



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

To our Dear Westwood Family – I hope you are well, and staying safe! We have had a very busy June, with lots of fun and memories made!!! Inside your Buckley Bugle we have some lovely items to share with you including 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 our website has lots of lovely news to share, updates and dates of events too! So please keep checking regularly! <http://westwoodprimary.co.uk/>**



Thank you for your support with drop off and pick up times, punctuality and attending school, alongside our Covid 19 procedures, which are currently still in place; it really does make a difference especially as cases seem to be on the rise again. We have outlined our Covid 19 routines and expectations in our Westwood Family Handbook and Risk assessment. Some of the key points were:

- Please keep your family close and safe around the school site at all time. This includes children who may attend for drop off and pick ups.
- Social distancing wherever possible on the school grounds is recommended but not compulsory.
- 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 keep to the 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. Please keep to your drop off times. The office is incredibly busy after we come in after the gates and if we are continually disturbed, it affects the running of our whole school. 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 wmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244 543207. Please stay safe our Westwood Family!

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)



Refugee Week @ Westwood

It is important that our children experience diversity and an understanding of life beyond their own local community. As part of our Humanities Area of Learning and Experience launch, we welcomed Friends from the Flintshire City of Sanctuary into our assembly on Friday 17th June to kick start our Refugee week @ Westwood. Liz, Jen and Tricia shared the message of hope, peace and healing with our children.

They brought along the welcome quilt from the 'Little Amal' walk to share with the children. Each class had the opportunity to have their picture with the quilt, before it travels to other schools. Our work during Refugee week focused on Healing and the welcome that refugees would have in our school and community.





On Tuesday 21st June, we welcomed Mr Sami and Mr Ahmed, two refugees from Afghanistan and Syria. They shared their plight with the children in Year 5 & 6. The children were able to get a real insight into their stories and were able to ask questions to gain understanding of their journey and how being in Flintshire has allowed them to go through their process of healing and live happy lives once again with their families. Thank you to Ann and Dave who accompanied Mr Ahmed and Mr Sami, and Miss Mattar for arranging the visit.



Father's Day Event – Burger & Brew

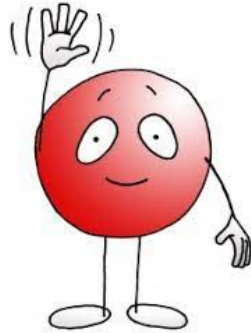


A huge thank you to all our wonderful Dad's who attended our P.T.F.A. Burger and View event on Friday 17th June! It was wonderful to see so many of you there! Just look at those smiles! Your children had lots of fun too! More pictures of the event can be found on our Instagram page @ WW_Buckley Diolch!





The latest news from our wonderful children in Dosbarth Holly & Elder!



We have introduced 'dots' to the children. The purpose of 'dots' is to encourage mindfulness for young children. It does this through fun sessions. We have been looking at our breath and doing some of the activities. We have put these activities in our new 'dots den' outside and in our Reading Area. You can see the children enjoying their own session in our new 'dots den'.

Course Outline

Each **dots** session is expertly crafted for use to teach a distinct mindfulness skill or concept. The sessions are led in person by the dots teacher. For some sessions, additional resources are recommended.

dots is based around three key interconnecting themes: **Awareness, Connection and Emotion**. Aspects of these themes include:

Awareness

Awareness and attention
Metacognition
Anchoring/Grounding/Being Present
Calm
Curiosity
Embodiment/Focus/Concentration
Body (Senses, Movement, Stillness, Breath)

Connection

Connection/Interconnectedness
Awareness of others/Social awareness
Relationship skills
Developing empathy
Awareness of World
"Awe and Wonder"
Compassion - for self and for others
(Care, Kindness, Gratitude, Wellbeing)

Emotion

Emotional Balance/Emotional Regulation
Recognise/Reframe
Emotional Literacy (Recognising emotions)
Working with distractions
Self-management
Self-regulation
Self-awareness
Choices

If you want to know more about dots, speak to Mrs Hatton :)

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

Violet Class have really enjoyed a session with Key Strings this week. We learnt all about the instruments in the string family – we were singing, dancing and making our own music!



We have participated in Refugee Week and thought about what is important to us, and what we would take in our suitcase.

Our outdoor learning has focused Minibeasts. We have completed minibeasts hunts, minibeast identification, minibeast habitats and leaf art.



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

Year 2 enjoyed going outside to collect leaves to create Mini Beast art. We worked independently to be creative and innovative. We have enjoyed our topic of mini beasts and finding creep crawlies around our Locality.



We had a visit and delivery of a special blanket for Refugee Week. We read a story called "My Suitcase" and imagined having to put our precious belongings into a suitcase and leave our home and go to another country.

We had great fun with Key Strings. We even had a turn at joining in. We found out about different types of instruments and listened to some very famous pieces of music being played by musicians.



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



The last couple of weeks in Beech class been packed full of new experiences. We had a Tennis lesson with an experienced Tennis coach, who taught us how to control the ball and master our skills. We had lots of fun and we hope to have more tennis lessons in the future. Next stop Wimbledon!!

In class, we had been focusing on refugee week. We wrote write a letter as a refugee, found out about different refugees from around the world and created welcome posters for refugees arriving in Wales.

One of the best days this term was our outdoors day with Mrs. Lamb. We built a campfire outside and they then roasted marshmallows. Mrs. Lamb also taught us how to made string art in the outdoor classroom. We love our outdoor learning, we have been finding out about Pictograms and Bar charts this term and so make a human pictogram outside as part of our maths lesson.

We have also exceeded our own expectations for our Enterprise week so far! We decided to sell Mochi squishes' and we sold out in one day! With the money we have made money, we have decided to reinvested into more squishes', so will continue to sell them this week. We love being entrepreneurs and they have all loved being involved in the process so far! This time next year we will be millionaires!

More news from our wonderful children in Dosbarth Elder!



We have been learning all about our local minibeasts. We have made our own minibeast riddles.

Can you work out the answer to these riddles?

I am all:
I have 8 legs.
I spin webs
I eat bugs.
What am I?

I have wings.
I have six legs.
I can fly.
I like water
What am I?

Our Project for Safer Routes to Westwood Community Primary School.

Alongside our traffic safety and parent's parking promise, we have now managed to get a lollipop operative outside Westwood, to assist our Westwood Family to get to school safely. A huge welcome to Sandra, our Lollipop operative, and our newest Team Westwood member! Thank you to Mrs Drury and Claire Parry from FCC for making this happen :)





Mrs Drury, one of our Parent Governors campaigning for safer routes to our school, spoke to the children during our assembly regarding safety and we know the children want to be safe around their own school. They agree parking outside school must stop!



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 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.

Pupil Safety around school

As you will appreciate, keeping our children safe is our number one priority! In nearly every piece of correspondence from myself, I am highlighting the dangers of thoughtless parking outside school. We are working with Flintshire County Council on our Parents' Parking Promise. Mrs Drury, One of our Parent Governors campaigning for safer routes to our school, spoke to the children regarding safety and we know the children want to be safe around their own school.

We have sent home a Parents' Parking Promise for you to sign and for your child to return to school. Thank you to the promises we have received so far– your support means a lot.

We are very serious about this - outside school is an accident waiting to happen. We know it will - it happens all over the UK.

It happened to a little boy called Bobby, who was 6 years old. He was killed by a van due to dangerous parking and driving around school. I have put the links to his story here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-merseyside-50503545>

We do not want another 'Bobby' to be killed!

<https://thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>



WESTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents' Parking Promise

Parking too near to school entrances puts children in danger

The area outside our school is busy in the morning and at the end of the school day. Parents who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, potentially placing children in danger. The parking restrictions are in place to maintain an area free from parked cars, this allows children and parents walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

We are asking all parents to promote considerate parking and promise to the following;

- **Never** park on any of the parking restrictions
- **Never** to park across drives, even for a few minutes
- **Never** to park on pavements in a way which prevents pedestrians, disabled users or parents with buggies from using the pavement

Please also remember that walking to school is a great way to become healthier and can positively contribute towards improved psychological welfare and better academic performance along with the potential benefits that physical exercise can bring.

Please help us by completing the tear off slip below. By returning this you are undertaking to keep parked cars away from the area outside of school, therefore protecting the safety of all the children who attend our school.

I promise to abide by the considerate parking promise and protect the safety of the children by being a thoughtful driver and will try to use my car as little as possible for school journeys.

Child's Name..... Class.....

Parent's Name.....

Parent's Signature Date.....

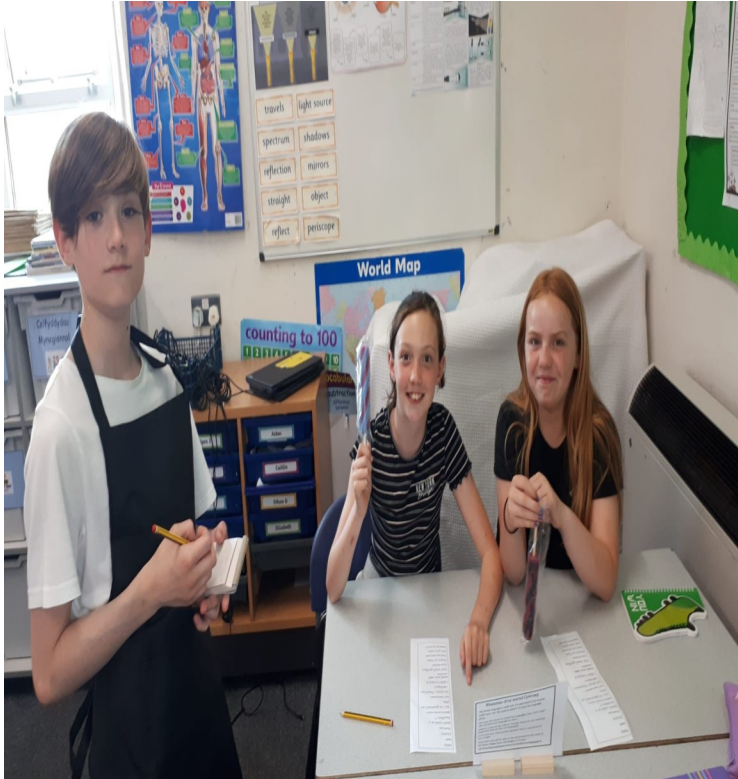
Our House Captains & KiVa Ambassadors News!



On Tuesday 28th June, our House captains went to Erddig as part of a national event for Children's rights and Wellbeing. It is safe to say the children were amazing at the event, with many commenting on the superb behaviours and respect they showed throughout the day. They were fully immersed in all the wonderful activities and were most knowledgeable around the UNCRC and Children's Rights! Well done to our amazing children and huge thank you to Mrs Mattar, our KiVa lead and Wellbeing Champion, and Mrs Williams for accompanying the children too. A big thank you to Mrs Sara Tompkin, our Wellbeing Governor, for meeting the children at the event at Erddig, and supporting us so well! :)

Café Cymraeg!

A massive diolch to Miss Jones and the Criw Cymraeg for their amazing weekly event in the Café Cymraeg. Each class gets the chance to attend the café on Friday afternoon in our fabulous outdoor classroom to converse, eat, drink and do all things Welsh. The children are loving the experience! Diolch yn fawr iawn — Llawer o hwyl!!



Sports Day @ Westwood

On Wednesday 13th July, it is Sports Day!! Yeah!! We are very excited as it will be our first one with parents in attendance since 2019!!

The morning is for Foundation phase children and parents - Early Entitlement, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The Gates open @ 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

The afternoon is Junior children and parents - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - Gates open @ 1pm for a 1.15pm start.

Children to come into school in their P.E. shorts and a top in their house colours:

- Kyffin - Blue
- Llewellyn - Yellow
- Gelert - Green

If you do not know which house your child is in, as they maybe new to Westwood, please contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw or email the office on wwmail@hwbcymru.net

The local Spar at Bistre have provided a rehydration station for the children - water and fruit for the sports day. They have also provided banners, stickers and other Sports Day goodies for the children too. Thank you to Sue and the Spar!!

P.T.F.A. will be selling refreshments and their pre-loved uniform at the sports day so if you have uniform donations, they would be gratefully received.





Also on Sport's day, the children will be doing a lap of the field for the 'Race for Life' for Cancer Research.

As you will know, our Mrs Fresa has faced and is fighting a long battle with Cancer of the bowel, liver and ovaries.

In June, Mrs Fresa underwent a major operation to remove the Cancer. We as a school are racing for life for Mrs Fresa. She is such a fighter and inspiration to us all! Mrs Fresa is now home from her surgery and making a slow, but positive recovery. The photo above was supplied by her family and with Mrs Fresa's blessing for its use and for the event in her name.

Each child will receive a 'Race for Life' medal as a recognition for their efforts. Westwood has it's own 'Go Fund' me page to make direct donations. Please check it out! the link is:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/westwood-cp>

We will also be collecting coins on the Sports Day too!

We all know somebody whose lives have been affected by Cancer.

We hope you will support Mrs Fresa and your lovely children on Sports Day :) ¹⁹

Dates for your diary!

July

Monday 4th July — End of year reports via email.

Friday 8th July -Summer Fair – an after school event - 3pm start - all are welcome!

Monday 11th July - Leavers' Service – Year 6 children and parents. Doors open @ 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start at school. Details have been sent directly to the Year 6 parents regarding the service via email.

Monday 11th July - Report meetings for parents on Zoom.

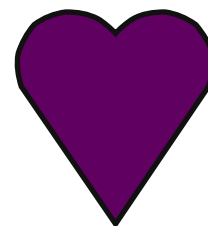
Tuesday 12th July - Buckley Jubilee - School is closed to pupils.

Wednesday 13th July - Sports Day - Morning is for Foundation phase children and parents - Gates open @ 9.15am for a 9.30am start. The afternoon is Junior children and parents - Gates open @ 1pm for a 1.15pm start. :)

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

Remember at this time to:

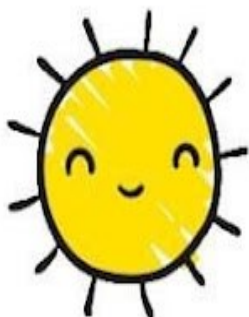
- Wash your hands
- Watch out for Covid 19 symptoms
- Keep 2 metres distance where you can
- Keep an eye for updates in your emails!



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.

Whole School Sunflower Competition

In March, our House Captains gave every child a Sunflower to grow for Peace in Ukraine, and asked you to grow your Sunflower and enter the Sunflower competition.

On Wednesday 13th July we are asking you to send in a picture to Instagram on @WW_Buckley or your class Seesaw of your Sunflower entry. See below for an example pic (from top of soil to top of Sunflower) and guide to measuring this in cms, to see who has been able to grow their sunflower for peace.

The tallest Sunflower from each class will win a super prize. Good luck :)



EXCELLENCE



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Did you know the Sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine? You have been given a Sunflower, to remind you of Peace for Ukraine.

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Peace for Ukraine

