



WESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

March
2023

Nursery have been enjoying our topic 'Spring is in the air!' We have been learning all about sunflowers, what they look like, the name of each part of the flower and how they grow. We even planted some sunflower seeds for Mother's Day. We have been painting sunflowers that are the same height as us to go on a class display and we have been measuring them with non-standard measures too!

We were also lucky enough to be invited to Buckley Library. We had a wonderful visit, and the children were so well behaved, Liz and Jan the librarians were very welcoming. First, we listened to a story and then we went on a Treasure Hunt to find the book characters that had been hidden around the library. We worked in small groups. Finally, we got to choose our very own book to borrow from the library.... how exciting!!!!



In Little Acorns the worthy winners of the Ticw painting for our school Eisteddfod.
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Dosbarth Elder and Holly have been finding out all about our bodies and how to keep them healthy. We thought of lots of questions to ask. We had a visit from the school nurse where we had a chance to ask all our questions. We have been getting our outdoor area shipshape ready for the summer term. The children enjoyed helping out by painting!

We had a great outdoor learning session with Mrs Lamb, looking for shapes in the natural world and then making shapes out of natural resources.



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Bailey Hill for Outdoor Learning. We had hot chocolate and popcorn around a campfire and played some fun outdoor games.

They also have some new class pets!! (much to Miss Linforth's dismay!!!) We are looking forward to watching out tadpoles develop into frogs and seeing how they change!



Violet Class have enjoyed sessions in both Buckley Library and our School Library this half term! We have checked our own books out of the library and are in the process of creating a booklet showing the books that we have enjoyed reading in the library - identifying the title, author and analysing the illustrations.

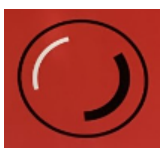


Parents are enjoying the cooking sessions with Groundworks, as part of the Adult Community Learning programme. The children have got involved to!



P.T.F.A. raised 126.22 and the winners of the Mother's Day Raffle was Isla Pomeroy!

A fabulous 122.42 was raised for Red Nose Day. Thanks to the school council for making wonderful cakes and to those who bought them.



We would like to say a 'BIG THANK YOU' to SPT Electrical for installing our new Defib box and also a HUGE THANK YOU to our PTFA who funded the box and to Save a Life Cymru who paid for the Defib. It is located by the school entrance - easily accessible for all!



We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break!

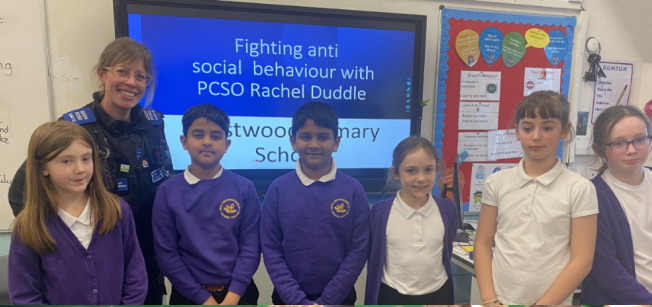
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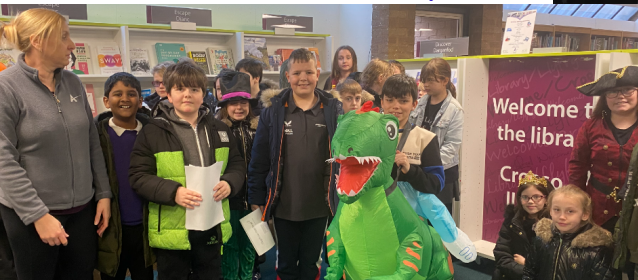


Children in Birch and Magnolia classes have identified anti-social behaviour as an issue in the Buckley Community. Our mini police have sought help from PCSO Rachael Duddle from North Wales police who is supporting their efforts to address current issues such as anti-social behaviour in the community, fly tipping and illegal parking outside school.

Children at after school netball club have been working on their shooting skills. Children from Magnolia and Birch classes sang in Buckley precinct in World Book Day to celebrate the link between reading and singing. Year 5 children have enjoyed two transition visits to Elfed for Maths and Science. This term all classes are visiting Buckley Library - a big thank you to Liz for the treasure hunts and reading sessions. All children received a new book to take home from the Welsh Book Council.



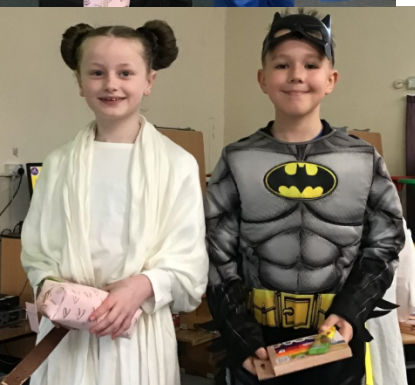
This half term Silver Birch Class have had a very busy few weeks. They have been attending singing classes with the lovely ladies from Theatre Clywd in Mold. The children have loved this experience and have learnt lots of new songs.



On Friday 17th March, Pine Class visited the Elfed to participate in a Smooth Move transition event. After meeting some of the Elfed PE teachers and Sport Leaders, we played Dodgeball and Kinball- two activities that the children absolutely loved! A huge thank you to the Elfed for providing us with such a valuable experience!



Wildlife Trusts Wales visits Westwood with Dosbarth Pine!
Ewan from Wildlife Trust Wales visited Westwood this term with some very important messages on how we all can look after our local environment. Ewan talked about how Wales has a low number of trees compared to other countries in Europe and about how the population of swifts (type of bird) in Wales are decreasing and shown us ways in which we can help. We battled against the challenging weather conditions and worked together to plant lots of new shrubs around our school field!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bingo event. WE had a fantastic time with Ru-Peter and raised a fabulous 494! THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the smooth running and a special shout out to the PTFA for organising it all.



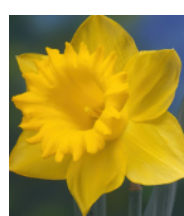
In other news...
The children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day this half term. The staff and children enjoyed talking about their favourite books and dressing up.



The School Council enjoyed their Easter craft workshop. Thank you to Miss Clubb for arranging.



Myla Large was the winner of the chair in this year's Eisteddfod. Llewellyn were the house winners, though many children throughout school won certificates for their competition entries.



Dates for your diary...

- *Tues 18th April - Children return to school.
- * Mon 1st May - Bank holiday (School closed)
- *Fri 5th May - Coronation Party
- *Mon 8th May - Bank holiday (School closed)
- *Wed 10th May - Nant BH
- *Tues 16th May - Silver Birch class assembly for parents
- *Thurs 18th May - Elder class assembly for parents
- *Sat 20th May - Car Boot Sale at school
- *Thurs 25th May - Little Acorns class assembly for parents
- *Fri 26th May - Rowan class assembly for parents/ School closes for May half term.