



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

To our Dear Westwood Family – I hope you are well, and staying safe! We have had a very and fun packed busy May we have had from our Chester Zoo visit, Nant BH and Jubilee celebrations! Inside your Buckley Bugle we have many lovely items to share with you including all the latest class news, curriculum learning, pupil events, dates for your diary and news of what's happening at our wonderful school over the last month and what's coming up too. **Remember check out Instagram and twitter for regular updates, your class Seesaw and our brand new look website has lots of information, updates and dates of events too! So please keep checking regularly!**
<http://westwoodprimary.co.uk/>



Despite the lifting of Covid rules in Wales, we wish to continue our procedures for smooth and safe running of school.

- Visitors inside the setting will be expected to wear a face covering.
- **AT ALL TIMES**, please refrain from gathering around the school gates and keep the pavements clear in the morning at drop off and at collection of your child/children.

Please refrain from sending your child into school if they display symptoms of Covid 19 or test positive for Covid 19. Please refer to the handbook for details of our safety measures and we will update you regularly. You can also contact 119 for advice too.

NOTE: Please try not bring cycles and scooters to school at this time, as we cannot store them nor is the parking outside our school allowing our children safe passage around the streets around school. We hope that you will please park considerately around school, using the local car parks and keeping outside the school clear. We were hoping to provide a safe place for bikes and scooters to be brought and stored on school after June half term but until the traffic and parking improves outside school, we will not be able to action this. Thank you for your support and considerate actions going forward.

If you have other family members coming to school to collect, please remind them of these requests.

Please also keep to our drop off and pick up times – a few families are consistently arriving late and this is very unsettling for the children, disruptive to our staff and for our school routines. If you need support with punctuality, speak to Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Williams. Keep to our times please.

Please keep checking your emails and staying in touch with us. If you need anything, contact the office on wwmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244 543207.

I will see you back on the gate on Monday 6th June - enjoy your half term!

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)



Pupil Congratulations

We are now holding our school assemblies on Friday in our hall again. It is wonderful to celebrate with our lovely learners. Please remember to send in any shout outs you would like to share for your child; we like to acknowledge successes outside school too! :)

Check out all our shout outs on Twitter and Instagram @WW_Buckley too!



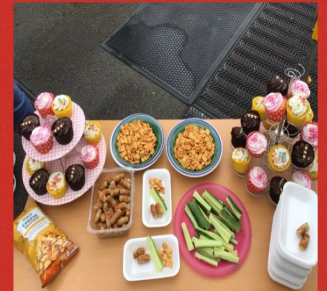


We have had a very busy few weeks in Dosbarth Rowan and Little Acorns. Busy, but super exciting and lots of wonderful memories made!



Trip to the Buckley Common... As part of our TenTown Number scheme we have been learning all about 'Zero Pond'. We invited our parents to join us on a trip to the Buckley Common so that we could explore and appreciate our local environment. It was wonderful to see the children and their parents so engaged in conversation whilst completing some fun nature activities.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Teddy Bear's Tea Party... To celebrate this special occasion, we held a Teddy Bear's Tea party in our outdoor area. The children helped to put together an invitation for their Teddy's, designed and created crowns to wear and used printing techniques to decorate bunting in the colours red, white and blue. We ate party food and cupcakes!





Dosbarth Holly

We had a fabulous 'Fun Day Monday' and we were very busy. We made our own sandwich and iced our own cakes ready for our Teddy Bear Picnic. The children and staff had a great day. Thank you, Reception.



The latest curriculum news from our wonderful children in Dosbarth Elder!

This half term we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have looked at different techniques such as repeated addition, arrays and sharing into equal groups.



Our Year 1 learners thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Chester Zoo.



Violet Class have been working hard to identify native and non-native species with Chester Zoo! We have also been discovering the importance of all species in the food chain. Our work was concluded by a fun filled day at Chester Zoo, applying our knowledge of native and non-native species!



We have been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Dosbarth Violet. We used printing and collage techniques to create our own bunting, paper chains, crowns and pieces of art. We spent some time learning about the Queen and singing our national anthem.



The latest curriculum news from our wonderful children in Dosbarth Derwen!

Year 2 enjoyed their trip from Chester Zoo finding out all about native and non-native animals.



Around our school we found:

- Birds
- Butterflies
- Worms
- Flies
- Bees
- Wasps
- Beetles.



We have been enjoying our recorder lessons with Mrs Farrer and have managed to make our recorders make nice sounds as a whole class!!!



We have enjoyed making all different types of minibeasts. We used loose parts to copy the shape of the minibeast.

We had a lovely day visiting all of the animals in the zoo. We also enjoyed playing in the parks too!!! Chester Zoo was a fantastic day out and the children were all so well behaved and a pleasure to be with.



We have enjoyed the start of My Locality topic. We have looked at our houses and addresses and made an advert for a house in an estate agent. You wouldn't believe how much the process of Buckley are in our agents!!!!!!

The latest curriculum news from our wonderful children in Dosbarth Magnolia



For the Platinum Jubilee, Magnolia had a street party. Everyone had a royal title such as lord, lady, prince or princess. There was a royal procession in and had delicious cakes made by Mrs Webster, topped with our handmade roses that we made that day. We had a ball!

The latest curriculum news from our wonderful children in Dosbarth Birch!



An informative session with Mr Cottrell, our school caretaker, who spoke to Year 6 pupils in Birch class about his experiences as a member of the 2nd battalion Mercian Regiment during the time of the Falklands war. Thank you, Mr Cottrell, for inspiring our learning and teaching us about the importance of overcoming challenges, respecting others and valuing friendships. Mr Cottrell has also offered to come in to speak to pupils in Magnolia and Douglas Fir over the coming weeks which is fantastic news for the children.

Annwyl Pawb!

The Criw Cymraeg have lots of exciting Welsh activities coming up over the next half term. As part of us achieving our ongoing Silver Award, each class will be receiving a red string bag with a Draig Coch – Penwythnos efo fy ffrindiau – a red dragon – a weekend with my friend. The Draig Coch will be given out on a Friday and will come home with a lucky learner and be returned on a Monday. You can read, write, draw or add photographs to the book that comes with him and share all about your lovely weekend. We encourage children to write, label and read as much Welsh as you can with your dragon!

Cymraeg gartref – Welsh at home

Are you looking to learn more Welsh at home? Why not download one of the Welsh apps below onto your device, they are a great way to support your child's learning, as well as the whole family.



Beth nesaf? What's next?

At Westwood we will be updating our Criw Cymraeg page on the school website, sharing lots of our exciting activities and events. Be sure to keep an eye on it!

Amser cystadleuaeth – Competition time!

Over the next half term, the Criw Cymraeg will be hosting a Croeso competition across the KS2 classes, as well as helping make all our school displays and signage bilingual. Arddechog pawb!

Diolch yn fawr – mwynhewch yr banner tymor

Criw Cymraeg

Eco Committee

Westwood's Eco Committee has been busy collecting bottle tops for the 'Message in a Bottle Top Mosaic Competition'. If you have any bottle tops to send to school the Eco Committee will be delighted to receive them.

Work on the mosaic will be starting this week; in preparation, the children will be working to sort colours and sizes, with our younger Eco Committee members, before creating and developing their design together out of reusable materials.

Thank you for all the bottle tops sent in so far – the response has been amazing!



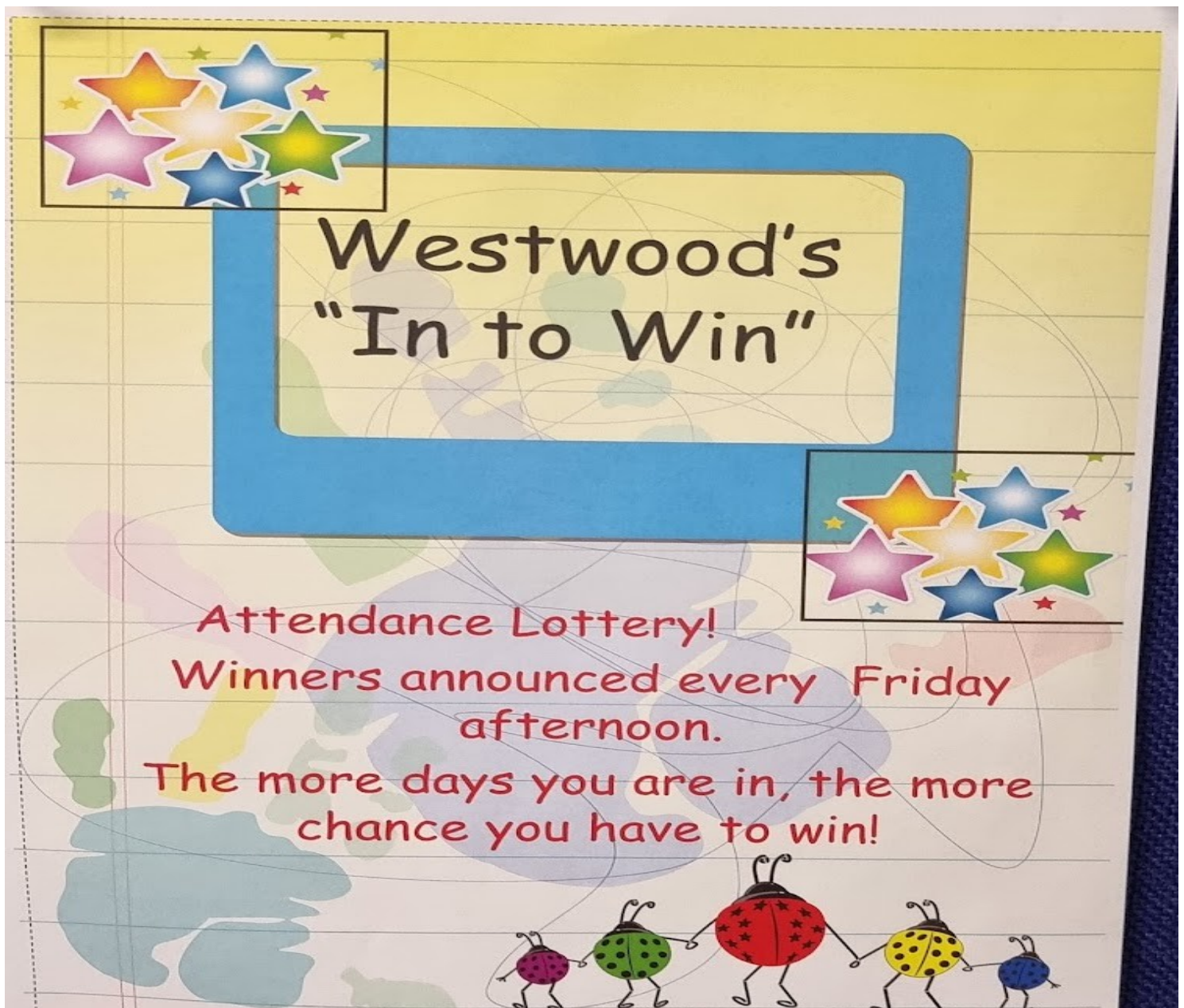
Attendance and Punctuality @ Westwood

At Westwood we want to encourage our children to be punctual and attend regularly as we all know that they have the best opportunities for their wellbeing, learning and to continue to make progress if they are in school and on time! As you know we are always striving to improve attendance at Westwood. Mrs Thomas and Miss Clubb have sent out messages to all parents to encourage good attendance at school, so we hope you will all support this.

We will also have a end of term prize draw, for each full week the children have been in school they will get an entry into the lottery. So the more days they are in, the more chance they have to win.


There will be certificates and prizes for the winners! They will get a shout out in assembly and an email home to share the news with parents.

Remember we are here to support with attendance and punctuality; if you are needing of support with attendance or punctuality– please just ask! Diolch!



**Westwood's
"In to Win"**

Attendance Lottery!
**Winners announced every Friday
afternoon.**
**The more days you are in, the more
chance you have to win!**



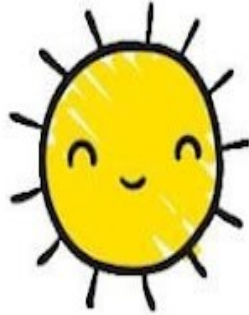
Every week we check our classes attendance and award Atti the Attendance Bear to the class with best % attendance that week. This month, the honours have been split between Dosbarth Elder and Dosbarth Violet- Gwaith da iawn pawb!!



Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.

"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Encourage journaling and diaries.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.



Establish a self-care routine.



Recognize toxic stress events.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

New and exciting extra curricular activities at Westwood C.P. School

Last term we began a whole host of new after school clubs and activities for our pupils at Westwood.

The children have had so much fun learning new skills, making new friends and getting healthy in the outdoors too! The children can come in their PE kits if they are participating in the After School sports clubs
This is our current offer, with more opportunities coming up soon!



After School Clubs: Summer Term

Monday - Rugby for Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 / Mr Kelly's games club for Year 3 & 4

Tuesday - Athletics for Year 3 to 6 / Football for Year 1, 2 and 3

Wednesday - Welsh club for Year 1 & 2 / Gymnastics for Year 5 & 6 / Dodgeball for Year 3 & 4

Thursday - Football for Year 4, 5 & 6

All clubs have limited spaces and can be booked on through the School Gateway App. If you want to find out more, contact the school office on wmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244543207

For more fun pictures of our clubs, please check out Twitter and Instagram, and the website on <http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/extra-curricular-opportunities/22887> #



To my Dear Westwood Family,

I hope you are well and are enjoying your half term. Last Friday I shared the news that I am leaving as your Head Teacher of Westwood CP School at the end of this summer term. I will be taking up a position at Glyndwr University as a Lecturer in Teacher Training in September 2022. I would like to say thank you for so many wishes of good luck and personal messages from parents and governors I have received.

As you know, Westwood has been such a huge part of my life for over 10 years. The support, confidence and belief you have had in me as a Teacher, Deputy Head and Head Teacher has been unwavering. I have so many, many fond and happy memories, and such a bond with our school community; please believe me it has been the most difficult of decisions for me to leave you all.

I leave Westwood as the school of choice in Buckley - you should all be proud of the amazing efforts and hard work over the last ten years. We have a fantastic school with our strong Team Westwood and Westwood Family in outstanding staff and governors, fabulous parents and the best children any school could wish to have. I have been so lucky and privileged to be part of the history and journey. Thank you for making my time here so very special.

Our Chair of Governors wishes to assure our Westwood Family, that my replacement will continue to take our amazing school from strength to strength, building our legacy, with recruitment beginning after half term. I have faith that whomever is selected will have our school at their heart too.

I will see you all on the gate on our return on Monday 6th June and we will make the last half term of the summer the very best and most memorable!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Williams

Dates for your diary!

June

Monday 6th June - Children return to school.

Monday 6th June - Romans experience for Year 3 & 4

**Friday 17th June Father's Day event: 2pm to 3pm in the hall-
Burger and a Brew. To be booked in advance - details from your
P.T.F.A.**

Monday 20th June - Refugee Week

Monday 27th June - P.T.F.A. Enterprise week for the children.

July

**Friday 1st July - Transition Day - Going up day for Nursery to
Year 5 pupils within Westwood, with Year 6 having a full day at their
chosen high school.**

**Friday 8th July -Summer Fair - an after school event -details to
follow - all are welcome!**

**Monday 11th July - Leavers' Service - Year 6 children and
parents, in school @ 1.30pm. Further arrangements to be
confirmed.**

**Tuesday 12th July - Buckley Jubilee - School is closed to
pupils.**

**Wednesday 13th July - Sports Day - Morning is for Foundation
phase children and parents and the afternoon is Junior children and
parents - details including times to follow.**

Friday 15th July - School closes for the summer term.