Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School

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BRONZE SCHOOL 2024

Dear Widmer End families,

I have been feeling very proud this week as the children of Widmer End CC School continue to impress us with their talents! Our incredible girls' netball team has been training hard and they won their very first tournament at Pipers Corner on Thursday. Three additional teams and more matches are taking place tomorrow at Kingsmead - well done, team netball! We also sent some children from Year 3 and Year 4 classes to the Aim High Writers Day at Beechview School, where they wowed us with their amazing writing skills and demonstrated impeccable behaviour throughout the day.

I am looking forward to all the children in school showing us their artist talents during our special Art Week, where we will have visiting artists working with the children to create work to display in our own Widmer End Art Gallery. Join us on the last day of term (4th April) after drop off to view the gallery and enjoy the children's creations! More details to follow soon.

We are also hoping to see you all at our in-person parents' evenings in the last week of term. We will update you on your children's progress and you will have the opportunity to look at their books. Please remember that the appointments are limited to 10 minutes only; we ask that you book a separate appointment with your child's teacher another time if you have more to discuss as we cannot accommodate longer meetings on these evenings so we can keep to time. Thank you.

I am sorry to say we are still receiving complaints from our neighbours on Estcourt Drive about blocking their driveways at drop off and pick up times. If you do drive to school and cannot choose to walk instead, please consider arriving a little earlier and parking further away from school to avoid congestion in this area and ensuring homeowners can move on and off their driveways at all times. Thank you so much if this is a choice you are already making.

And finally, please join us for our Parents' Forum meeting on Friday 21st at 2.15pm. All are welcome - just let the office know if you can attend so we can prepare a suitable room for the numbers.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Marshall

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Basketball Festival at Holmer Green Senior School. Every team worked together to give their very best and lots of goals were scored! One of our teams also won the 'Fair Play' certificate. Well done, Year 3!
Ms Atkins

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th March
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week!
- Year 5 Trip to the NHM London

Tuesday 18th March
- Pre-School Parent Consultations
- Girls Netball Match vs Holmer Green

Wednesday 19th March
- Year R Pizza Express & Library Trip
- Football Match vs Great Kingshill

Thursday 20th March
- Pre-School Parent Consultations

Friday 21st March
- Parents Forum 2:15-3:15pm

Tuesday 25th March
- Year 6 First Aid Course

Wednesday 26th March
- Purple Day - Full Mufti
- CofE Church Assembly
- Girls Netball Match vs Carrington

Friday 28th March
- Year 4 Sharing Assembly 9-9:20am
- Reception Multiskills Tournament at Holmer Green Senior School
- Year 5 Water Safety Workshop

Sunday 30th March
- Mothers' Day

Monday 31st March
- Art Week!
- Parents Evening 3:40-6:40pm

Wednesday 2nd April
- PTA Easter Fun Day!
- Parents Evening 4-7pm

Attendance

School average this academic year

95.5%

This week:

Reception - 98.89%

Year 1 - 88.35%

Year 2 - 95.02%

Year 3 - 97.94%

Year 4 - 99.65%

Year 5 - 96.18%

Year 6 - 96.42%

This sudden burst of cold air isn't doing our health any favours, including staff!

Spotlight On SEND!

Please contact Mrs Ross-Wood for any SEND related enquiries. SEND@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk

SEND Support Phone Line

We are open everyday between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

01296 382135

Wycombe Wanderers 'Chairgirls' Updates

We have just over a week to go until we host Reading FC Women at Adams Park, and we can't wait to see as many of you there as possible to support our Chairgirls!

We are delighted to announce some updates around the fixture and some exciting additions to the evening...

- FREE Period Awareness & Education Workshop - Alongside Berks & Bucks FA and Hey Girls, we're hosting a free Period Awareness & Education Workshop on Tuesday 18th March @ Adams Park to help coaches, parents, and teachers better support young girls in sports - Click here to book your place, and secure a discount on your match ticket!
- Caledonian Suite open from 5.30pm, with food & drink available to purchase on the day
- Drinks can be taken to your seat (alcoholic & soft)
- Arsenal v Real Madrid in the UEFA Women's Champions League will be shown live in the Caledonian Suite, as well as the visit of our Chairboys v Rotherham!
- Parking at the stadium available for £1 (via the ticket link or payable on the gate)

We would really value our community turning out in force to come and support the girls, but we also want to make a statement on the importance of women's football, the growth of the game and showcase our inclusive pathway from first kick to first team.

Tickets are priced at just £5 for adults and £3 for under 18's with a 10% discount for booking in advance via the following link.

Come and enjoy a great local derby under the lights, in a fun, friendly atmosphere.
Chairgirls Tickets - CLICK HERE

Science Week

This week during Science Week the children have enjoyed learning and completing experiments based around the theme 'Change and Adapt'. Reception have looked at how corn changes into popcorn, Year 1 looked at animal adaptations and Year 5 have cleaned pennies and made lava lamps... to name a few!

The children also have the opportunity to enter a poster competition based on the theme Change and Adapt which needs to be handed in by Friday 21st March.

Miss Davis

Pre-School Updates

During Science week, we have been looking at things that look the same.

We decided together to do some butterfly painting to put theory into practice! The children understood the concept of only painting on one side of the paper before folding it in half, and then opening it to see the mirrored effect.

We also looked at things that float, as this was a special word from our book, Don't Wake Tiger. The children all loved finding an object from within the room and then in turn, we guessed and then watched whether the object would sink or float.

Can you remember what you found? Did it sink or float?

Don't forget our Pre-School Parent Consultations next Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you have forgotten your time slot, please ask a member of staff.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and let's hope the sun comes back soon.

Deborah

Pipers Corner Open Morning

Pipers Corner School is a local day school just outside of High Wycombe, and every year we enrol over 40 new students into Year 7 from over 25 different schools across Berks, Bucks, Herts and Oxon.

Our Spring Open Morning provides a wonderful opportunity for families to see Pipers in action during a busy school day and the event may be particularly pertinent to your parents with students in current Year 4 or 5, as they begin to consider their secondary school options. The admissions process for Year 7 2026 entry will commence in September of this year and it is important that families register as soon as possible for this entry point, as we are already over-subscribed. Likewise, for those considering Year 7 2027 entry, we still encourage early registration to secure a place towards the top of the list, as we always make our offers in order of registration date.

At Year 7 entry, there are a range of Scholarship and means-tested Bursaries that students can apply for.

Please see their online booking form **HERE**.

Cookies For Save The Children

Adam and Mrs Bravington worked really hard this week for the charity of Year 6's choice, Save the Children. We think they raised nearly £40. Well done!

Learn Makaton With Miss Allen

We learned about change and adaptions for science week. Here's the sign for 'recycle', to change, reuse or adapt!

Fists circle backwards, around each other.

Merit Awards

Special Merit Award winners this week are:

Year R - Florence & Ivy
Year 1 - The Whole Class!
Year 2 - Tabitha & Maxwell
Year 3 - Arthur & Grace
Year 4 - Oliver & Freddie
Year 5 - Arlo & Bella
Year 6 - Check Back Next Week!

Congratulations and thank you for being excellent role models to your peers!

Week of Netball!

What a week for Widmer End Netball!

On Wednesday, we had our FIRST EVER Mixed League fixture, against the Danesfield School. Our team fought hard and worked well together with a new line-up of players. The final score of 4-9 didn't feel like a loss at all, with all players smiling and enjoying themselves. We even dodged the hail!

On Thursday, our Girls League team had a morning tournament at Pipers Corner, looking very professional in our new kit. Our first match ended with a score line of 9-1, a fantastic start. Every match played afterwards showed the girls' teamwork and passion for the game and they made us all very proud.

The tournament ended with Widmer End winning the gold medals; well done girls!

We are really looking forward to our annual netball tournament at Kingsmead Netball Centre tomorrow, look out for the reports in next week's newsletter!

Mrs Weaver