



Westwood Newsletter *October 2023*

Nursery have settled into school life so well. This half term has been spent getting to know the children and supporting them in developing friendships and relationships with the Nursery staff. We have been working on routines and skills of independence. Our topic is 'My Family and Me' and we have been very busy!



Desbarth Derwen, Year 2 have enjoyed some fantastic sessions with Theatre Clwyd. They have explored our topic Explore, and used expressive arts to develop the theme. They have also enjoyed going to Buckley library to change their books and do treasure hunts for different characters in the library.



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It has been a very busy half term for our Westwood Reception Children. All the children have been busy settling into full-time school life, and we are so proud of them all!

This half term we have been reading the book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', where we have done so many wonderful activities both inside and outside the classroom. We have loved exploring the Forest School, as well as learning lots of new sounds and numbers. We also got the opportunity to be in the Evening Leader newspaper for our class photograph. Don't forget to check out their Social Media pages to see our picture, it's a cracker!

We are still very much looking to develop our outdoor area and if anyone has any donations, no matter how big or small, we'd really be grateful.

Next half term, our topic 'Celebrations' where we will be doing lots of work on Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Diwali and of course, Christmas!



Desbarth Silver Birch

This half term Silver Birch class have been looking at the story of The Snail and the Whale. We created stop motion animations to retell the story and we created boats to sail around the world like the characters. We created Save the Whale posters like the children in the story and we created our own Whales out of paper plates. We have loved this story!



Early Entitlement applications open on November 13th 2023 to all children who have their 3rd birthday between September 1st 2023 and 7th January 2024. This wonderful funding opportunity is for 2 terms Jan- July and is for 10 hours per week. For more details, please contact Mrs Quirk on 01244 543207

Free Community Stay and Play sessions are being held in our Nursery on the first Monday of each month with Mrs Quirk & Mrs Thomas. Each session is suitable for children aged between 18 months and 2 years and will start at 1.15 - 2.30pm. There will be a range of exciting activities planned each month and each session will follow a specific theme. Please share with any young families you may know as this free session is open to all families in the community.

Thank you to those parents who came along to the P.T.F.A. AGM. Lots of exciting events and activities are planned in for the coming year.

Don't forget to add to our Happy News Padlet!



Dosbarth Holly were lucky enough to meet famous TT racer, David Thomas in the library. David was very kind and answered a few questions about his experience of racing motorcycles in the TT races. He told the children to hold on to their dreams, as they can come true.



Year 6 have made Eco bird feeders for Forest school this half term!



Year 3 have been busy creating Northern Lights pictures.



On Tuesday 24th October, Year 4 visited Elfed to learn about space, light and sound with staff from Xplare! in Wrexham. We went inside a planetarium and it was fantastic to see the constellations of stars and all of the different planets. After, we learned all about how light and sound travels.



In other news...

The children took the Harvest festival donations over to the Buckley food bank



#Hello yellow day for mental health.



Mia in Year 6 has had the most amazing news from majorettes. She has been picked to be a Senior Division 1 mascot. It will be extra hard work, but Mia is very excited.



#Macmillan reading cafe was a huge success, raising £115! Thank you! Parents read to their children and Year 6 presented to parents.

