

# Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

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## Curriculum Drivers: Additional Opportunities and Experiences

At Wildmoor Heath, we have a hard-working, dedicated team of staff who want to give the children the very best opportunities to succeed. In addition to teaching a robust curriculum based on the National Curriculum, we have added our own **Curriculum Drivers**, which adds extra experiences for the children. These are: **Community, Communication; Creativity; Environment and Wellbeing**. We have teaching teams who lead each driver and when you visit the school hall, you will see display boards for each of these drivers, showing how they are being developed. From our Art exhibition (Creativity), to Christmas choirs and sporting events (Community), to experiences on the Heath and in the Haven (Environment), we hope to find something to excite and engage every child. I will give more details about these drivers in future newsletters. In the meantime, make sure you look at our newsletter supplement (**Curriculum News**) for photos of some of these events.

Next week, we have our '**Roots to Food**' chef (Darren) in school on Tuesday (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Wednesday (Rec, Y1 & Y2) to teach the children how to cook from fresh, healthy ingredients. This is an amazing experience for the children, who love tasting what they have made at the end. Be prepared to be nagged into making the same dish at home after the event! We will send out the recipe for you to try at home next week.

I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and positivity to learning and school over the last six months. They truly make this school such a wonderful place to be!

**Mrs Vincent**



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## Welcome to new staff

Last month, two new Learning Support Assistants joined our team: Mrs Harrison, who is working with the Reception class, and Mrs Mackenzie, who is working with Year 1.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Borsa in the next few weeks, who will be working with the Year 2 team.

Please make them feel welcome to our amazing school community.



## Staff changes



With new staff joining this term, we have used the opportunity to re-organise our staffing structure slightly. Ms Chester is now supporting in Year 1 and Mrs Upton is supporting in Year 5.



## Music Clubs & Tuition



If you would like more information on music and vocal tuition offered by Mr MacManus in school, please click on this link:

[The MacManus Music Project](#)

## Key Dates

**MARCH/APRIL 2024**

**Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th March**  
Roots to Food Workshops

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book Day - see separate letter

**Monday 11th March**  
Year 5 Gurdwara Visit

**Friday 15th March**  
Red Nose Day - more details to follow

**Tuesday 19th March**  
2.30pm Year 3 Parent Open Assembly

**Friday 22nd March**  
Year 3 Sleepover - see separate letter

**Thursday 28th March**  
Last Day of Spring Term

**Monday 15th April**  
INSET Day - School Closed

**Tuesday 16th April**  
First Day of Summer Term -  
doors open at 8.35am

**Thursday 18th April to 11th July**  
Year 3 Swimming Lessons -  
see separate letter





## Eco Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed Eco Ambassadors!

In our first meeting this week the children helped to review entries for our recent poster competition on the **three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle**. We then went outdoors and spent some time in the Haven where the children shared their great ideas on what they thought we could do to encourage biodiversity in the area. In the coming weeks we will work together to carry out an environmental review across all areas of the school identifying our top priorities to action on the journey to become an eco-school.

Mrs Guy

Year 1	Bonnie Ayda
Year 2	Harry Tallulah
Year 3	Robert William
Year	Maya Finlay
Year 5	Faith Izzy
Year 6	Jack Natalia

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, we will be raising money for Red Nose Day.

**Donate 50p for each red item worn, or £2 for 4 or more items.**

Use the following link to donate (or scan the QR code which will be sent home next week). Thanks for your support for this worthy cause.

[Click here for the Wildmoor Heath donation page.](#)



## Maths Rocks Number Day

On Friday 2nd February, the whole school celebrated maths by participating in the Maths Rocks Number Day. Children took part in lots of fun maths activities and had the challenge of estimating how many domino spots were being worn by the staff!







## Tree Planting for the King's Coronation

On Tuesday, Year 5 walked down to Morgan Rec and got involved with planting a field maple tree in aid of the Kings coronation. They learnt about the important benefits of tree planting on the environment and then got muddy, taking it in turns to fill in and stamp on the earth around the tree. This was followed by squash and biscuits laid on by the parish council, and then a play on the equipment before returning to school. We are look forward to seeing how the tree grows and changes throughout the seasons!

**Mrs Guy**

As always, the children were brilliant role models for the school. This is the email response that we received from the Crowthorne Parish Council: *"Please pass on my thanks to Mrs Guy and Year 5 for their planting efforts yesterday. The tree planting expert came back later and said they had done such a good job that he need not do anything. The councillors were very impressed with their behaviour and enjoyed seeing them take an interest in the tree and using the park in the sunshine."*

Photos from Paul King,  
Head of photos for my  
Wokingham Media  
group.







## Meet the Team!

This month, find out more about our fantastic team in the reception office!

**Mrs Jacob**  
**Mrs Attfield**  
**Mrs Young**

Hello, My name is **Mrs Young**, I am the morning receptionist at Wildmoor Heath, I have been here for three years and love working with the children. I moved to Yateley 4 years ago. I previously worked for 16 years at a senior school in London as a receptionist & attendance officer.

Hello, I'm **Mrs Jacob**, I joined the Wildmoor Heath office team in July 2023 and cover afternoons on reception. As I arrive just before lunch, I often spend the first hour of my day providing First Aid. As well as general administration tasks I also look after extra-curricular clubs.

I previously worked in the defence and recruitment industries in various administration roles but have also volunteered in my children's primary schools.

I live in Sandhurst with my husband, two children (aged 16 and 13) and our cats Cosmo and Elvis. I spend a lot of my time as mums' taxi ferrying them to rugby training and dance classes and also sewing dance costumes and pointe shoes (badly)!

I have a degree in History and love historical books, films and documentaries. My family would say I have a bit of a theatre habit and I go as often as I can afford. My favourite show is currently Hamilton.

Hi! I'm **Mrs Attfield** and I have been at Wildmoor Heath for over 15 years, I can't believe it has been that long, it certainly does not feel like it!! I have had a number of roles within the School Office and since September I have been working as Senior Administrator with lots to learn. Wildmoor Heath is a lovely school with amazing children, parents and a team of wonderful staff and I am proud to be a part of it.

I live in Crowthorne and am married with two grown up daughters. Outside of my school life, I enjoy travelling, cooking and countryside walks.



# 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.

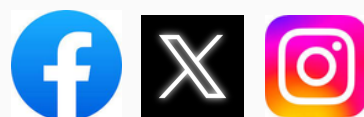
Wildmoor Heath have three trained DSLs who receive multi-agency training, attend ongoing formative sessions and represent the school at Child Protection meetings. Mrs Vincent is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), supported by Mrs MacManus and Mrs Joseph as our Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs).

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:

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# Wildmoor Heath March Wellbeing Challenge



Emotional health and wellbeing is about how you're feeling and how well you are able to deal with day-to-day challenges. There are some simple steps that you can take in order to improve how you feel each day. They don't take up much time and they don't have to cost anything either. They're known as the **Five Ways to Wellbeing** and they are:

**Take Notice, Connect, Keep Learning, Give to Others and Be Active.**

## Spring Self-Care Calendar

<b>1</b>  Make a healthy fruit pizza.	<b>2</b> Write a story. Try to make sure it has a happy ending.	<b>3</b> Dance or sing along to one of your favourite songs.	<b>4</b>  Write a thank-you letter to someone.	<b>5</b>  Go to the park and play on the swings.	<b>6</b> Head outside with a trusted adult and enjoy the fresh air.	<b>7</b>  Go to the park or into your garden and kick, throw or catch a ball with a member of your family.
<b>8</b> Arrange for one of your friends to come over to your house to play.	<b>9</b>  Colour in a mindful picture.	<b>10</b> Create a spring collage using natural materials.	<b>11</b> Draw around your hand, cut it out with help from an adult, decorate it and then write about something that makes you feel really happy.	<b>12</b> Buy a gift for a neighbour you know and leave it on their doorstep to surprise them.	<b>13</b>  Read a favourite book.	
<b>14</b>  Make a den out of sheets and blankets.	<b>15</b> With an adult, do some baking or make a healthy meal.	<b>16</b>  Do a jigsaw.	<b>17</b> Go for a picnic outdoors with a family member and pack your favourite snack.	<b>18</b> Do something that never fails to make you smile.	<b>19</b>  Do some yoga.	<b>20</b>  Play a board game with your family.
<b>21</b>  Give someone you love a big cuddle.	<b>22</b> Do some exercise, perhaps a park run.	<b>23</b> Go on a mindful walk with a trusted adult.	<b>24</b> Decorate a stone and write a kind message on it. Leave it somewhere for another person to find and to make them smile.	<b>25</b>  Make a spring craft.		

**Challenge:** We would love for you to decorate a stone, write a kind wellbeing message on it and bring it in to school (number 24). It would be great to place them under the phoenix, so that everyone who visits our school can read an uplifting message before they enter through our doors!



# Wildmoor Heath School



## PARENT FOCUS GROUP

We will be holding our first Parent Focus Group on  
**Monday 4th March 2024 at 2:30pm.**

In our first meeting, we will share our vision for these sessions and the first focus we would like your support with, which is mental health and wellbeing.

We currently have four parents who have kindly offered to be part of this group but we would love to increase this number to gain even more parent voice. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing [reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk](mailto:reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk).

We promise to supply hot drinks and biscuits! We look forward to working with you in support of our wonderful school!

*Mrs MacManus*

