



Oldbury Park Primary RSA Academy

Weekly Words 21

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Dates for your diary (Additions / changes in **bold italics**)

Mon 2 Mar	World Book Week – come and read with your child in school – details have gone out in letter
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day – wear pyjamas!
Fri 6 Mar	9.15am KS1+R Parent Assembly 12.30pm Y4 Tri-Golf Tournament at CWLC
Wed 11 Mar	Year 1+2 to West Midlands Safari Park
Fri 13 Mar	Sport Relief Day 9.15am KS2 Parent Assembly
Mon 16 Mar	3.30pm Home Football + Netball Matches vs Lyppard Grange
Fri 20 Mar	No Parent Assembly
Tue 24 Mar	3.30pm Football and Netball Matches vs Perdiswell Pri TBC
Fri 27 Mar	9.15am KS1+R Parent Assembly Last day of clubs
Mon 30 Mar	3.30pm Netball and Football Matches at Oasis Sch, Warndon
Wed 1 Apr	Y6 to CWLC Production of Annie
Fri 3 Apr	Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 20 Apr	Back to school
Fri 8 May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thu 21 May	Arena Event – details to follow
Fri 22 May	Break up for half-term holiday
Mon 1 Jun	Back to school
Fri 17 Jul	1.30 Break up for summer holiday
Mon 20 Jul	Teacher Education Day No children in school today
Tue 1 Sep	Teacher Education Days
Wed 2 Sep	No children in school
Fri 23rd Oct	TED – no children in school

Year 4 River Walk

Tuesday 25th Feb leaving at 9am and back by lunch time. Please remember to send your child with a coat, snack and outdoor shoes/wellies. Many thanks

Clubs this week Forest School Week 4

Mon	24	Feb	Back to school Year 1/2 Maple Class Forest School
Tue	25	Feb	RC Forest School Year 4 River Walk Wow Day 3.30pm Home Netball Match vs St George's Catholic School
Wed	26	Feb	Walk to School Wednesday RH Forest School
Thu	27	Feb	Yr 5 to The Hive for RSA5
Fri	28	Feb	9.15am KS2 Assembly for Parents 3TM Forest School

Attendance

Week Ending: 3rd February 2020

Class	Percentage	Total number of children arriving late to school
5T	100 - Well Done	72
3TM	97.73	
5W	97.33	
RC	97.32	
4C	96.67	
6M	96.33	
3JM	94.78	
6H	94.48	
Holly	93.93	
Maple	93.79	
4S	93.10	
RH	92.50	
Beech	89.66	
MAB	78.89	

<u>Forest School</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 1 : 2 nd Mar	Year 1/2 Holly Class (Mrs Pritchard / Ms Hall)	RC (Mrs Cartwright)	RH (Miss Hall)	Year 1/2 Beech Class (Mrs Stallwood)
Week 2 : 9 th Mar	Year 1/2 Maple Class (Mrs Iqbal)	RC (Mrs Cartwright)	RH (Miss Hall)	3JM (Mr Mills)
Week 3 : 16 th Mar	Year 1/2 Holly Class (Mrs Pritchard / Ms Hall)	RC (Mrs Cartwright)	RH (Miss Hall)	Year 1/2 Beech Class (Mrs Stallwood)
Week 4 : 24 th Feb	Year 1/2 Maple Class (Mrs Iqbal)	RC (Mrs Cartwright)	RH (Miss Hall)	3TM (Mrs Marks)

Dear All

It has been great to see you at Parent Consultations this week. Thank you for coming and supporting everything we are trying to achieve in school. Wishing you a calm week ahead and hoping you get some time to relax with the children.

Best wishes and many thanks

Sarah Boyce

Year 6's trip to the Art Gallery and Museum

Last Friday, Year 6 walked to the Art Gallery and Museum. The main reason for our visit was to look around their Georgian-themed art gallery to explore what Worcester looked like in the Georgian Era.

There were many paintings of Worcester that had been carefully preserved before being placed in the gallery. As they are around 200 years old, some of the paintings revealed hidden secrets, such as the boats along the river that the artist had originally tried to cover up.

The children had a chance to learn some more Georgian facts, for example, the Georgians painted their faces with a white paste (made from many ingredients, including horse manure) to make their skin look pale so it looked as if they had never been outside in the sun working. There were also lots of opportunities for the children to dress up!

As there are many exhibits of history in the museum, we also looked around those. The children were very interested in the Regimental Gallery, which told the story of the Worcester Soldier over 300 years.



Netball Report

Last Friday saw a home netball match against Pitmaston Primary School. We played a game of 4/4 and it was a very tough match. Aimee headed up the team as captain and she lead from the front, even after sustaining a nasty knee injury. We were up against a very experienced team of year six girls. Ella G gave their Goal Defence the run around with her sheer speed and agility, Jessica, another stalwart, was always in a space when needed, and Iska played a dominant part of the match - she wasn't going to relinquish that ball to Pitmaston if she could help it. The girls continued to play as a very strong team even in defeat. They never gave up. Great team attitude girls! Mrs Screen – Netball Coach



Go Green Week!

Throughout the week, some year groups have been visiting the University of Worcester to take part in Go Green Week. The University staff and students organised many different activities based around Eco friendly living!

On Monday, the Year 3 children visited different stalls which were put on by the students and local community. They found out about some different ways to look after our planet, created seed balls, formed bird feeders and met some adorable Therapy Dogs. An informative and fun time was had by all.

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited the University for their Food and Wellbeing events. They enjoyed a cookery demonstration of some vegetarian dishes and some children were even brave enough to taste the bright green fruit and veggie smoothies! There were also many activities that involved the children sorting recyclable items. The Year 2 children also came away with small plants in eggshells to continue growing at home!

Today, Year 6 will be attending Go Green Week for their Energy and Transport day. There will also be other stalls there promoting eco-friendly living and the children will get to take part in some Yoga from a professional teacher.

Thank you to the University of Worcester for giving our children the opportunity for new experiences. Miss Moule - Eco Coordinator



Football Match vs Pitmaston

Recently, the Year 5 and 6 football team played their latest fixture, at home to Pitmaston. We got off to the worst possible start, conceding the first goal inside the first minute. However, the children showed great determination and resilience and plenty of skill, digging deep to match Pitmaston. The second half was much tougher and as the players tired, Pitmaston's clinical finishing meant they took a big lead. Jack came closest to scoring, hitting the post, and every player can be proud of their effort: Captain Dan put in an excellent performance in midfield, where he never gave up and Kauai was outstanding in goal. Thea, Maisie and Jackson also deserve a special mention as the only members of Year 5 in the team. Despite a difficult start to the season (having played some of the stronger teams already), the children can be proud of their effort. They will be looking to improve results in the upcoming matches, where I hope their effort is rewarded.



Year 5 Wartime Party

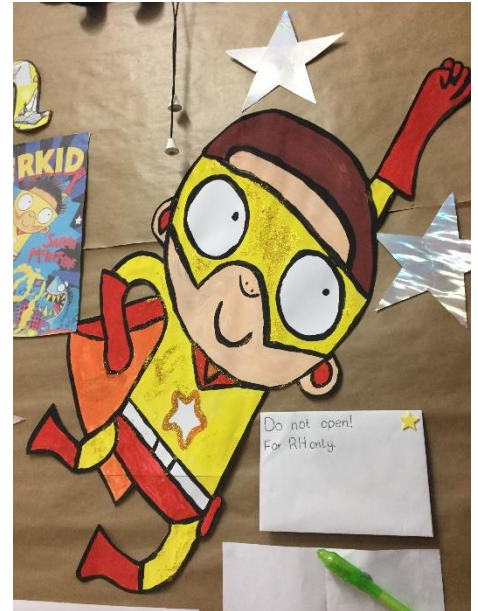
On Thursday, the Year 5 children hosted a Wartime Party for family members. We were completely overwhelmed by the level of support from family members and were delighted to welcome some older members of families (some who had travelled from outside the area) who can remember the war. The children used their increased confidence in speaking to talk freely about what they had learnt. Some children shared diary entries and stories that they have written and others recounted, from memory, the fabulous experience we had at the Tudor House Museum. The parents, family members and friends were served tea, coffee and biscuits.

To wrap things up, the children performed a lindy hop dance and sang a wartime song. After this, the children and their families mixed to share their knowledge and experiences and to talk about some artefacts that they had collected. We are extremely grateful to everyone who was able to come but also to those who were not able to be there on the day but have supported the children through their learning. It has been a fabulous topic and the children have really done some fantastic learning.



Reception Superhero Camp!

Last week, all of Reception were invited to take part in superhero camp. The children were split into three groups and took part in three exciting challenges throughout the day. The first challenge was to explore healthy eating by designing a healthy smoothie fit for a superhero! The children used collage to demonstrate their ideas. We had some very creative designs! The second challenge was one of strength! The children explored the vocabulary 'heavy' and 'light' and ordered super heroes by their weight. The third and final challenge was to explore time and complete a super hero obstacle course. They learnt how to measure time in minutes and seconds using a stop watch. All the children completed some climbing and balancing challenges. They conquered the ropes and ladders, found different ways to raise their heart rate and, most importantly, had so much fun! At the end of the day, we received a message from Super Kid telling us we had finally rescued him and were all now qualified super heroes! Well done everyone! All of the Reception Team are very proud of you!



Reception Maths Workshop.

This week Reception held maths workshops with parents for each class. The children and parents took part in a carousel of activities including: number formation strategies, bingo, shape, fine motor skills and dice games. The importance of this workshop was to highlight how maths can be really fun, practical and engaging to do with your children. In Reception at the moment, we focus on the 'mastery' of each number. This is where we explore each number in depth in many different ways. We were so pleased with how many parents came to join us in their learning. We have listened to the feedback and look forward to providing you with more opportunities in the future. Thank you for your continued support. The Reception Team.



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February 2020

As part of our wellbeing week, all the children at Oldbury Park took part in Safer Internet Day. Internet safety is something we take very seriously and it forms an ongoing part of our teaching and learning in computing sessions. But, this is a special day where children all over the country are given time to think about, discuss and take part in activities based around internet safety.

This year's theme was 'Free to be me: Exploring identity on line', which involved looking at creating an on line identity and protecting your real identity. As ever, the children looked at how we can use the internet in a positive way and celebrated how amazing the internet is. During the day, the children took part in discussions, role played scenarios and made posters.

The internet is here to stay and the children are growing up in a digital world, so days like this are really important to help raise the profile of internet safety, and help the children to understand how to keep safe online. Mr Burnage – e-safety co-ordinator

Year 6 Sport at the University

Since November, Year 6 have been spending some time at the University working with some sports coaching students.

The children have been working in small groups to develop skills in many different sports. The opportunity has been extremely valuable for the children as the coaches have expert knowledge in different areas. All of the children have enjoyed this experience and have made very good progress in their PE skills and teamwork skills.

We are very grateful to the University for allowing us to use their equipment and to the staff and students for many fun filled and energetic activities.



Year 3 Roman WOW Day

Last Friday, Year 3 enjoyed the end of their Roman topic by celebrating their learning outside. We made Roman shields to protect ourselves, talked about how the Romans would have marched together and chanted as they moved. We also explored how Roman soldiers protected themselves in battle using their shields and creating the tortoise formation. In the afternoon, we ventured to the Forest Schools and worked collaboratively to build Celtic shelters. Afterwards, we took on the role of Roman soldiers attacking the Celtic homes with custom built catapults and spears. It was a fantastic day which capped off a great historical topic.



Unlocking the Severn

A talk on Unlocking the Severn and working with the Canals and River Trust took place in an assembly at Oldbury Park on Thursday morning. Year 4 had an introduction to their new topic for next term and the rest of KS2 shared the experience.

Rosie Croggan, Education Officer, from The Canals and River Trust, delivered an entertaining assembly called 'The story of the Shad'. She informed us that the River Severn covers two countries! It begins its journey in the Welsh mountains. The Severn is full of thousands of species but one is having a problem getting over a man-made weir at Diglis to spawn. The fish is called a Shad. Shads are really tricky to see as they are grey, and are therefore difficult to monitor, so they actually tag them!

As the weir is in the way, which was built by Victorian engineers, another Victorian engineer, Edward Cubitt, designed a lock gate to change the water levels. This was okay for boats but the poor Shad isn't such a powerful jumper like the salmon. So the weir made a dam, an obstacle for the Shad. Therefore, modern engineers today have designed a Fish Pass, which is a bit like a Shad lift, helping them swim up the river. It will be fully open in the summer and will be well worth a visit/walk to Diglis Island. The Year 4 Team.



A message from Aspens Services – our school meals provider.

Aspens Services would like to thank Sonia McCullough for her years of loyal service as Cook Manager at Oldbury Park. Sonia has worked at the school for 12 years, the last two and a half with Aspens. She has always had a passion to deliver a personal service knowing almost all pupils by name, together with their likes and dislikes. She has prepared healthy, balanced, homemade food for all the children and staff every day. We wish her well in her new ventures and thank her for her hard work and commitment.

A reminder from Aspens Services

Please remember to complete your child's meal order for the return to school after half term up to the end of February. A new menu will be uploaded soon to begin the week commencing 2nd March 2020. This menu will run from March to October 2020.

February Half Term Football

Kidderminster Harriers Community Scheme will be holding holiday football courses during half term. Courses run 10am-3pm and are open to children aged 5-14 years. Younger children can attend for half days if they prefer. Cost is £10 per day or, £27 for three days. The courses will feature our Goalscorers Award, a mini soccer tournament, and everyone who competes will receive a prize. The venues are:-

Worcester – Bishop Perowne College - Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February

Malvern – Dyson Perrins Academy - Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February

Bromsgrove- Catshill Middle School - Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February

To book a place contact the Community Scheme on 01562 863821 or email harrierscommunity@hotmail.co.uk Payment can be made in advance or on the day. Please send name, age, course attending, any medical conditions and an emergency contact.

Worcestershire Education Awards 2020

Worcester News has again teamed up with the University of Worcester to launch their awards scheme. Visit www.worcesternews.co.uk/awards for details of the awards and how to enter. Deadline is April 23rd 2020.

Running a Marathon

Shereen Richmond is running the London marathon in April for Brain Research UK. She has chosen this charity following her mother's diagnosis of a brain tumour last year who is still in recovery now. She has chosen to do this challenge to prove to her mum that you can do anything when you put your mind to it. Please see the link if you are interested. uk.virginmoneygiving.com/shereenrichmond

Good luck Shereen!

A Message from Christopher Whitehead Language College (CWCL)

Dear Parents/Carers/Members of the local community,

We would like to inform you of the language lessons we will be offering next half-term, which will run from **Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd April 2020.**

- A. 5-6pm Mondays – Beginners' Spanish – continuation of the current class.
- B. 6-7pm Mondays – Beginners' French – continuation of the current class.
- C. 7-8pm Mondays – Intermediate French – continuation of the current class.
- D. 6-7pm Tuesdays – Beginners' Spanish – this course ran in November-December and we hope to re-start it.
- E. 7-8pm Tuesdays – Intermediate French – continuation of the current class.
- F. 6-7pm Wednesdays – **Beginners' Spanish *NEW CLASS***
- G. 6-7pm Wednesdays – **German *NEW CLASS*– beginner or intermediate – please state your preference.**
- H. 6-7pm Wednesdays - Adult Mandarin – continuation of the current class.
- I. 7-8pm Wednesdays – Intermediate/Higher Spanish – continuation of the current class.
- J. 7-8pm Wednesdays - **German *NEW CLASS*– beginner or intermediate – please state your preference.**
- K. 6-7pm Thursdays – **Beginners' Spanish *NEW CLASS***
- L. 6-7pm Thursdays - Adult Mandarin – continuation of the current class.
- M. 7-8pm Thursdays – Beginners' Spanish – continuation of the current class.

Mr Juan Carlos García, our Foreign Language Assistant, will continue to lead the French and Spanish sessions in classroom A103 and Miss Abbie Lu will continue with the Mandarin classes in A031. Mr Richard Roberts, the former Head of MFL at New College Worcester, will lead the German sessions in A203. NB we do require at least six people per German class to run either, and these may start later than the first week of the January term. Please park in the Arts Block car park off the Bromwich Road and follow the signs once you are in the school. For those joining the new beginners' Spanish classes, or either of the German classes, an exercise book will be provided for you.

If you would like to take part in one of these courses, the cost will be **£30** (which equates to £5 per session), and **the full amount must be paid in advance** via **parentpay** if your child attends the school, or via bank transfer. If you are paying via bank transfer, the details are as follows: **Lloyds Bank, Sort code: 30-99-90, Account number: 00089309.** Please insert the words '**Adult Language Classes**' as a reference. If you are unable to pay via bank transfer, we will be able to receive cash payments, but **the full amount must be paid up front at the first lesson.**

If you would like to join a group, to confirm the session you would like to attend, please email me at m.goffe@cwlc.email with the following information: **your name; confirmation of how you have paid/intend to pay; the session you plan to attend** (just the letter from the list above, e.g. **A** for the 5-6pm session on Mondays). Many thanks. Mr Martin Goffe - Head of MFL department