



Collaboration Newsletter

April 2025

Welcome to the fourth edition of our collaboration newsletter as we come to the end of the Spring Term.

It has been another half term filled with wonderful learning opportunities and you can read a little bit about what each year group has been up to later in the newsletter.

I hope you all manage to have a good break over the Easter period and that the children will come back ready and refreshed for an exciting Summer Term. There is always lots going on in the last term of the year and you can find a list of dates for both schools right at the end of the newsletter.

We are excited that on Monday 28th April we will be having a joint maths theme day, where children from the infant and junior schools will have the opportunity to work together again. It is also not long until our upcoming joint community food festival on Saturday 17th May. Please put the date in your diary – it's sure to be a great event with live music, entertainment for the kids and of course, some delicious food.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy the sunshine while it lasts!

Mr Willis

Reception

Reception had a brilliant time with Beatfeet; they learnt African Drumming and many facts about the animals in Africa. In maths, the children have been sorting and exploring 3D shapes. We have also seen some beautiful writing in the children's lovely Easter cards they have been making. In PE the children have practised their ball skills and controlling the ball with a tennis racquet. There have been lots of lovely chats about spring and the different signs that spring has arrived.

Year 1

In art, the children have made their own houses out of clay, while looking at the different textures. They also painted their houses in some lovely colours! Year 1 have also been learning about waterproof materials and conducted their own experiment to see which materials were waterproof. In maths, the children really enjoyed using balancing scales to look at the mass of different objects. They have read the story of Rapunzel and written their own accounts of the story; there have been some amazing pieces of writing produced by the children- well done!

Year 2

Year 2 have had an amazing time continuing their topic on Mexico! The children danced through the day with Charm and learnt some Mexican sayings. They also produced some brilliant leaflets all about Mexico. They have continued learning about time, including how we use time in everyday life. After reading the story 'Amazing Grace' the children have chatted about how they can be anything they want to be!

Year 3

Year 3 have been super busy this half term. We started the first day back with our first Wellbeing Day. We loved writing compliments for each other to put in the jars we decorated. We had great fun when the poet Paul Cookson came to visit us and joined in with his hilarious poems. On World Book Day itself, we all attended a 'Book Café' in Class 1 where we were able to sample a menu of different genres of books. Our maths work has been mainly around fractions - they can look difficult at first but we're learning about wholes being split into equal parts, unit and non-unit fractions and just recently, equivalent fractions. In English, we have been writing our own instruction texts based on the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. In History we've studied the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and looked at how they changed people's lives. In PE we've been developing our skills in Dodgeball and the inclusive sport of Boccia.



Year 4

Non-stop as always in year 4 – we're currently enjoying the samosas we made in our DT, with the invaluable support of Meena and Jat from the Vegetarian Rasoi. We've become very adept with curling stones, whilst our Traders and Raiders History unit has wound to a close and we've been segueing gently into Ancient Egypt in readiness for next term. The children loved rummaging around in the cottages garden, first as part of our STEM Day, before looking for habitats in Science. Our Viking sagas are almost completed, whilst enjoying the rollercoaster that is fractions.

Year 5

Year 5 had the joys of food tasting to launch the Ancient Greek topic. They tucked in to olives, Greek yogurt, pittas and balsamic vinegar. We hear that Greek yogurt and honey has become a firm favourite among some of the children. We have been immersed in a world of Greek myths and have enjoyed learning about the bizarre goings-on between the gods and heroes. All of the children have taken part in Greek drama workshops and Easter workshops at St. Giles; lots of them have also enjoyed Bikeability and swimming. It's been very busy!

Year 6

Year 6 have been finishing off their topic on 'Frozen Planet' by using all of their knowledge of climate change to write amazing speeches to government to bring about change. They have written fantastic Trip Advisor reviews for fictional holidays to the polar regions (their use of irony in the one-star reviews was very amusing) and even learnt some excellent street dance moves to 'Ice Ice Baby'! They have begun designing their wind propelled turbines in DT and conducted some very scientific investigations using electrical circuits.

The Infants in Bloom



We would love to fill our playground with **child friendly** flowers and plants for the summer term. We have planters in our playground that are empty of colour and scent.

If you are in the **garden centre over Easter** or are able to take **cuttings** from your own garden, and would like to **donate**, we would love to receive herbs, perennial plants and any sensory plants. We hope our outdoor space will be in **bloom** very soon!



Morrison's

A big thank you to Morrison's and their community lead who have donated Easter eggs for our children in nurture group at the Juniors. We are delighted to have such a great connection with Morrison's and are very grateful for all their support.



Ordering lunch

We have had a number of **children who have been upset** as they have received the default meal of a jacket potato multiple times this week. Please remember to order **school meals** in advance to avoid your child's disappointment. Orders are done through Evolve.

<https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>

You need to order 48 hours before the start of the week (midnight Friday night).



Infant Summer Concert

Reception and Year 1 Summer concerts – Wednesday 7th May and Friday 9th May. Reception 9:30am, Year One 10:30am. We would like Reception children to come to school in an animal coloured t-shirt or animal costume. We would like Year 1 children to come to school in a brightly coloured t-shirt. Please send uniform in a named bag to change into after the show. More information about booking tickets will be available after Easter on Arbor.



Nurture Room

A big thank you to Emma Disney, grandmother of Kian and Ariella, completed the Robin Hood half Marathon to raise money for our nurture room. The team have spent the money transforming an area of the room in to a fantastic sensory space for our children to enjoy. The space is a great place for our children to spend some calm and quiet time.



Infant Assemblies

In the last few weeks, we have been thinking about...

Eid al Fitr, Easter and Mother's Day!

But the assembly you've all been waiting for...

Thrilling Thursday

Wow what an incredible talented group of children we have here at WBIS! We have been greatly entertained with a variety of acts such as:

Guitar playing, a poem in Spanish, amazing dances, Cheerleading, football trophies, gymnastics, cricket trophies, tennis certificates, piano playing, a talent show and counting in Spanish!

We can't wait to be thrilled next term again.

Junior Assemblies

In the last few weeks, we have been thinking about...

Eid al Fitr, Easter and neurodiversity!

We also had a very special end of term celebration assembly to say a farewell to Mrs Stevenson who has been with us for 35 years. The children sang her favourite song, read some memories and shared stories. It was a very fitting tribute to somebody who has had such a profound impact on the lives of so many children through the years. We wish Mrs Stevenson all the very best in her retirement.

This week we also said goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Robinson in the school office. She has been a much valued member of our office staff for 17 years and will be greatly missed.

Behaviour out of school

A couple of weeks ago we were contacted by more than one customer from the Portello Lounge in West Bridgford. I was incredibly disappointed to hear that children from our schools, identified because they were in our uniform, had been behaving in a disruptive way in the restaurant. We have high expectations of the children in school and while we appreciate that at home things can be more relaxed, when they are out in the community, particularly when wearing our uniform, they are representing our schools. It was disappointing to receive such complaints, and while thankfully nobody was hurt and nothing was damaged on this occasion, it did spoil other people's experience of being in the restaurant. We have also spoken to the children in assembly about their behaviour outside of school. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Infant Key dates for Summer Term

Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school/TB Sport Clubs start
Wednesday 23 rd April	Rattle & Roll Disney club starts
Friday 25 th April	PTA Curry & Quiz @ Junior School 7PM
Thursday 1 st May	Notts Cricket Trent Bridge Coaching (all classes)
Friday 2 nd May	Pupil Parliament
Wednesday 7 th May	Reception & Year 1 Summer Concert AM
Friday 9 th May	Reception & Year 1 Summer Concert AM
Friday 9 th May	Year 1 PJ Party
Saturday 17 th May	Community Food Festival @ WBJ Cottages Site 11-3pm
Friday 16 th May	Reception & Year 2 PJ Parties
Wednesday 21 st May	Perform Drama visit Reception classes
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 Wollaton Hall Visit
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception White Post Farm Visit
Monday 16 th – Friday 27 th June	Healthy Fortnight Activities
Friday 4 th July	Year 2 Beaumanor Hall Visit
Wednesday 9 th July	Transition day – Year 2 to visit WBJ
Friday 11 th July	School Summer Fair
Wednesday 23 rd & Thursday 24 th July	Year 2 Leavers Concerts AM
Friday 25 th July	Last day of school

Juniors Key dates for Summer Term

Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school
Monday 28 th April	Maths day
Friday 2 nd May	Class 10 assembly
Thursday 8 th May	Year 6 HSA social
Friday 9 th May	Class 7 assembly
Week beginning 12 th May	SATs week
Friday 16 th May	Class 4 assembly
Saturday 17 th May	Food Festival
Week beginning 19 th May	Year 5 & 6 Health and Sport Week
Friday 23 rd May	Class 1 assembly
Monday 2 nd June	Year 6 Road Safety Workshops
Friday 13 th June	Class 6 assembly
Week beginning 16 th June	Year 2 & 4 Health and Sport Week
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 5/6 Music Showcase
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 3/4 Music Showcase
Friday 27 th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 9 th July	Transition day
Tuesday 22 nd & Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Production
Friday 25 th July	Y6 leavers assembly and last day of school