



Newsletter 6th May 2022

To all our families and friends,

I do hope that you all enjoyed the long bank holiday last weekend and got to spend lots of time with your family and loved ones.

Despite being a short week in school, we have been incredibly busy as always.

The Year 6 children have been making their final preparations for their SAT's tests which commence on Monday 9th May. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children who have had to work very hard this year, following the 2 school closures, to ensure that they are as prepared as they could possibly be for their SAT's tests. We know that the children will be amazing next week and approach the week with confidence and maturity.

This week, all of the staff, volunteers and Governors have completed their statutory PREVENT training as part of our Safeguarding practice. PREVENT is about safeguarding individuals from being drawn into terrorism. Further information for parents can be viewed on the school website [Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Safeguarding \(wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk\)](http://Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Safeguarding (wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk)), including the schools PREVENT action plan and a PREVENT leaflet for parents.

In assembly today, we had a visit from Nick Pool who works at Super Star Sports. He came to talk to the children about the activities that would be taking place in their holiday club during this half terms holiday. It is hoped that his club will run from Monday 30th May till Wednesday 1st June but unfortunately, they will only be able to run this if there is sufficient interest on each of the days. Hopefully, the children will remember the assembly today and will be able to tell you more about the activities that will be running. To book a place for your child, then please use the following link <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk/camp/60>.

This month's school learning value isCuriosity

Every month, as a school, we focus on one of the school learning values which are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

This month we are focusing specifically on 'Curiosity'. The more curious a child is, the more they will learn. Nurturing your child's curiosity is one of the most important ways you can help them become a lifelong learner.

Tips for Nurturing Curiosity

1. Model interest in the world around you. If you show an interest, then so will they.
2. Follow your child's lead and encourage their natural interests.
3. Answer questions simply and clearly and according to your child's development.
4. Use the library or internet to encourage the children to develop their curiosity. It doesn't matter whether children are reading about rockets or animals, the key is that their interest is captured and that they like to read.
5. Stimulate your child with open-ended questions. These are questions that don't have a right or wrong response, and can't be answered with only one word like "yes" or "no". "What was (such and such experience) like for you...", "Tell me about what happened in school today." These kinds of questions encourage your child to develop his thoughts and ideas, shows love and interest, and will give you a window into his inner life.

This Weeks attendance %

Donaldson class (R)	93.37%
Kerr Class(1)	96.09%
Murphy class (2)	95.68%
Lewis Class (3)	93.08%
Dahl Class (4)	95.66%
MacKenzie Class (5)	93.50%
Blackman Class (6)	96.25%
Horowitz Class (6)	95.26%

Whole School Attendance this week: 94.8%
Whole School Attendance this Term: 94.5%

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Elliot C - 30th April
Imogen C - 2nd May
Isabella C - 2nd May
Charlie C - 2nd May
Cait S - 2nd May
Elizabeth F - 3rd May
Jess P - 4th May
Jack B - 6th May

House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 369

Yellow House - 402

Green House - 408

Blue House - 353

House point totals to date

1st Place - yellow house - 820

2nd Place - red house - 802

3rd Place - blue house - 795

4th Place - green house - 723

Save the rhinos



Save the Rhinos

A huge thank you to everyone who came along at the end of the school day last Friday to support the Year 4 children who wanted to raise money to help save the rhinos. The children set up a fantastic sale and were fully involved in the selling process. There were cakes to buy, a raffle and a lucky dip organised, and a station set up with facts all about rhinos. In total, they raised an incredible £204 which will now be sent off to the charity and used to continue the very much needed work to protect these animals. Well done children - you are inspirational!

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Oscar S - has been fantastic this week with doing his best during group time. He has shown confidence and resilience.	Willow W - has been a super role model this week. She has waited patiently for her turn and has been a kind and caring friend.
Nur	Arthur A - for always trying his best being a great model to his friends. We are very proud of you Arthur, keep it up!	Murphy - for having lovely manners and always being a kind friend to the other children in her class. Great work Murphy!
Rec	Darcy D - for always showing a love of learning. She wants to join in with class discussions and extend her learning all the time. She has also been helping around the classroom, pushing in the chairs!	Eric T - is showing a love of learning. He has been pushing himself more in Busy Fingers, when writing, in the morning and his efforts are paying off!
Year 1	Bella - Bella follows the rules in school and she shows empathy towards others.	Louis C - Louis shows a love of learning in all areas of the curriculum and has a very positive attitude.
Year 2	Emilia R - for being exceptionally well mannered and showing kindness to everyone. Sam B - for showing a love for learning and working to the best of his ability.	Verity - for always following the school rules and being a fantastic role model.
Year 3	Oliver O - working to the best of his ability. Erin - being a good role model and making the right choices.	Charlie S - always well-mannered and constantly making the right choices. Dexter H - Showing his love of learning in English by being creative.
Year 4	Oliver G - For constantly making the right choices and being well mannered. Oliver always says please and thank you and is courteous to everyone. He loves learning too. Well done Oliver.	Alex B - For always working to the best of his ability and showing a love of learning in all areas. Well done Alex.
Year 5	Lucas B - for working to the best of his ability and producing some excellent work.	Jasmine L - for being well-mannered and always trying her best.
Year 6B	Lucia AB - has had a really positive week and has been a great role model.	Max K - reaching his potential and showing a love for learning, especially in maths.
Year 6H	Megan C - for outstanding role model for overcoming her fears in swimming. We are all so proud of her.	Sophie I - for always watching out for her classmates and inviting others to play. Very caring and considerate nature to her classmates.

Headteacher's Awards

Amelia M (Reception) - for her independence in writing, having pride in her work and having high aspirations

Jess P (Reception) - for being reflective with her writing. I asked her to think about making her writing smaller and to try to sit it on the line - the next day she did...and she admitted that it made it easier to read.

Millie (Year 1) - for high aspirations and taking risks in maths.

Erin (Year 1) for having pride and being creative in art.

Eliza (Year 2) - for having high aspirations and trying her best.

Jack R (Year 2) - for always showing resilience with his learning.

Finley S (Year 3) - showing curiosity and resilience in our kenning's poem.

Lexie B (Year 3) for showing great resilience in all lessons.

Callum R (Year 4) for his curiosity in maths and high aspirations.

Caitlin (Year 4) for her kindness and empathy towards her friends and family.

Sophie (Year 5) for her kindness and empathy.

Jake (Year 5) for his resilience recently despite his injury.

Jess J (Year 6H) - for her high writing aspirations.

Flynn S (Year 6B) - for his high writing aspirations.

Primary Science Quality Mark Award (PSQM)

This term, we are starting the journey towards achieving the bronze primary science quality mark award. This is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools.

PSQM's are intended to provide a framework for improvement and development in leadership and provision.

There are 4 aims of the award. To develop:

- science subject leadership
- science teaching
- science learning
- wider opportunities

It is expected that this process will take approximately 1 year to achieve. Miss Oakley (our science subject leader) will be supported by external professional agencies during this time as well by Mrs Joel, one of our school Governors, who herself works within the field of science. We look forward to providing you with regular updates throughout the year about our progress towards achieving this award.



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Beane Valley Family Centre

It's not long now until the Family Centre FREE Queen Bees and Platinum Trees Family Fun Days!

We hope you will drop in and see us to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the Queen's Green Canopy campaign with us.

These events have a Going Green theme including a tree planting ceremony, nature arts and crafts and a book swap; plus physical fitness games, a visit from the fire brigade, an area for babies and much more!

Science Club



There was huge excitement at the after school science club yesterday when the children carried out the famous coke and mentos experiment. The science is that the many small pores on the surface of the mento speed up the release of carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas from the coke as they give a larger surface area for the reaction to occur over, causing foam to erupt at a super fast rate.

Year 4 Bronze medalists

For the first time Watton School qualified for the 'School Games County Final' in Rapid Fire Cricket. Eight year 4 children (Ewen, Alex, Alfie M, Alfie C, Megan, Esme, Neave and Darcie) travelled to Hertfordshire University to compete against six other schools. All the children ran, fielded and batted amazingly, and worked as a team right through to the last game. We were awarded joint 3rd and each child received a bronze medal. Well done to all of them.



Friends of Watton update

We are now planning our summer events so hopefully will have some exciting events to share with you soon. If you have some good ideas or are able to help out with an event or with more general admin or social media we'd love to meet you - get in touch at Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com.

Don't forget that as well as easyfundraising for your online shopping we have AmazonSmile too, so if you're ordering anything from Amazon please go to AmazonSmile and search for the Friends of Watton School. Amazon will then donate to us every time you order via Amazon Smile - at no cost to you. We raised £34.76 last quarter and every penny counts so don't forget to use the AmazonSmile app or visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> to place your Amazon orders - thank you.

Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

May

Throughout May - KS1 SAT's

9th - 12th - KS2 SAT's

16th - Walk to School Week

16th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

16th - No Pens Day

23rd - Queens Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee week

26th - Family picnic (from 12pm). Times to be confirmed

26th - Last day of half term

27th - 3rd June - Half Term (including an extra day for the Queen's Jubilee)

June

6th - INSET Day 5

7th - Children return

Week beginning 6th June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

Throughout June - Year 4 multiplication check

13th - Health and Fitness week

14th - Sports Day 1

15th - Whole school pupil parliament meeting

17th - Sports Day 2 (Reserve)

23rd - Full Governing Body meeting

28th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

29th - No Pens Day

July

4th - 8th - Assessment week

14th - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

18th - Reports to parents

22nd - Feel Good Friday

22nd - End of Term 2.15pm