



# Wildmoor Heath School

## Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

### Farewell to Year 6

We say a very fond farewell to Year 6 today, who leave us for secondary school. They can be incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at Wildmoor Heath and especially in Year 6. They could not have worked harder in the



SATs and they did themselves proud with their version of Macbeth. It was also great to see them grow in maturity and confidence at RYG – from reading their reports, it's clear that they enjoyed and valued the experience. Year 6 leave us well prepared for Secondary School and we wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their



education. I hope they remember to keep REACHING for their BEST by continuing to work hard; showing courage, resilience and resourcefulness in the face of challenges; being collaborative and using mistakes and feedback as tools to learn. If they do, I am sure they will be successful in all that they do.

### Staff Goodbyes & Changes

We say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Jones, who took on Year 1 when Miss Whiteside left at Easter. I know the children have enjoyed being taught by her and we wish her good luck in her new job in September. We also say goodbye to Mrs Brinkman, who supported F2 this year. Mrs Brinkman is leaving to train as a teacher and we wish her all the best in her new career. Finally, there is one change in role – Miss Thompson, who has been the Year 6 TA this year, will be a trainee teacher from September and we are pleased that she will be staying with us for her training.

### Happy Holidays!

From all the staff, we wish you a very happy break, we hope you enjoy the rest and all have lots of fun in the sunshine!



Come back in September safe, well and ready to learn! **We start back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 from 8.40am** – we look forward to seeing

you refreshed and ready for an exciting Autumn term. Keep an eye out for news and updates on e-mail, Twitter and school website.

### Building Work Update

£20k worth of improvement works will take place during the holidays – the most significant projects will be the creation of a library / ICT suite and the refurbishment of F1 to become the Reception classroom. Unfortunately, we've had to delay the replacement of the ceiling tiles until the October half term – but it will get done! Our thanks to the PTA who have donated £3,000 towards the library project. We are still raising money for the next piece of adventure equipment – the sponsored event raised just under £500, so we currently have £1,500 to go.

### House Cup

South Hill won the Athletics on Sports Day, but it was Wellington which retained the overall House Cup. Every child contributed to their house whether it was by completing home learning, gaining gold or platinum in the Times Tables challenge, demonstrating the school's values or competing in the various house competitions.



### Changes to Morning Routines / Uniform from September

Just a reminder that from September, you can choose whether your child wears a shirt and tie or a polo shirt all year round. Please see the school [website](#) for full details about school uniform. Secondly, please note that the official start time for school is 8.50am (the doors open from 8.40am) and that registration will now end at 8.55am. The main school gate will close at that time. Please make every effort to be on time each morning.

### Laughology

Our INSET day in July this year was led by [Laughology's](#) Stephanie Davies who is recognised as one of the UK's leading voices in the psychology of happiness, humour and laughter. Our day was focused on how to raise standards in a 'happy centered school' and how to develop children's skills for resilience, feeling good and getting on. We will be running a parent workshop on this and growth mindset in the Autumn.



### Dates for your diary

- 1 Sep 16 - Inset Day 1
- 2 Sep 16 - Inset Day 2
- 5 Sep 16 - Start of School - Autumn Term 2016-17 begins
- 7 Sep 16 – "Meet the Teacher" Event

**REACHING for our BEST**

Respect - Everyone - Achievement - Courage - Helpful & Caring – Individuality - Never Give Up - Go for It!



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## Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016-17

### YEAR 6 – MR GATER & MRS WELLS

Year 6 start the year with 'Full Power' and 'Being Human'. Electricity is one of the most important discoveries ever made. All over the globe and far out in space its influence is felt. Before electricity, our lives were very different – we went to bed when it was dark and got up when the sun rose. Nowadays, we can be active day and night because we have learned how to use electricity to power every aspect of our lives. The children will study this theme as scientists, technologists and historians. In 'Being Human' the children will be scientists learning how our bodies are designed to help us breathe, move, eat, respond, reproduce and live. They will find out how different parts of our body function and how humans are different from other animals. **NB. Year 6's PE Days are Monday (Outdoor) and Wednesday (Indoor).**



### YEAR 5 – MISS LEADBEATTER

Year 5's first unit will be Mission to Mars. One day, humans may need to leave the Earth and settle on another planet. Mars is our most likely destination. In Science, the children will learn how to grow seeds and plants, and choose those that will be suitable for Mars and to choose the best energy source/s for our Mars shelter; in Geography, they will find out about the geographical features of Mars and how they can prove that there was once water there. In the second half of the term, the focus is Weather and Climate. Differences in weather and climate affect localities and lifestyles. Weather is the mix of events that happen each day, including temperature, rainfall and humidity. Climate is the average weather pattern in a place over many years. In this unit they'll be finding out about how weather and climate around the world impact on our lives as geographers, scientists and technologists. **NB. Year 5's PE Days are Monday (Outdoor) and Wednesday (Indoor).**



### YEAR 4 – MISS KIRKHAM

Year 4 will be studying the ancient civilisations of Egypt and Sumer in the Autumn Term. As historians, the children will investigate why rivers were important to ancient civilizations; what daily life was like in Ancient Egypt; about the different rulers of Egypt; about Ancient Egyptian religion and burials and how the Ancient Egyptians might have built the pyramids, including Tutankhamen's tomb. In the second half of the term, Year 4 will be scientists. In 'Shake it' they will find out all about solids, liquids and gases by making butter and cheese, and milkshakes. In 'Feel the Force' they will investigate what forces are and where they come from, what friction is and how we use friction, how to measure the strength of a force and how magnets and magnetic forces work. **NB. Year 4's PE Days are Thursday (Indoor) and Friday (Outdoor).**



### YEAR 3 – MRS LOFFHAGEN

Year 3 start the year by learning about how the brain works and how they learn. In 'Brainwave' they will find out about the importance of practice, how to share learning with others, how positive thinking can help them to succeed and how to look after their brain. Next is 'Scavengers and Settlers', a study of Early man to the Iron Age. As historians, the children will find out how fossils are made and what we can learn from them, explore the skills our ancestors needed to survive and use evidence to find out about a prehistoric hunter. Finally, the children will investigate computer games. They will be finding out how to use ICT responsibly and stay safe online. They will also learn to write algorithms to make things happen in digital games, to debug scripts and programs and to design, code, create and market their own digital games. **NB. Year 3's PE Days are Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday (Indoor).**



### YEAR 2 – MR PEOPLE

Year 2 will also be learning about the brain. They will learn that personal goals help us to become better learners and how to find out facts and to practice when preparing for a special challenge. They will also learn how to record what they have learned in ways that will help them remember. In the second unit, Year 2 will investigate toys and how they are designed for us to have fun with, to learn new skills and to exercise our bodies and our imagination. As historians, they'll be finding out about toys and games from the past and will create their own toy museum. As scientists, they'll be finding out how to sort toys based on what they are made out of and which materials can be bent, squashed, twisted or stretched. Year 2 will have a special trip for this unit! **NB. Year 2's PE Days are Monday (Indoor) and Thursday (Outdoor).**



### YEAR 1 – MISS RIVERS

Their first unit for Year 1 is 'Ourselves' and asks 'Who Am I?' In Society, the children will be finding out about the different groups we belong to, the things that make us feel happy and how to stay safe. In Art, they will be drawing portraits and self-portraits and finding out about famous painters and sculptors. In Science the focus will be how our hearts work and different types of food, while in Geography, the children will explore which countries we or our ancestors have come from and how to find our local area on a map. The second unit is all about the science of light. In Science, the children will investigate what seeds and plants need to grow, about different light sources and how some materials can reflect light. In Music, they'll be finding out about songs and music that have light and dark as their theme and how to make their own. **Year 1's PE Days are Monday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor).**

