



Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



6th March 2020

World Book Day

It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as different characters from their favourite books today. The children have also already brought home a £1 book voucher which can be used in many book shops as part payment for another book of their choice or in exchange for a World Book Day book. **For more photos look at the end of this weeks newsletter.**



Pupil Parliament

At the end of last half term, we held our first Pupil Parliament meeting, where all the children in the school were involved. The meetings were led by the Year 6 children and supported by the staff. Children gave their views on the new behaviour system, what is going well at school, what could be improved and suggestions for how the school could support local charities. The children enjoyed the opportunity to voice their opinions and to be listened to seriously. Afterwards, the minutes were discussed and we are pleased to say that we are able to make a few changes in light of the feedback.

- 1) We are going to revisit with the children the behaviours which would see a yellow or red card being issued.
- 2) Teachers will celebrate the Great to be Gold achievements more in class.
- 3) The MSA's at lunchtime will be supported more with dealing with incidents on the playground.
- 4) We will increase the equipment available to play with at lunchtime and allow children to play with it at break times too.
- 5) Our next charity event in the summer term will be to ask for food donations for a local food bank.

Attendance this week: For the week attendance sits at 97.2%. Huge congratulations to Squirrels, Badgers and Owls for 100% attendance.

Attendance overall: This is currently 96.3% for the whole of the academic school year so far

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Great To Be Gold

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL. YOU ARE FANTASTIC ROLE MODELS AND HAVE GONE OVER AND ABOVE.

Corben S

Beau H

Luca G

Poppy N

Tegan S

Max K

James P

Eva M

Lillie-Mae W

Isabella S

Jack T

Ethan S

Harley D-S

Annabelle T

Esmae T

Libby P

Finley S

Finley M

Noah H

Isabella L

Poppy C

Yuvraj M

Charlie M-H

If you can dream it.....you can do it!
Having high aspirations for all the children.



*if you can
DREAM IT
you can
do it!*

Our school value this month is 'excellence.' The value was introduced to the children in our whole school assembly this week. We linked the theme of excellence to our motto, 'If you can dream it, you can do it.' We discussed how by working hard, being prepared to fall into the learning pit and striving for excellence enables us to achieve our dream, whatever it may be. We also made reference to Usain Bolt and his dream of being an athlete in preparation for Sports Relief Week next week. The children were very thoughtful and reflective in their responses during this assembly - well done children!

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.
In March the school value we focusing on is 'Excellence'.

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful
and
responsible

Truthfulness

Next weeks events

Next week is a very busy week in school.

On Monday we will be taking part in Sports Relief and all children will be taking part in a PE virtual competition. There will also be a staff netball match in the afternoon. The staff will be cheered on by the children!

On Tuesday we welcome Mike Mullen into school, Mike is a BMX champion who now visits schools and delivers inspirational assemblies and workshops. The theme of his sessions are to help children to develop a growth mindset and develop their resilience. For more information about Mike, please take a look at the information in the web link.

<https://www.bmxacademy.com/mike-mullen-bmx>

On Wednesday, we have a visit from the Saltmine theatre company who will be performing "A Long Road Home" which is a creative take on the New Testament parable of the Prodigal Son. Following the performance, they will be doing a workshop with Years 5 and 6.

On Thursday, children in Years R - 6 will be a science workshop led by The Fab Lab.

On Friday, we have our sponsored bounce to raise money for 16 new laptops. Please remember to bring in your sponsor forms.

Sponsored Bounce for Bytes

Last week we sent you a sponsored bounce letter and sponsorship form. The children will all be taking part in the sponsored bounce on Friday 13th March. Please refer to the letter for information regarding this event. As always the success of these events relies on parental support. We thank you in advance for your continued support to help us raise money for more laptops. All of the children will benefit greatly from these being purchased.



Year 5 cake sale and raffle

**INSPIRE,
DEVELOP,
LEAD.**

We really do have amazing children at our primary school. You may have had the pleasure of sampling the gorgeous cakes and cookies that some Year 5 pupils baked and sold as they wanted to raise money to go towards our laptop fund. They raised a staggering £121 and showed great leadership skills to run this event. They have inspired some Year 4 pupils who have also approached me with their fundraising ideas too. Well done children.

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Early Years WOW moments

Pre-School

Jacob S has done really well this week when coming in to preschool and has settled well.

Riya L has been doing brilliant counting and joining in this week.

Nursery

Ethan S - for helping his friends with their coats

Bettie-Sue - for her amazing picture of her mum, covered in germs and her explanation of why we need to wash our hands!

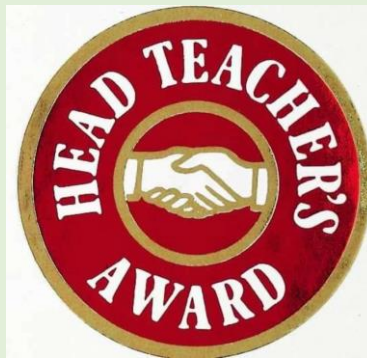
Sam C - for his enthusiastic singing of our hand washing song, without being reminded

Millie B - for her attitude to learning in an Adult Led group activity. She really impressed Miss Merry



Headteachers Awards

Congratulations to Theo C and Maisy W who both wrote amazing diary entries about the Great Fire of London. Also a huge well done to Maddie G and Poppy S who also wrote produced some fantastic descriptive writing about Mount Vesuvius. Owen S also received a headteachers award for perseverance and resilience when he went swimming this week.



Friends of Watton

Save the Date! We've decided to go for it with a new event for Summer 2020 - a Film Night and Camp Out on the school field on Saturday the 18th July, in partnership with The 1st Watton At Stone Scout and Guide group, with equally shared profits.

It will be a family event and you'll be able to come just for the film or camp out on the field in your own tents too. We'll have a BBQ and bar and hopefully it will be a fun way to raise money for both the school and the Scouts and Guides. More information to follow! Please put the date in your diary/ phone and get digging out that camping equipment!

We're now busy buying gifts for our Mother's Day stall, so if you have any spare unopened gifts that others might like, that we could sell on the stall, please drop them in to the office.

Easter is just around the corner now and we're starting to plan for the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday (10th April), so keep a look out on Classlist for more information and tickets!

Links with the Community

Lent

Look out for words nailed to the large wooden crosses outside our village churches which help us think about Lent. The theme this year is CARE - caring for our Climate, Community, Neighbours, Strangers and Ourselves.

1. The first word is Climate...the challenge is to think what we really need. You could sign up for a kids 40 Day challenge to Care for God's Creation free email or app with ideas to reduce, re-cycle and care for nature - feed the birds, plants seeds, save electricity, plastic and water.
2. The second word is **Community** - the challenge to do something for and contribute to the places we live and work. Maybe you could pick up litter, give to food bank when you shop, join in, help with or fundraise for a local activity.
3. The third word is **Neighbour** - the challenge to notice who needs our help. You could play with someone who seems left out in school or help them with something they find difficult. You could make a card, pick some flowers or bake a cake for someone you know who lives on their own.

Write what you do to help on a 'post it' note and stick it on the Lent cross which we'll display in church at our Easter services.

World Book day photos

The children's costumes were amazing. Thank you parents and carers for all your hard work getting them ready.



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March

7th - Friends of Watton Quiz night

9th - sports relief staff netball match

10th - Mike Mullen BMX champion. Whole school assembly and workshops with years 5 and 6

11th - whole school performance from Saltmine theatre Company followed by Years 5/6 workshop

12th - Science workshops

13th - Sponsored bounce fundraiser

16th - whole school assembly (neurodiversity)

17th - Parent Forum (Meet the Headteacher) 6pm

19th - whole school assembly (neurodiversity)

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20th - Mother's Day stall (Friends of Watton)

April

2nd - Year 5 class assembly

3rd - 9.30 - church service

3rd - end of term 2.15pm

10th - Friends of Watton Easter Egg Hunt

20th - INSET Day

21st - children return to school. Start of summer term

May

6th - Class and Team Photos

7th - Friends of Watton playout 3.15 - 5pm. Non uniform day

11th - 14th May - K.S.2 SAT's week

21st - Year 3 class assembly

25th May - 29th May - Half term