

Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

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Summer Term

We are already into the last term of this academic year. The longer days with more daylight is very welcome, but when will it actually be warm enough to stop wearing jumpers?

As always, we have a term filled with many different activities and experiences for the children. Our Forest School area is nearly ready to re-open (more news on that below); Year 2 will be heading to Windsor Castle soon; Year 3 have started their swimming lessons and Year 6 are starting to think about moving on to Secondary School, now that they know where they are heading. It's all very exciting! In amongst all these events, we have a number of statutory assessments taking place: Year 1 will undertake their Phonics Assessment Check and Year 4 will take their Multiplication Tables Check in June and Year 6 have their end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) in the next couple of weeks. I have been so impressed with the hard work and focus of the Year 6 children, who I know are going to do brilliantly. We all wish them the very best of luck.

The new raised beds have become a great success with the children. They have been so excited planting a variety of plants, thanks to Mrs Guy. It will be great to see how they grow.

To raise money for the school this summer, on **Saturday 29th June 2024**, we will be holding **Wildfest** (a family picnic event, with live music, strawberries and Pimms)! Hopefully the weather will be kind to us. More details will follow soon, so keep the date in your diary and let your friends know.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support of our wonderful school - we really appreciate it. **Mrs Vincent**



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A **52**LIVES Kind School



Book Fair



The book fair will be arriving this month. It will be open after school between **Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th May**. There will be a card reader, so no need to bring cash!

SEND Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents/carers to our final SEND coffee morning of this academic year on:

Tuesday 21st May 2024 from 9 - 10am.

This event is open to all families who have a child with SEND or to those who have concerns. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis or be on the pathway to getting one. This is an opportunity to meet other families within our school community who may share similar experiences to you and to have an informal chat with Mrs. MacManus.

If you would like to attend, please let the school office know on **01344 772034** or email reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk by **Tuesday 14th May 2024**. We look forward to welcoming you soon!



Key Dates

MAY / JUNE 2024

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 8th May

Year 3 Local Heath Walk

Friday 10th May

Year 1 trip to Beale Park

Monday 13th May 3.30pm & 5.30pm

Year 4 MTC & residential
Parent Information Evening

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs

Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th May:

School Book Fair

Monday 20th May 2024

Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle

Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May

IEP Review meetings - details to follow

Tuesday 21st May 9am

SEND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 21st May

Year 1 Local Heath Walk

Friday 24th May 9.30am

Grandparents Morning -
more details to follow

Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June

Year 4 Multiplication Test Checks

Tuesday 4th June

Reception Trip to Bucklebury Farm



Forest School Update - nearly ready to open!

Mrs Guy and Mr Jackson have been spending much of their time in our Forest School area, getting it ready to be used with the children again next month. It looks absolutely fabulous, with clear areas for specific outdoor learning, such as a den building area, a mud kitchen, a slack line, a fire pit area as well as a willow arch and other trees and plants.

Thanks to **Laura Baldwin** for arranging for a local tree surgeon to donate a huge pile of tree chippings for around the climbing equipment as well as creating pathways within the Forest Schools area. **Zoe Jokiell** organised another successful HP volunteer today last week to help move all the tree chippings, to de-weed the area and to sort out the crumbling raised brick bed on the playground. **A massive thank you** to everyone involved in creating such a wonderful space for the children. We will open for trial sessions soon.





Achievement Tree



At Wildmoor, we pride ourselves on developing the whole child, rather than focusing on just academic achievements. **Mrs Rich** has created a new display in the hall, to celebrate children's achievements outside school. We have discussed this with the children, but we also need your help! If your child excels in sport, drama, music, magic or anything else, we would really appreciate it if you could share photos and information about their achievements, so that we can celebrate it in school. Please email or bring photos in to the school office.

Bracknell Forest Poster Competition

Congratulations to Jessie from Year 5, whose poster won 2nd place in the Pride of Bracknell Forest 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' competition. Not only has she won herself an Amazon voucher but also £500 for our school. She already has some great ideas for how to spend it on our school environment. It was a fantastic design with some important environmental messages; we are very proud of her!

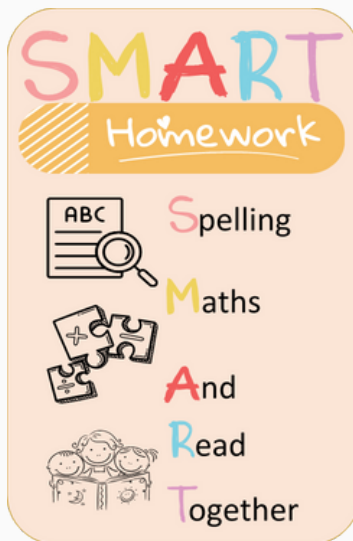
Thank you, **Mrs Guy**, for organising it and **WELL DONE, JESSIE!**





Home Learning

It is crucial for children's success at school that they practise key skills regularly at home. Reminders of what children should be doing were sent out last week. **SMART** is a great mnemonic to remind your children what they need to do each day. Please support your children by helping them create an effective Home Learning routine.



Year 2 SATs



As you may have heard, the government have decided that the Statutory Assessments (SATs) that have traditionally been provided for the Year 2 children in June are no longer statutory. However, as a school, we have decided that we will continue to use the optional test papers as an extra piece of information to assist in making our teacher assessment judgements.

As they are non-statutory, we can decide when and how to use them, which will be very low-key and will put no pressure on the children. **Mrs Dalton** will give you more information next term.

Sports Day

This year we have decided to run our Sports Day for both infant and junior children on the **morning of Tuesday 9th July**, followed by a family picnic lunch on the field. In case of very hot or very wet weather, the reserve date is **Friday 12th July**. More details will follow from **Mrs Rich**.



Kindness School

Following our Kindness Workshop earlier this year and the work that Mrs Pratt is doing with the Kindness Ambassadors, we are now officially a 52 Lives Kind School! Thank you, **Mrs Pratt** for your hard work.





The Importance of Good Attendance

At Wildmoor Heath, we firmly believe that regular school attendance is the foundation to a happy, successful school experience. When children regularly miss school, they not only miss out on learning, they also miss out on the social and emotional aspects of school, which can impact relationships not only with adults within the school but also their ability to build and sustain friendships.

We believe that the majority of minor ailments should not prevent a child from attending school, therefore, if your child is suffering from one of the following complaints, we would suggest that you administer paracetamol or ibuprofen and bring them into school, should their condition deteriorate, we will always call you.

- Hay fever
- Colds
- Headaches
- Tiredness
- Sore throat
- Period problems



If your child is suffering with sickness and diarrhoea or from a condition that is contagious, we would of course expect you to keep them at home until they are well enough to attend school. I have attached a link to the latest DfE guidance on school related absence and childhood illness.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/UKHSA-should-I-keep-my_child_off_school_guidance-A3-poster.pdf

Thank you for supporting us with this.



Meet the Team!

This month, find out more about our fantastic team in Reception!



Mrs Gray

Mrs Harrison

Miss McInally

I'm Mrs Harrison and I'm a teaching assistant in Butterfly class. It's so much fun watching them learn, play and grow. I live with my husband and 3 children in Crowthorne. We moved here one year ago from London. I love being creative and eating picnics in the sun.

I am Mrs Gray and I am in my 5th year as a teaching assistant in Reception class! Wildmoor Heath is a great school and I'm so pleased to be a part of it! I love helping the children settle into big school and watching them grow! I am married with 14 year old twin boys and a daughter in year 5. They all love football so when I'm not at a match I enjoy walking, reading, the cinema and eating out with friends & family!

Hello, I'm Miss McInally and I'm a Teaching Assistant in Reception and Year 1. I am a Mum of two beautiful boys who attend Wildmoor Heath in years 1 and 3. Before becoming a TA, I was cabin crew at British Airways for 13 years, flying both long and short haul. I volunteered at the school for two years before applying for the role of TA a year ago. I absolutely love my job and working with the children. I am so proud to be a part of such an amazing team at this school.



Hi, I'm Mrs Penstone! I have been teaching for 29 years (gulp!) and have taught all year groups from Nursery to Year 8. I have been working at Wildmoor Heath for just three weeks and am absolutely delighted to be working in Reception. I have been made to feel so welcome by all the staff and pupils and I really love the family feel of the school. My passions in teaching are anything creative, especially music, singing and drama and I love how this can give children the opportunity to blossom and grow in confidence. I have one grown-up daughter who lives in Manchester and, in my spare time, I love sewing, learning Italian and going on adventures with my husband in our little camper van, Annie!



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:

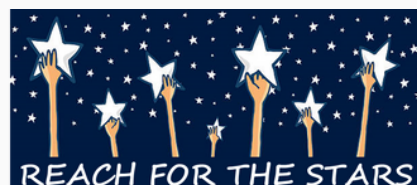
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Wildmoor Heath May Wellbeing Challenge



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.

This month we want to focus on the benefits of the **20 second hug**. Hugs are superpowers & so important. Giving a hug releases Oxytocin, this helps promote bonding, attachment and social relationships! When people hug for 20 seconds or more, the feel-good hormone oxytocin is released which creates a stronger bond and connection between the huggers. In turn this can promote:



Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop:

Thank you to those parents who responded to our request to gauge interest in this workshop. We had a very limited response, so we will revisit this idea in the future if our parent/carer community request it.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

We recognise that supporting mental health and wellbeing isn't just important in the classroom but also at home. These conversations can be challenging and so we wanted to signpost families to websites and services that can help. We plan **to add to this**, so that you have a wide range of options to choose from. You will find these in our monthly newsletter and on our website, so please look out for them:

Young Minds
Provides advice
for
children/parents &
educators

CAMHS
Supporting
children and
young people with
emerging, mild or
moderate mental
health difficulties

NSPCC
Tips and
strategies on how
to talk to your
child about
mental health and
wellbeing

Bracknell Forest
Local Support
Support services
for children and
parents

Every Mind
Matters
Support services
for parents to
spot signs and act

Families Under
Pressure
Supporting
families manage
difficult/
challenging
behaviour



Don't forget that we have a Zones of Regulation Page on our website that shares helpful information on how you can support your child at home.

To learn more about the Zones of Regulation curriculum and the author, Leah Kuypers, please view the following websites:

How it works - <https://zonesofregulation.com/how-it-works/>

Useful resources - <https://zonesofregulation.com/resources/>

Create a Zones Check in at Home - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66ogmkG98pl>