



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a glorious week of sunshine it has been this week, making us all smile and putting a spring in our step.

Mrs Marshall, alongside Mrs Hillier attended the annual BASL leadership conference on Thursday and Friday this week, which is why I am writing to share all of the exciting things that have taken place in school.

To start the week, in our Values assembly, the children continued their learning about 'curiosity' and more about the life of our inspirational person 'Walt Disney'. His love of drawing and sketching, leads us brilliantly into Art Week next week, which we are all excited for!

Assembly on Wednesday led by Mr Rayner, saw a number of children helping to role-play the Easter story and the significance of Easter and why it is celebrated today. Reception class demonstrated a superb 'donkey walk' to re-enact Jesus' welcome into the City of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Thank you Mr Rayner!

Wednesday was also 'Wear Purple Day', to represent Epilepsy Awareness. We welcomed children into school in every shade of purple and had many age appropriate, child friendly discussions about what epilepsy is and what this could look like. We are proud of the maturity children showed in their discussions of this.

This week, Mrs Marshall spoke to the children about not bringing money into school. Unfortunately, there has been some confusion around our charity fundraising for 'Save the Children', with some children intending on raising money in their own way without approval from school staff first. All the children have been told that only fundraising that has been planned already by the original Year 6 team has our approval. Any money collected outside of this agreement has, however, been added to the 'Save the Children' total. We would kindly ask that you please do not give your children any cash to bring into school unless there is an event running - this will always be detailed in advance in our weekly newsletter. Many thanks for your support in this matter.



Shining Star Award

And on a final note of celebration, well done to the undefeated girls netball team on their win against Carrington Primary School on Wednesday. Also, to all of Year 6 for completing their First Aid training on Tuesday - Congratulations!

Hoping the sun continues to shine and you all enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Ross-Wood

Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st March

- Art Week!
- Parents Evening 3:40-6:40pm

Wednesday 2nd April

- PTA Easter Fun Day
- Parents Evening 4-7pm

Thursday 3rd April

- Pre-School Trip to Odds Farm
- Year 2 Trip to Woburn Safari Park
- League Football Match vs Hamilton

Friday 4th April

- Indian Dance Assembly
- Widmer End Art Gallery 9:15am-10:15am
- End of Term, School Finishes 1:30pm

Tuesday 22nd April

- School Reopens 8:30am

Tuesday 22nd April Cont.

- VR Workshops for KS2
- Green Up Your Act Workshops for EYFS & KS1
- U11s Football League Fixture vs Manor Farm (Away)

Thursday 24th April

- U11s Netball League Girls Fixture vs Stokenchurch (Away)

Friday 25th April

- Year 4 & 5 at Holmer Green Athletics Festival

Wednesday 30th April

- U11s Netball League Girls Fixture vs Hamilton (Home)

Friday 2nd May

- PTA Hot Dog Day
- Happy Bags

Attendance

School average this academic year

← 95.6%

This week:

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 92.86%

Year 2 - 96.21%

Year 3 - 98.52%

Year 4 - 98.13%

Year 5 - 98.13%

Year 6 - 94.84%

Our average is going up! Do we dare say that spring weather is here to improve our health?!



Spotlight On SEND!

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

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

Science Week Poster Competition

During Science Week, the children had the opportunity to create a poster based around the theme 'Change and Adapt'. The winners were announced in assembly this morning with their entries being sent in to the British Science Week National Poster Competition!

The winners were:

Early Years - Owen

Year 1 - Rosalie

Year 2 - Amelia

Year 3 & 4 - Eliza (Year 3)

Year 5 & 6 - George (Year 5)

A special mention to Imogen in Year 6 who created an amazing monkey air filtration system to go into zoos. We celebrated her ingenuity during assembly.

Miss Davis

Netball Report

What a glorious win on a sunny day for our Year 6 girls netball team this week against Carrington. The final score was 11-0 to us!

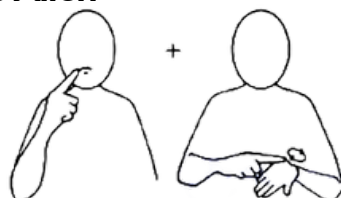
The match started and we were all playing really well. We won the first quarter, then all the other ones after that!

We did really well the whole time and I'm really proud of my team.

Elora Y6

Learn Makaton With Miss Allen

This week's sign is **purple** which is the colour for Epilepsy awareness!



Mawira - Our New Link School

This week, the children were introduced to our new link school in Kenya - Mawira Primary and Junior Comprehensive School.

It is near the town of Oyugis in Homa Bay County in the west of the country. We looked at lots of photos of the grounds and classrooms as well as finding out all about the school. We found that although there were many differences between our school and theirs, there were also many similarities. Many of their values are similar to ours, they compete in sporting events like us and they have a uniform very much like our summer uniform.

Their school day is longer than ours and the classrooms looked very different. They have 3 times the number of pupils that we do but a similar number of classrooms. We are really excited about the new link and are planning to write our first letters which will be taken out to them in the late spring/early summer.

Ms Atkins



Year 4 Sharing Assembly



All our pupils, teachers and the Year 4 parents were treated to a fantastic sharing assembly this morning. We learned about their studies for science, a glimpse of their geography, reconciled their reading and their mastery of maths.

They couldn't hide their excitement to share their future learning of the Mayan Civilisation, which might be due to the fact that they have a fun-packed trip to Cadbury World in May! We were treated to the 'Oompa Looma' song to wrap up the assembly, which the whole school enjoyed.



Pre-School Updates



Things are getting egg-citing in Pre-School. The children are looking forward to our trip to Odds Farm next week. We have been talking about baby animals; our book this week has been Ed's Egg. Can you remember how Ed's Egg cracked?

Creative skills were used to decorate an egg. The children all chatted about Easter, excited about the chocolate Easter eggs.

Happy weekend everyone!

Deborah

Art Week

Next Week is the first Widmer End Art Week! The children and staff are excited to create pieces which will be displayed in our 'Widmer End Art Gallery' throughout the school. This will open for you to come and view on the last day of term (Friday 4th April) between the times of 9:15 and 10am.

This week is also a wonderful opportunity for fundraising! There will be several QR codes around the gallery which will take you directly to ParentPay. We would be smiling like Mona Lisa if you would like to make a donation towards your child's artwork. All donations will be used to buy art curriculum resources for the school. Thank you!

Miss Davis

Merit Awards

Special Merit Award winners this week are:

Year R - Spencer & Daniel
 Year 1 - Sophie & Henry G
 Year 2 - Imogen & Max
 Year 3 - Joseph & Alice
 Year 4 - The Whole Class!
 Year 5 - Alfie B & Ibrahim
 Year 6 - Ayaan & Juli



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

Purple Day

Purple day was created in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a young girl from Canada, who has epilepsy and wanted to get people talking about the condition. Cassidy decided to use the colour purple because lavender is recognised as the international flower of epilepsy. Cassidy not only wanted to raise awareness but also assure people with epilepsy that they are not alone.



This year is our first Purple Day at Widmer End, to recognise those struggling with this debilitating condition and to spread awareness. Our pupils were able to learn more about how it affects people and how they can help if a person has an epileptic episode.

We are not collecting donations as a school. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause supporting research into epilepsy, please donate [HERE](#).

PTA Updates!

Mothers Day

Your children should have brought your Mother's Day gift home in the last couple of days, we hope that you love your gifts!

Circus! Wednesday 4th June

Get your tickets now at the early bird rate of £10.50 per person until 4th April.

Food is now available to pre-order at www.pta-events.co.uk/widmerend

If anyone is available from 4-6 to help run a stall or serve refreshments please let us know... the amount of games available will be based on the amount of volunteers we get, so the more the merrier (even if you aren't attending the circus).

If you would like to find out about your company sponsoring the circus, please do get in contact at pta@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk or let a PTA member know.

