



Newsletter 17th June 2022

To all our families and friends,

What a fantastic week we have had in school.

On Monday morning, we launched our Health and Fitness week and the children have been actively participating in physical challenges most days. As always, they approached these challenges with enthusiasm and determination and gave them all 100% of their effort.

On Monday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the Hertford and Ware Music Association event held at The Drill Hall. Our choir were outstanding both as a school in their performance of Star Man by David Bowie and collectively with 5 other choirs. Sophie I and Dexter H had the honour of being chosen to be narrators and Eva R sang a beautiful solo performance. A huge thank you to Emma Hanlon who has taught the children these performance pieces for the last few months.

On Tuesday, we were thrilled that the sun was shining and that sports day could take place. Throughout the day, every child in the school had the opportunity to take part in various field events as well as a running race too. It was so wonderful to be able to invite families and friends to come along and support again. By the end of the afternoon, the points awarded during the field events for the KS1 and KS2 sports events were combined and final scores were:

1st Place: Red house (5,310 points)

2nd Place: Green house (4,985 points)

3rd Place: Blue house (4,956 points)

4th Place: Yellow house (4,680 points)

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in a pupil parliament meeting. Children are split into smaller, mixed ages and the meetings are led by a member of staff and some Year 6 children. These meetings give all children an opportunity to have a voice and express their opinions about what happens in school. We shared the agenda with the children last week in assembly and during the meeting discussed:

Reestablishing a gardening area. Where should it be? What should be grown?

What we can do to further improve our school environment? Who is responsible for looking after the environment?

What we can do for the community that most of us live in?

Competition skills - which new skill could all the children practice and learn? (Last term we all learnt to skip)

On Thursday morning, we held our staff v Year 6 class rounders match. The rest of the school came outside to watch and cheer everyone on. The final score was 11.5 rounders to the Year 6 children and 9 rounders to the staff. It was a great match which was enjoyed by all and promoted health and fitness for all ages.

Today, the Friends of Watton arranged a fantastic Father's Day sale for the children to attend. Children could purchase a gift for their father or other important male figure in their life ready to gift to them on Father's Day, this Sunday. A huge thank you to the Friends of Watton for organising. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to make the choices of gift/s for themselves and we hope that everyone enjoys receiving this on Sunday. They were most definitely chosen with love.

Sad Farewell

At the end of this month. We will be saying a sad goodbye to Fiona Richardson who is leaving her current post as the admin manager and finance lead to move to a new role working for Herts for Learning. Fiona is a qualified accountant and will be returning to a role which will utilise her skills to their full capacity as well as being a promotional position. Fiona has worked at the school for the past 7 years, having started as a class teaching assistant and eventually moving to the finance role. Fiona's excellent management skills led to her taking on the role of office manager also. She will be hugely missed by everyone that knows her but we wish her every success in her new role. We know that she will be amazing. We are currently in the position of appointing a new office manager who will hopefully start before the end of the summer term.

Governor's Update

I was very fortunate to attend the Music Festival at Ware Drill Hall, on Monday, with the choir. Eighteen pupils represented Watton at Stone Primary and performed in the Festival on Monday evening, alongside four other Primary Schools from Hertford & Ware.

Our pupils came from different year groups - some sang solos, some narrated part of a story and everyone sang.

The evening started off with individual school performances. Each school chose a different piece of music to perform but all of the songs were connected to the theme of the evening; space, our world, the environment. Following on from the individual school performances, the pupils joined the stage as a whole group and performed a cantata written by Paul Burrell.

Our school performed brilliantly and were a delight to listen to and observe. Well Done everyone.

Jan Smith (Governor)

Fantastic Finish

On Friday 10th June, Donaldson class went on a walk up to Jess's farm. We were met by Sam and Alison (Jess's parents) and they showed us how wheat starts as a tiny seed and all the different stages of growth. We then planted our own wheat, which will hopefully grow at school. Sam let us run through the wheat field before we all walked back to school. We were also very excited by the flypast of Spitfires!



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This Weeks attendance %

Donaldson class (R)	91.4%
Kerr Class(1)	97.1%
Murphy class (2)	99.3%
Lewis Class (3)	96.3%
Dahl Class (4)	92.5%
MacKenzie Class (5)	96.8%
Blackman Class (6)	97.7%
Horowitz Class (6)	93.7%

Whole school attendance this week: 95.7%

Whole school attendance this term: 94.6%

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Dexter H - 13th June

Finley S - 15th June

Headteacher's Awards



Each week, staff are constantly looking for children in the school who are showing awareness of one or more than one of our school learning values. These values will help children to become better learners as well as developing their relationships with others around them. Children are recognised for their achievements with being awarded Headteacher's Awards.

Year 1

Ethan - for showing resilience in the fitness challenges this week.

Year 2

Eddie - for showing resilience when learning to tell the time.

Penny - for having respectful behaviour in assembly.

Year 3

Finley M - showing high aspirations and working well with others in sports day.

Monty K - for showing increased resilience in his learning and approach to tasks.

Year 4

Libby - for always being respectful to her peers and adults.

Lenny - For showing greater independence and taking risks when completing more tasks.

Year 5

Freya - for working independently in writing lessons.

Oscar and Daisy - for working with others and having pride in their roles as sports ambassadors.

Year 6

George S, Charlie C, Charlie B, Max H, Izzy C, Ava H and Gracie M - for all working with others, working independently and having great pride when setting up for this years sports day.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p>Tiora B - showed her amazing resilience this week.</p> <p>Frankie C - for being an all round superstar, he is helpful, kind and caring.</p>	<p>Freddie D - for listening well during the session.</p>
Nur	<p>Amelia A - for being a kind friend and supporting others during sports day and when we went to watch the rounders match. Well done Amelia!</p>	<p>Jordan T - for working to the best of his ability when writing his name for a special card. We can see he has been practising! Great work Jordan, keep it up!</p>
Rec	<p>Freya H - for showing a love of learning and working to the best of her ability and beyond. She really impressed us with how she showed resilience when writing about visiting the farm.</p>	<p>Iris R - for being a good friend to everyone this week and inviting others to play with her. Thank you, Iris!</p> <p>Elliott S - for always being well mannered and for working to the best of his ability. We were delighted with his independent writing this week!</p>
Year 1	<p>Izzy G - For being an outstanding role model to others and always trying her best.</p>	<p>Logan T - For working to the best of his ability and helping others.</p>
Year 2	<p>Gracie D - for making the right choices and following the school rules.</p>	<p>Leo T - for working to the best of his ability and always trying his best.</p>
Year 3	<p>Ben R - for being an outstanding role model helping children in sports day.</p> <p>Noah HJ - for showing his love for learning and for his contributions in class.</p>	<p>Christian M - working to the best of his ability especially in writing and maths.</p>
Year 4	<p>Elliot C - shows a love of learning. He has been engaged in our English which is based around Pompeii. Elliot shared lots of information about his family visit to Pompeii.</p>	<p>Cornelius D - he always shows a love of learning and works to the best of his ability in everything he does.</p>
Year 5	<p>Jake V - for looking out a lonely child.</p>	<p>Lucas B - for working to the best of his ability all week and being a general sporty super star</p>
Year 6B	<p>Aimee G - for being actively involved in all things this week, with a positive and more resilience.</p>	<p>Lexie B - for pushing herself out her comfort zone in rehearsals and going in rounders and sports day with energy and a positive mindset</p>
Year 6H	<p>Dylan E for being an outstanding role model on Sports Day. Displaying True House Captain skills as he collected scores and supports Mrs Richardson.</p> <p>Yuvraj M - working to the best of his ability in our show preparation - has already learnt his lines for Fagin and has been skilfully taking on other roles when children are absent.</p>	<p>Jess J - showing impeccable behaviour outside lessons - supporting other children on sports day.</p> <p>Nya S - working to the best of her ability in Health and Fitness Week. Great sprint work during sports day and participation in other events.</p>

Friends of Watton update

Thank you to everyone who helped out on our Father's Day stall today, we hope everyone is pleased with their gifts!

Next Friday (24th June) is our first payout in years! Children will be able to play football, tag, hide and seek, practice their skipping, tackle the trim trail, join in some of the organised activities or just sit and chat with their friends. There will be FOW outdoor toys to play with and a sweet stall too.

If you're able to help out please let us know at Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com

All tickets need to be purchased through Classlist - please purchase BEFORE the 23rd June as we need to know numbers in advance for buying-

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/862930817>

Doughnut Day is on 1st July- please get your pre-orders in before 11pm on Saturday 25th June -

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/87543171>

(this link is open to all - you don't need to be a parent to purchase)

Finally, we will be having a clothing collection on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July so please hold on to any good quality clothes and accessories that you might be planning to give away soon!

Sorry NO BEDDING, CURTAINS, UNIFORM, SOFT TOYS, TOWELS, PYJAMAS, DRESSING

GOWNS OR UNDERWEAR (OTHER THAN BRAS) for more info visit - www.tinyurl.com/mxekf3yu

House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 374

Yellow House - 382

Green House - 395

Blue House - 352

House point totals to date

1st Place - green house - 851

2nd Place - red house - 796

3rd Place - yellow house - 756

4th Place - blue house - 752

Term time Holidays

There has been a marked increase in the number of families taking a holiday during term time and I have to remind parents that these absences will not be authorised unless they are exceptional circumstances. Having a holiday re scheduled during term time which was cancelled last year due to COVID is not an exceptional circumstance. If children have 7.5 days or more of unauthorised absences within 2 terms, then parents will be liable for a £60 fine per child, per parent. Each day of absence is equivalent as 2 unauthorised absences (one for the morning and one for the afternoon registration). The school doesn't receive this money and the fine goes to County. This guidance comes from County and not the school itself. The responsibility for authorising absences rests with the Headteacher. Written or verbal communication by parents/carers does not itself constitute authorisation. The school may or may not accept the reason offered as valid. Please ensure that children are in school unless genuinely ill.

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Sports Day Gallery



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Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

June

Throughout June - Year 4 multiplication check

21st - Super Star Sports assembly

22nd and 23rd June - Year 4 trip to Hudnell Park

24th June - After school Payout (fundraiser organised by FOW)

27th June - 1st July - Whole school Geography Fieldwork week

28th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

28th - New to Nursery parents meeting (September 2022 starters) 6pm

29th - No Pens Day

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July

1st - Doughnut day (FOW fundraiser)

4th - 8th - Assessment week

14th - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

18th - Reports to parents

18th - Year 6 dress rehearsal to whole school 'Olivia'

19th - 6pm Year 6 performance to parents/carers 'Olivia'

20th 6pm Year 6 performance to parents/carers 'Olivia'

22nd - Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am (venue to be confirmed)

22nd - Feel Good Friday

22nd - End of Term 2.15pm