



Newsletter 24th March 2023

To all our families and friends

Following the OFSTED inspection and teacher strikes last week, this week felt like normality had resumed with much happening across the school.

We launched the week with a science assembly. The children watched a programme on forces which was presented by CBBC's Rhys Stephenson and Maddie Moate. They learnt about and used their knowledge of gravity, friction and air resistance to complete challenges. The children also heard from real-life astronauts including Dr Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut in space and American astronaut Bob Hines who's recently returned from a NASA space mission.

Throughout the week, all classes have been engaging in additional science lessons and activities, many of which have taken place in our new science classroom. We concluded science fortnight with a special sharing assembly this afternoon where all the classes had an opportunity to share with the rest of the school one of the elements of what they had been learning about.

On Monday evening, our amazing choir performed at the Drill Hall in Ware alongside 5 other local primary schools. They sang 'We are Unstoppable' and then sang many other songs with the other school choirs throughout the music cantata 'Esther'. It really was a spectacular performance from our talented choir and certainly a night that they will always remember. Many thanks to Mrs Hanlon and Mrs Roberts for all their hard work in the run up to this performance and for preparing our choir for this special evening.



On Wednesday, children from Reception to Year 6 all took part in this term's pupil parliament meeting. In mixed age groups and led by the Year 6 children, the pupil parliament is an opportunity for all children to have a voice about what is happening in school and provide their suggestions and feedback about how to make the school an even better place for them to come to everyday. On the agenda this term was:

1. What do we do well at Watton? What could we do even better? We wanted to give the children an opportunity to share their views after gathering the views of parents recently at the parents evening and as part of the OFSTED inspection.
2. What is bullying and what isn't bullying? Children often use the word 'bullying' for one off incidents that occur. We plan to follow this initial discussion up with a questionnaire about bullying which all children will be encouraged to share their views and opinions.

We will be sharing with you the children's views once these have all been collated.

Yesterday morning, we welcomed family and friends of Year 4 to watch their class assembly. The theme of the assembly was the residential trip to Hudnell Park for those children that attended a couple of weeks ago and for those children that didn't attend the residential, they had the opportunity to talk about the projects and activities they did in school. All the children spoke confidently about their experiences as well as sharing dances that they had created and Kennings poems that they had written. It was lovely to see all the photos of their fantastic 3 days. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and enjoy this event.

Friends of Watton Update

Thank you so much for all your support for our Mother's Day stall - we made an amazing £804! This is a fantastic amount, our best ever, so thank you to all those who donated items, helped out or gave their children money to buy a gift!

Don't forget to book your tickets for our Easter Egg hunt on Monday 10th April at 10am. There will also be face painting and refreshments too.

We're still looking for some more helpers so if you can spare an hour or two (it doesn't have to be for the whole event) please let us know - Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com - we'd love to see some Dad's too!

Make sure you get your tickets now - <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/962370644> as we have sold out before!

Disco tickets are still available to buy on Classlist for Thursday 27th April. £5 for your first and second child and £2.50 for any subsequent siblings. Tickets will include unlimited drinks and a packet of crisps.

The link to purchase is -

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/962300709?s=6405253079498752&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	92.8%
Macintosh Class(1)	97.2%
Antonelli class (2)	95.5%
Anning Class (3)	96.8%
Goodall Class (4)	99.1%
Galileo Class (5)	99.1%
Wallace Class (6)	93.2%

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.1%

Whole school attendance this term is: 96.3%

Well done Goodall and Galileoclasse for having the best attendance in school this week.

Our Attendance target each week is 97%

This year, we are due to be open for 189 days which equates to 378 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration. The class with the best attendance each week will win the Attendance trophy to keep in class until the following Friday.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Frankie RM - 18th March

Ellis K - 19th March

Annabella S - 19th March

Molly W - 24th March

House Points

This Week:

First place - Green House - 730

Second place - Red House - 660

Third place - Blue House - 716

Fourth place - Yellow House - 734

Overall this half term

First place - Blue House - 2,003

Second place - Yellow House - 1,941

Third place - Green House - 1,903

Fourth place - Red House - 1,830

Next Week

Year 6 PGL meeting - On Monday 27th at 6pm, we invite all parents of children who are going on the Year 6 residential trip to P.G.L in June, to attend a Zoom meeting with Mrs. Roberts to find out further information about the trip. Children are invited to join their parents too.

Boo Drama performance - On Monday at 4.05pm, the parents of children who attend the Boo Drama after school club are invited to come into the school to watch a short performance as a finale to this half term. Please enter and exit the school via the wooden gates in the staff car park.

Year 1 class assembly - Due to the teacher strikes recently, we had to reschedule the Year 1 assembly for Tuesday 28th March at 9am. If you have a child in Year 1, then please feel free to invite other members of the family to come along. There is no restriction on the number of seats available per family.

House Point Reward afternoon - An afternoon of fun and games, led by Super Start Sports for the house team who have earnt the most house points for this half term.

Sponsored bounce - Our annual sponsored bounce takes place next Thursday (30th). The children thoroughly enjoy this event whilst being a great fundraiser too. Please remember to send your child into school with their sponsorship form on Thursday 30th so that we can write down how many bounces they managed to complete within the minute. Children will also have time to have additional play time on the bouncy castle too.

Feelgood Friday - Next Friday afternoon is Feelgood Friday where we plan for wellbeing and positive mental health activities to take place.

End of term 2.15 - A reminder that school closes next Friday (31st) for the Easter holiday at the slightly earlier time of 2.15pm.

School Website – Personal Development

Personal Development is the backbone to our entire curriculum, the golden thread that runs through it and is an integral part of everything we do. As well as academic development, it is essential that children are given opportunities, through the curriculum and beyond, for personal development. To find out more about how we support, nurture and develop children's personal development, please take a look at the page on our school website.

Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Personal Development ([wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk](http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk))

P.E Kits and Earrings

We have noticed recently that some children aren't wearing the correct P.E uniform to school on their P.E days.

Children need to be wearing black shorts or black jogging bottoms, a green school P.E t shirt and a green fleece if they have an outdoor P.E lesson.

We will be sending out reminders to parents when we notice that children aren't wearing the correct P.E uniform.

Please also ensure that children with pierced ears have removed their earrings before coming to school on their P.E days.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Nathan G - for listening and following Preschool routines, he has also done some fantastic joining in.	Freddie D - for joining in brilliantly during the day and has done some excellent listening. Hudson S - or always being a great role model and following the Preschool routine well.
Nur	Frankie C - for always being a fantastic role model at school, Frankie works to the best of his abilities during both adult led and his own independent activities. Great work Frankie! Lola H - for challenging herself this week when writing some of the phonemes we have learnt. Lola showed great pride in her achievements. Excellent Lola!	Leo M - for showing a love of learning this week, particularly during our 'nature detectives' activity at forest school. Keep it up Leo!
Rec	Amelia A - for always having a positive attitude to her learning and a huge desire to impress	Amelia H - for always having a smile, for having a great love of learning and being great company.
Year 1	Iris and Shiva - for their outstanding behavior at all times.	Ayaz P - for listening to all the adults in class.
Year 2	Rafe B - for being an outstanding role model by constantly making sensible choices.	Ffion G - for showing a love for learning by doing additional tasks at home linked to our history learning.
Year 3	Jack R - for working to the best of his ability with great focus and progress during assessment week.	Leo T - outstanding role model in his passion and skill creating and designing his invention for science week. Penny J - outstanding role model. She has demonstrated great focus and resilience during assessment week.
Year 4	Carmelita - has really impressed us with her attitude to learning and has been working to the best of her ability. Well done Carmelita!	Misha - who is well mannered and say please and thank you. Mila - for her love of learning and always listening to adults.
Year 5	Annabelle T - for working to the best of her ability and showing a love of learning.	Callum R - for working to the best of his ability by challenging himself in all lessons.
Year 6	Bella S - For a love of learning in maths, working to the best of her ability to make good progress in class. Isabella S - For a wonderful attitude towards all her learning, sharing her great writing as a model and helping to teach French to her peers.	Daisy - For displaying all the Great to be Gold attributes all the time. A real role model and great friend to have in class.

Online Safety Guidance

Were you aware that all social media platforms have set an age restriction for the apps below? These restrictions are in place to help safeguard your child from many factors which include sharing their location with strangers, talking to people they don't know, being groomed, posting inappropriate content including offensive/sexualised language, sending or receiving inappropriate content, unrealistic sense of body image and reality and obsessive focus on 'likes' and comments. We are noticing a dramatic decline in children's mental health (especially in our year 6 children) and when we talk to them about this, it is clear that this is exasperated by their use of social media and what happens online. Please ensure that you monitor your child's devices regularly and remove the following apps which they are all too young to use. We already have in place a strong e safety curriculum to educate the children so they are very aware of the dangers they are at risk of. As a school however, we can't monitor their use of social media or the apps that they have access to.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13



13+



16+

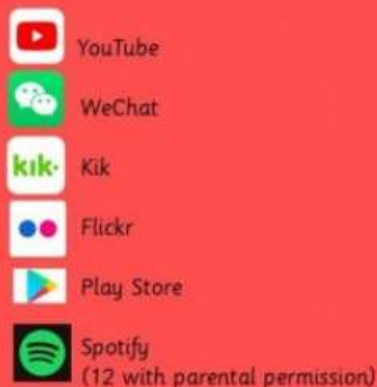


17+



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

18+ or 13 with parent's permission



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.

Reception:

Milly D - for always being respectful in the class (she's always ready to learn) and writing independently in Phonics

Year 1:

Darcy D - for her kindness and empathy towards others.

Year 2:

Izzy G and Logan T - for working well with others during PE.

Year 3:

Edward S - having pride in his work and always doing his very best.

Year 4:

Henry O - for working really well with others, especially in our science experiments this week.

Dexter H - for having high aspirations, especially in his maths tests this week and taking pride in his learning during our class assembly.

Year 5:

Ewen C- for showing empathy and kindness.

Year 6:

Henry H - for trying hard in all lessons and being responsible and having everything he needs in school.

Lucy G - for working hard on her maths and not being afraid to ask for help. Then using that support to aid her learning.

Usborne Book Fair



To celebrate World Book day further and promote reading for pleasure as well as encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on Tuesday 28th March after school from 3:15pm in the undercover area of the playground.

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our Usborne Partner, Ally Bennett and every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school.

Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 of books purchased, we will get £360 in FREE Usborne books for our school!

Safeguarding at Watton at Stone

If you have a safeguarding concern about a pupil at the school, then we would like you to get in touch with one of designated safeguarding leads at the school to share your concerns. The safeguarding leads are Nikki Etienne, Sukhi Gill and Elise Chatman. Please either speak to one of these members of staff directly about your concerns or ask the admin team to help you arrange a meeting with one of them. We take the safeguarding of all our children extremely seriously.



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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

Good Luck Mrs Hurley
London Landmarks Half Marathon

<https://join.targetovariancancer.org.uk/fundraisers/victoriahurley/london-landmarks-half-marathon>

On 2nd April, I will be running in the London Landmarks half marathon, to help raise awareness for ovarian cancer so that more women can be diagnosed earlier to increase their chances of survival. My brave friend Alex has fought amazingly over the last 18 months and is an inspiration to me. Target Ovarian Cancer is the UK's leading ovarian cancer charity working to improve early diagnosis, fund life-saving research and provide support to women with ovarian cancer. Awareness of ovarian cancer is low, its share of UK research funding has dropped and three quarters of women with ovarian cancer say they do not get the support they need. Together we can make sure women in the UK have the best chances of survival and get the right support at the right time, in a way that's right for them. Raise awareness. Fund research. Save lives.

Thank you
Victoria Hurley

Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

March

- 27th - Year 6 P.G.L meeting 6pm
- 27th - 4.05pm Boo Drama performance to parents
- 28th March - Year 1 class assembly 9am
- 28th - Usbourne Book Sale (under the gazebo) at 3.15pm
- 29th - House point reward afternoon led by Super Star Sports
- 30th - Sponsored Bounce
- 31st March - End of term 2.15pm
- 31st - Feel Good Friday

April

- 10th = F.O.W Easter Egg Hunt
- 17th April - INSET Day
- 18th April - Children return
- 18th - 21st April - Pupil Progress meetings
- 20th - Fire Safety assembly

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

27th - F.O.W children's disco

May

1st - May bank holiday

3rd - Class photographs

8th - Extra bank holiday

9th - 12th May - KS2 SAT's

15th - 19th - Walk to school week

16th - Inter House Netball and Football matches

15th - 19th May - Mental Health Awareness week

25th May - Year 2 class assembly

29th May - 2nd June - Half Term

June

5th June - INSET Day (report writing)

12th - 16th June - Fitness Week

13th June - Sports Day

Week beginning 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week

19th - 23rd June - Year 6 PGL

29th June - Reception class assembly

30th June - Watton has talent

July

Week beginning 3rd July - Year 6 Bikeability

6th July - Year 6 class assembly

3rd - 7th July - Assessment week

12th July - reports sent out to parents

18th/19th - Year 6 end of school production

21st July - Year 6 Leavers assembly

21st July - End of Term