

Spring Newsletter 4

Welcome back to the second part of the spring term at WBSJ. Below is a little update from each year group:

Year 3 are now studying the Bronze Age. This week we've learnt about 'grave goods'. The Stone Age Topic has really gripped the children who have brought in truck-loads of their own rocks to share. Mr Vane (real-life geologist and Dad) wowed everyone with stories of his travels and his collection of rocks and fossils. In music the children are learning new notes on their recorders and we were delighted by the positive start to our morning choir. Finally, we've started to learn a new sport called Boccia – it's an inclusive Paralympic sport.

Since half term, Year 4 have started to write their own Viking sagas based on the book 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones. In maths we have been learning about perimeter of shapes and calculating perimeter. We've really enjoyed having a go at Curling in PE even though there's no ice in the hall and we're looking forward to starting Paceyball again. Soon, we're hoping to make some vegetable samosas as part of our DT work.

It's been a busy couple of weeks for Year 5. To launch our new topic, the children enjoyed a variety of activities, including tasting some traditional Greek foods. Greek yoghurt and honey was a hit, but the olives were more controversial! A number of children have taken part in Bikeability and have learnt how to safely navigate the roads of West Bridgford. Feedback from instructors has been positive and the children should feel proud of their achievements. Swimming has also started this week for half the year group, while the other half will be learning to play the glockenspiel as well as practise some tennis skills.

It is the turn of Year 6 to enjoy a dance unit with Joanna from Rattle and Roll on Wednesday mornings. We've been investigating Climate Change as part of our Frozen Planet topic, which ties in nicely with our DT unit, in which we're planning and making a wind turbine. As for Maths, this term is our first introduction to algebra! The Ice Bear is our current text in English, stimulating poetry last week and character development this week.

Rocksteady Concerts

Later in March there will be an opportunity to hear what the children have been up to during their Rocksteady sessions. Each band will have an opportunity to perform the songs they have been working on and we are inviting parents of the children to come and watch the performances.

If your child usually has their session on a Wednesday, the concert will take place on 20th March at 2pm in the hall at main school.

If your child usually has their session on a Friday, the concert will take place on 27th March at 2pm in the hall at main school.

We have been told that the concerts will last between 45 minutes and an hour. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

Save the date

We can now confirm that the Year 6 leavers party will be on Friday 19th July at The Boat Club. Times and full ticket details will be confirmed in due course but the parents who are organising the event wanted to let you know early to make sure people have it in their diary!

Key dates for the rest of the year

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| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day |
| Week beg 18 th March | Parents' Evenings |
| Week beg 25 th March | Art Week |
| Thursday 28 th March | Last day of term |
| Monday 15 th April | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 16 th April | Year 6 height & weight check |
| Thurs 18 th – Sun 21 st April | Art Gallery at Methodist Church |
| Week beg 13 th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Saturday 18 th May | Community Food Festival |
| Mon 27 th – 31 st May | Half Term |
| Friday 28 th June | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Class swap morning |
| Friday 19 th July | Year 6 leavers party |