



Wookey Weekly News

Friday 28th February 2020



Stars of the Week

Stars of the week for this week are: Roe and Felicity (Rowan Class), Luka and Jaelen (Oak Class), Rose and Tom (Willow Class) and Archie (Chestnut Class). They will be having their celebration with Mr Marsh next week.



Carymoor Environmental Trust



The children had an exciting time visiting Carymoor Environmental Trust this week to take part in their 'Day at the Dump'. It has been really encouraging to see the reactions of the children after this experience and to hear their determination to do more to safeguard the future of our planet. We will be welcoming two members of staff from Carymoor into school in a couple of weeks when they will be discussing ways in which we can make major changes to our curriculum to ensure the legacy of our trip this week.

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Wookey Walking Bus

Many of you will be aware that we have been running a daily walking bus from Wookey Hub to school since we trialled it during Children in Need Week last year. The children (and staff) who have taken part have really enjoyed it - we all understand the impact that walking has on both our physical and mental health. Passengers on the walking bus have also benefited from our loyalty card system, which has given them money off purchases at Wookey Hub.

As our parents and children are aware, one of our core school values is 'being active' so we have been thinking about a way that we could get more of our children involved in the walking bus. I am therefore delighted to announce that we have signed up for the 'Year Round Walk to School Challenge' organised by the UK Charity 'Living Streets'.

Our children will be able to earn monthly badges as a recognition of their commitment to being part of the walking bus. These badges will be presented to children who have travelled on the walking bus at least 10 times in a month - they will be awarded in assembly and celebrated in our newsletter at the end of each month. The badges change monthly and cannot be earned retrospectively, so we hope the children enjoy building up their collections!



Many of you will have read on my blog that we have been running an introductory offer this week, as it is the last week when we can award badges for February. We awarded badges in our celebration assembly today to 21 children for their efforts this week, often in challenging weather! The February badges have now been 'retired' and I hope the children are looking forward to starting work towards their March badges.



Board Games

Do you have any unwanted board games at home? If so then we would welcome any donations to school. Studies have shown that there are many cognitive benefits that come from children playing board games, and we would love to donate more time to this in school. Many thanks in advance.

World Book Day

As you will have read in recent editions of The Wookey Weekly, we are going to do something a bit different for World Book Day this year.

Rather than asking the children to come in to school dressed as a book character we would like them on the day to decorate a potato to either look like a favourite character from a book or, if they are feeling really imaginative to decorate a potato to represent a favourite book of theirs.

We will provide potatoes and scrap materials such as paper, card and felt, as well as paint. If the children would like to bring in any other materials from home on the day to help them decorate their potato, then they are more than welcome. Extra potatoes are also welcomed as donations, as we will only provide 1 per child.

Between now and World Book Day can you please encourage your child to choose which book or book character they would like their potato to represent, as that will help them when they come to decorating their potato on the day. There are lots of great ideas on the internet if you need some inspiration. Prizes will be awarded in school on the day in various categories, and we will publish pictures of the winners in the newsletter next week.

Also, after the success of our quiz during Children in Need week last year, when we challenged the children to guess the member of staff from their baby photo, we would like to also run a quiz on World Book Day. We will be asking the children to guess the member of staff, but this time they will have a photo of their bookshelf to help them! Parents are of course welcome to take part in this fun quiz on the day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.6% This is a significant increase from the week before half term. Well done to Rowan Class for having the highest level of attendance for the second week in a row. Please note that due to attendance levels being lower this year than in previous years the Governors have decided to invite parents in for meetings if attendance is starting to cause concern, rather than sending letters which has been our policy up to now.



MOUSE RACING

Saturday 7th March

7.30 START (DOORS OPEN 7PM)

WOOKEY CHURCH HALL

BA5 1JS



£5 (INCLUDES ONE FREE DRINK)

BAR - RAFFLE

Great night out raising funds for Wookey School association & Little Acorns Playgroup.



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Members of Wookey School
& Little acorn playgroup

Clubs next week

Monday	Key stage 2 Gym Club (children from year 3 to year 6)
Tuesday	Cross Country Club (continuing from this half term) Homework Club (children from year 3 to year 6)
Wednesday	Cooking Club (new group of children from Rowan and Oak Classes) Environmental Club (new group of children from KS1 and KS2 – speak to Miss Coates if you are interested) Netball Club (continuing from this half term)
Thursday	Music Club (continuing from this half term)

Diary Dates until Easter

Monday 2nd March – Netball Tournament at Wells Blue School

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Thursday 5th March – Netball fixture @ Strode

Saturday 7th March – WSA Mouse Racing Evening

Tuesday 10th March – vision testing for children in reception

Thursday 12th March – Netball fixture @ Strode

Friday 13th March – NCMP for Reception and Year 6 children

Monday 16th March – Netball Trip to Bath

Tuesday 17th March – Netball fixture @ Strode

Wednesday 25th March – Assembly with Rev. Guy

Monday 30th March – Netball fixture @ Strode

Friday 3rd April – Last day of term

Safeguarding is everybody's business.

If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

- Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224
- by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk
- or the police

You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999.