48 |
| Balance at End of Academic Financial year       | £11,096.87 |
| Difference                                      | £-8,002.61 |
| Big spend Trim trail                            | £12,440.00 |

#### Expenditure

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| 1. School Trips                            | £1501.50       |
| 2. Year 6 Leavers books                    | £259.74        |
| 3. PTA Assets(Tombola, Tokens, games)      | £676.85        |
| 4. PTA Support Parent Kind/lottery License | £180.00        |
| 5. Tidying Playground and new school sign  | £820.08        |
| 6. Trim Trail                              | £12,440.00     |
| 7. iPads                                   | £3,987.45      |
| 8. Bookmarks and gifts for Children        | £236.70        |
| 9. Tennis Balls                            | £19.00         |
| 10. Book Shed                              | £691.00        |
| 11. Magician                               | <u>£300.00</u> |
| SUB TOTAL                                  | £21,112.32     |

#### Profit from events and other income

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Christmas Cards + Tea Towels | £228.80        |
| 2. Christmas                    | £2,925.41      |
| 3. Strawberries/Raspberries     | £1,535.50      |
| 4. Uniform Sales                | £399.53        |
| 5. Popcorn club/Movie           | £221.89        |
| 6. Ice Pops                     | £361.39        |
| 7. Mothersday                   | £96.63         |
| 8. Silver smarties              | £270.81        |
| 9. Non uniform days/BTR         | £344.00        |
| 10. Bags 2 School               | £539.20        |
| 11. Amazon Smile                | £332.05        |
| 12. Lottery                     | £451.00        |
| 13. Doughnuts                   | £167.42        |
| 14. Parent donations            | £287.91        |
| 15. Money Match from HP         | £2,855.57      |
| 16. Stampastic                  | £22.58         |
| 17. Easter                      | £158.78        |
| 18. Summer Fayre                | £1,512.64      |
| 19. School Disco                | <u>£398.60</u> |
| SUB TOTAL                       | £13,109.71     |



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## Additional information

Sponsorship was obtained for the big events which helped significantly towards costs (this is included in the event profit for the Christmas Show and Summer Fayre)

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. Zoom Christmas Show                  | £3000       |
| 2. Pinewood Christmas Show              | £60         |
| 3. Frank Schipper Christmas Show Grotto | £150        |
| 4. Hall Hunter Summer Fayre             | £1000       |
| 5. Bee Hive Summer Fayre                | £100        |
| 6. Frank Schipper Summer Fayre          | £100        |
| 7. Hat and Home Boards Summer Fayre     | <u>£500</u> |
| SUB TOTAL                               | £4910       |

NB: The Summer Fair was canceled during this academic year due to unsafe weather conditions. Our bookings for Punch and Judy, bouncy castles and a magician have all been changed at zero cost to the PTA, and will now be used for fundraising activities during academic year 23/24. There was a loss of £100 deposit for the Donkey rides that had been booked, the remainder of the money was refunded back to the PTA.

## Dates for the Diary

**Saturday 14th October:** Volunteer Day

**Friday 20th October:** Break the Rules Non-Uniform Day

**Friday 10th November:** No Bang Fireworks Display

**Friday 1st December:** Crowthorne Late Night Shopping

**Friday 8th December:** Christmas Magic Show & Discos

We are looking for volunteers to help enhance our school's environment. Keep an eye out for upcoming volunteer days, hosted by the PTA. Carpenters, gardeners, decorators, and window cleaners are all welcome to join. If you're interested in supporting us, even for just an hour, please do get in touch with the PTA.