

Welbourne Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer certainly felt like it was still with us as we returned to school during the hottest week of the year. It was great to see everyone return to school and welcome our new pupils who have just joined us. A special mention needs to go to the classes that were required to move due to the closure of part of the school building. I am pleased to say that everyone has worked together to excel given the circumstances.

This term we shared our new behaviour policy with our children. This can be found [here](#) and this will be shared with you in our Learning Cafes. Welbourne now has four school rules. These are **Ready, Respectful, Kind and Safe**. The rule of **Kind** was chosen, as when surveyed, pupils said that kindness was most important to them.

Our new policy emphasises the importance of a consistent approach, and the behaviour of adults in addition to children. While I encourage you to read the whole policy, please pay special attention to the section **'Expectations of Parents/Carers'**. Your support with our new policy would be greatly appreciated and ultimately benefit our children.

Finally, I wish to highlight the importance of sharing your concerns with us. If you do have a worry, please speak to your child's teacher or a member of staff at a school entrance.

Mr R.Lane

Ready, Respectful, Kind and Safe



Learning Cafes

This week we held our first Learning Cafes of the year. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us.



We hope they have been useful in helping you support your child with their learning this year.



International Evening - postponed

Our annual International Evening has had to be postponed due to the school's RAAC issue. Hopefully, we can go ahead in the spring.

Dates for your diary...

- Hudson Class - Learning Cafe - Tuesday 3rd October
- Half Term Break - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October - school closed
- INSET Day - Monday 30th October - school closed
- Parents' Evening - Thursday 23rd & Monday 27th November
- UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) Christmas concert - Friday 15th December
- LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) Christmas concert - Monday 18th December
- KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas concert - Thursday 14th December
- EY (Reception & Nursery) Christmas concert - Tuesday 19th December
- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day - Wednesday 20th December
- School finishes at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st December
- INSET Day - Monday 8th January
- INSET Day - Friday 24th May





NEW Reception Outdoor Learning Environment

We are excited to share with you our new Reception outdoor learning environment. Children now have access to a mud kitchen, a stage, a planting area, home corner, a sound zone, small world zone and a reading area.



Westminster Mile

On Saturday 23rd September some of our pupils took on the challenge of running one of the most iconic miles: **the Vitality Westminster Mile**. The run follows a spectacular route, setting off from The Mall and finishing in front of Buckingham Palace.

We are very proud of all the children who took part and celebrated all runners in our whole school celebration assembly on Monday where they shared their medals with pride.

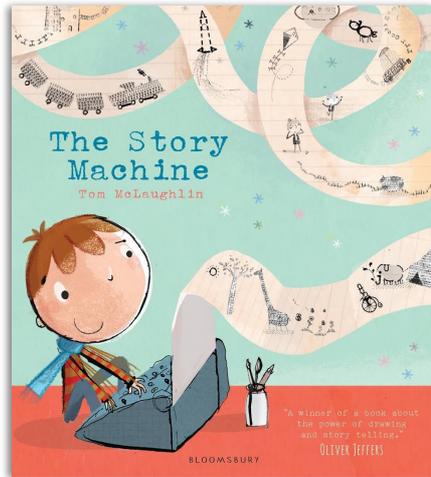




Book Recommendation

Our whole school picture book this year is *The Story Machine* by Tom McLaughlin.

Elliott is a boy who likes to find things and, one day, he stumbles across a machine. At first, he can't work out what the machine is for – it doesn't beep or buzz like all his other machines and it doesn't have an ON/OFF button. Then, quite by accident, Elliott makes the machine work. The machine makes letters! You can watch the author read the book [here](#).



Class Assemblies

We are delighted to invite families into school again to watch our incredible class assemblies. Below you will see dates for each class assembly of the Autumn Term and these have also been added to the school calendar.

Assemblies start at 9:15am

Autumn Friday Assemblies:

13/10/23 - Amazon Class

20/10/23 - Zambezi Class

03/11/23 - Indus Class

10/11/23 - Mississippi Class

17/11/23 - Nile Class

24/11/23 - Seine Class

01/12/23 - Orinoco Class

We hope you can join us!



Lunches

Please be reminded that this year ALL children are entitled to free school meals.

Packed Lunches

If you wish to, you are able to provide your child with a packed lunch. The food should be **healthy** to provide the child with the nutrition needed for a productive afternoon. Fruit juice, milk drinks or water may be provided. **Fizzy drinks, nuts and sweets are not permitted.**

A balanced packed lunch should contain:

- Starchy foods. These are bread, rice, potatoes and pasta, and others.
- Protein foods. These are meat, fish, eggs, beans and others.
- A dairy item. This could be cheese or yoghurt.
- Vegetables or salad, and a portion of fruit.



Prime is strictly not allowed. The energy version contain high doses of caffeine and the hydration drink poses a risk of vitamin toxicity.



Gifted Piano

We are very happy to announce that we have been gifted a beautiful piano. The piano belonged to the late Mr John Bamford, who was a teacher in Haringey for many years. Katherine, his sister, chose to gift it to us so the next generation could benefit from it. We are extremely grateful and look forward to hearing pupils playing and enjoying this splendid instrument.



Flu immunisation for pupils. in school years: Reception - Y6

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter. **To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click [here](#).**

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

[Click here for further information.](#)

Supporting Children's Speech and Language Development - information sharing sessions

The way that children access support with speech and language in Early Years Settings and primary mainstream schools is changing.



Come and hear about the new pathways for support at one of these information sharing sessions on **Wednesday 4th October**.

Daytime session

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm
Place: Chestnuts Community Centre (N15 5BN)

[Book a place here](#)

Evening session

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
Place: online

[Book a place here](#)

How we keep our minds fit, by keeping our bodies fit!

The Welbourne Team know the importance of staying physically active. We know exercise:

- Improves brain function
- Improves sleep
- Reduced levels of anxiety and stress
- Strengthens bones and muscles
- Increases flexibility
- Prevents disease.

Ms Nouafasse & Ms Malhi enjoy weight lifting.

Over the next few months we will be showcasing some of the different activities we do to keep fit...



Uniform



red sweatshirt or cardigan



black trousers or skirt



black shorts or red and white summer dress



black or white hijabs (avoid patterns or other colours)



white shirt or polo t-shirt



black shoes

Attendance / Punctuality



- **Magic Breakfast:** 8.45 am
- **Soft start:** 8:45 - 8:55am
- **End of the Day:** 3:30pm

Items to leave at home



black shorts / joggers / leggings



white t-shirt



trainers / plimsolls



PE Kit

Reminders

Children's Details

Should any details change such as contact numbers or addresses, please ensure you pass this information onto the school office.

Also, if any medical or allergy information changes, please inform the office as soon as possible.





Attendance & Punctuality

Your child should not be off school unless they are unwell as days off may affect your child's progress. All children have a right to an education (UNICEF article 28) and need to attend school regularly to benefit.

Huge congratulations to **Tweed class** for their excellent punctuality this month. Please keep up your efforts to improve attendance and punctuality in all year groups.

Class	Attendance
YR - Thames	92.8%
YR - Tyburn	94.8%
Y1 - Trent	92.7%
Y1 - Tweed	93.6%
Y2 - Tagus	95.5%
Y2 - Seine	91.8%
Y3 - Nile	95.5%
Y3 - Zambezi	97.6%
Y4 - Ganges	95.7%
Y4 - Indus	88.2%
Y5 - Orinoco	94.1%
Y5 - Amazon	93.5%
Y6 - Mississippi	96.1%
Y6 - Niagara	96.0%
Y6 - Hudson	96.8%

Star Attendance of the Month:

Zambezi 97.6%

Our Total Attendance of the Month: **94.3%**

Our Total Attendance Target: **95%**



Wellbeing Corner

Each month we try to share something you can do to support your child's wellbeing. Today our focus is creativity.

Creativity is an essential part of wellbeing. We need to give children the space to be creative and join in the process with them. Find times to sing and dance with children, this can be a joyful experience.

Give children the opportunity to experiment with a wide range of materials and mark-making tools (this can be leaves, mud and acorns). Creativity should be about enjoying the activity and not about having a finished product.



Friends of Welbourne Primary School

Events & Fundraising

The Friends of Welbourne organised an array of successful events and fundraising campaigns last year. We would love more parents to get involved in future events. The Friends of Welbourne are meeting on **Thursday 5th October** virtually at 9:30am.

The meeting link can be found [here](#).



Harvesting Our Tomatoes

On Thursday, some of our Year 5s harvested our tomatoes.



They were perfectly ripe and smelt delicious. We loved eating them for lunch on Friday.



Fire Brigade Visit

This week the London Fire Brigade did workshops with our Year 2 and Year 5 pupils. Children learnt about common fire hazards, the importance of smoke alarms, what to do in an emergency and how to call 999.

[Resources for teaching your children at home.](#)

[Free home fire safety visit & smoke alarm.](#)



Our Behaviour Policy

We have decided to review and improve our behaviour policy following further training and research into what approaches have the most positive impact on **all** pupil outcomes.

Key to our new approach is consistency, positive behaviour reinforcement, clear and fair consequences, procedures to support relationships, restorative practices, clear routines and it being an inclusive and trauma informed approach. Over the next few months we will share different parts to support you to fully understand our new approach.

Find our new policy [here](#)



Disaster Appeal Links

Our thoughts go out to everyone who has been affected by the [Moroccan Earthquake](#) and the [Floods in Libya](#). We are sharing the Red Cross appeals for both charities if anyone would like to donate.



Y6 Secondary Transfer Application

It is now the time of year when parents of Year 6 children think about their secondary school application. Applications must be made online.

Lists of secondary school open mornings and evenings have been shared and the deadline to apply for secondary school places is October 31st.

If you require any support in making your child's application, please contact the office to book an appointment with Ms Lambert. Alternatively, you can find further information by following this link to our [Further Information Sheet](#).

Here is the link to [Haringey's online application form](#)



Measles

Measles update: getting your child vaccinated can prevent them from being sent home from school to self-isolate.

We continue to see an increase in Measles circulating in London. Please make sure your child's Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations are up to date as they start at or return to school.

Your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations when they have had two doses of this vaccination. This gives your child 99% life-long protection and helps to reduce further spread of the infection in our community. You can check this by looking at their personal health record (red book) or by asking your GP practice.



Vaccination UK

How do I get my child vaccinated?

If your child is not up to date, make an appointment for your child to have the vaccination as soon as possible. If your child is in school in Haringey, you can book into a clinic using this online link:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-uO-clinics>

Alternatively, you can book an appointment by calling 0208 017 4292.

Self-isolation explained

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone with measles and your child is not fully vaccinated against MMR (both doses), your child may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days. This could mean missing school for up to 21 days.

Children who are fully vaccinated do not need to be excluded from school as they are well protected and will not continue to spread the infection. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected people they come into contact with.

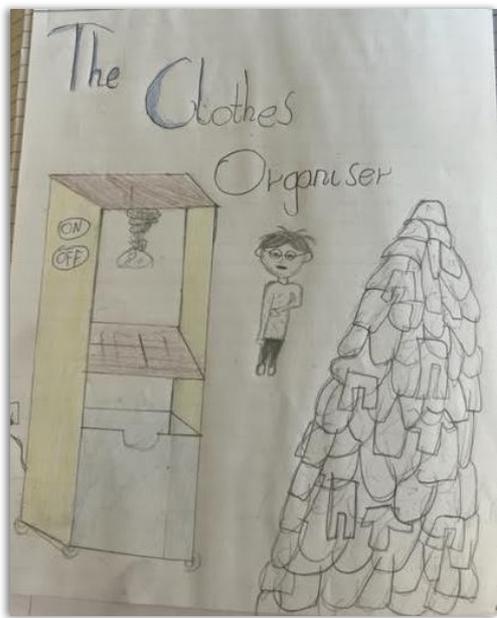
Symptoms of measles

Measles symptoms are: High fever, sore red watery eyes, coughing, and feeling generally unwell, a blotch red/brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

Anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home (from work or school) and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting their GP practice or A&E. This is because measles spreads very quickly and so it is important to try and prevent the illness spreading further.

Parents and carers have received a letter from the school which contains further information.

It's vital that missed vaccinations are caught up.



Children's Writing Corner

All year groups have been creating picture books inspired by their work on **The Story Machine** by Tom McLaughlin. This month we are sharing Kymaani's - one of our Year 6 pupils.

