

# Welbourne Primary School Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

December has been a month that has had a true community spirit at Welbourne. A huge thank you to all that have supported with events such as the Winter Fair, Music concerts and Christmas Shows. It has been amazing to see such great attendance and see a tremendous amount of talent on show at our school.

I would like to share with you some updates that will take place at the beginning of the Spring Term. First of all, following feedback from some parents about our school meals, there will be less cakes offered to our children for desserts. This can be seen [here](#).

Secondly, following work and consultation with all of our stakeholders, we will be sharing our updated school vision with you at the beginning of the new term. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this piece of work.

Finally, whether you celebrate Christmas or not, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful and safe winter break. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2024!

*Mr R Lane*

**Together we learn. Together we succeed**



## Pantomime

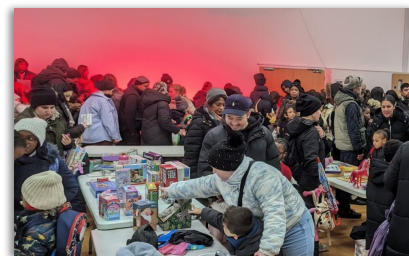
Earlier this month, all of our children (from Nursery up to Year 6) had a fantastic time watching one of our pantomimes delivered by the amazing *Big Foot Theatre*. Our younger children enjoyed an engaging production of **'The Littlest Christmas Elf!'** Year 2 - 6 enjoyed the show **'Dip and Dab's Christmas Remix.'** Children loved the opportunity to see a live production.



## Winter Fair

What a huge success the Winter Fair was! It was so well attended and filled with a real sense of joy and community. Thank you so much to the Friends of Welbourne and all who helped out. I am delighted to say that we raised over £600.

Thank you everyone!



## Reception September 2024

Can we remind anyone with siblings due to begin at Welbourne in September 2024 to ensure they complete the [online application](#). Every pupil must complete an online application even if siblings are already in the school or they attend our school Nursery. The deadline to apply is **15th January 2024**.

## Dates for your diary...

- Monday 8th January - INSET Day
- Tuesday 23rd January @ 9:30 - Parents' Forum Virtual Meeting
- Wednesday 31st January @ 2:30 - SEND Forum Meeting
- Monday 5th February @ 9:05am - Learning Cafes - Y5
- Tuesday 6th February @ 9:05am - Learning Cafes - Y2 / Y4
- Wednesday 7th February @ 9:05am - Learning Cafes - Y3 / Nursery (times TBC)
- Thursday 8th February @ 9:05am - Learning Cafes - Reception
- Thursday 8th February @ 9:00am - Y6 SATs Meeting / Y6 Learning Cafe at 9:30am
- Friday 9th February @ 9:05am - Learning Cafe - Tweed Class
- Friday 9th February @ 9:30am - Learning Cafe - Trent Class after their assembly (9:30am)
- Friday 24th May - INSET Day
- Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April - Y6 Easter School



## Winter Jumper Day & Christmas

### Dinner

On **Wednesday 20th December**

we invited children to come into school wearing Winter Jumpers. We loved getting festive with you all!



## Christmas Concerts

Thank you, families, for joining us at our Christmas Concerts in the recent weeks.

The children really enjoyed showcasing their talents in front of everyone, and we hope the songs, poems, and acting brought joy to your faces.



## Class Assemblies

We absolutely love having you in school to watch our class assemblies. Below you will see dates for the Spring 1 class assemblies. These have also been added to the school calendar.

**Assemblies start at 9:15am:**

Spring 1 Assemblies:

**17/01/24 - Y6 Hudson Class (note change)**

19/01/24 - Y2 Tagus Class

26/01/24 - Y1 Tweed Class

02/02/24 - Y4 Ganges Class

09/02/24 - Y1 Trent Class

We hope you can join us!



## Wellbeing Corner

**ADVICE FROM PLACE2BE**

*As parents and carers, we play an important role in teaching children and young people how to understand and manage their feelings as they grow up.*

**I'm worried about my child**

**Follow our advice for getting urgent help.**

**What can I do at home?**

- Find time to talk, just the two of you – 'Check in' with them while you're doing things together, so they get used to talking about their feelings.
- Play together – Play helps them to be curious, learn new things, solve problems and express feelings without words.
- Be a role model – Show how you cope with difficult feelings and look after yourself.

**Where can I get more information?**

Child mental health and wellbeing

NHS - Young Minds - MindEd  
Place2Be's blog.



## Parenting programme for parents/carers of children with autism

Our next 6-week Cygnet parenting programme for parents/carers of autistic children and young people aged 6-18 starts in January 2024.

- Start date: Wednesday 12 January (Length - 6 weeks)
- Times: 10am to 1pm
- Location: Broadwater Farm Children's Centre

For more information, follow the [LINK](#)

## SEND Groups at Family Hub

Family Hubs at the Triangle Centre hosts weekly Nurture Group sessions for children with SEND under five and their families.

- Every Tuesday from 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- At Triangle Centre, 91-93 St. Anns Road N15 6NU
- For more information, please call the reception desk at 020 8802 8782 Or email [trianglecentre@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:trianglecentre@haringey.gov.uk)

Other support from the Language & Autism Support Team:

[Winter Break Support](#)  
[Autism Well-being Session](#)







## Music Concerts

At Welbourne, we enrich our music curriculum offer, by ensuring every child learns to play an instrument in Year 4. Where possible, those who show dedication and practice consistently are offered the chance to continue in Year 5 and Year 6.



Thank you families for joining us last week to see our newest musicians present their first concert and see the remarkable progress they've achieved. It was equally delightful to listen to our more seasoned musicians as they enter their second or third year of playing.

## V&A Y1 @ Young V&A

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the young Victoria and Albert Museum supporting their History learning around the topic 'Toys through Time'. It deepened children's knowledge about the toys that were used in the past and how much they have changed. The children had a fantastic time and the teachers reported that they were excellent Welbourne representatives.



## BRUCE CASTLE MUSEUM & ARCHIVE Y3 @ Bruce Castle

Year 3 loved their visit to Bruce Castle Park earlier this month, enriching their DT learning. While there, they took part in a Geography fieldwork activity, helping children to further develop their orienteering skills.



## Word Millionaires

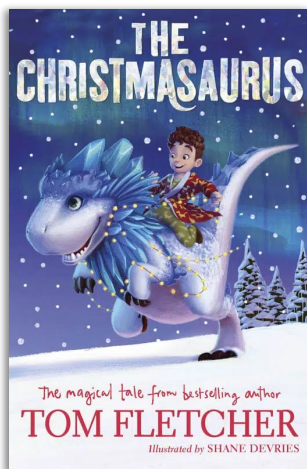
**Nathan Y5**  
**Kayden Y5**  
**Noah (Y6) over 2 million**

Well done to these children who have read over 1 million words! A fantastic achievement. Keep reading!

## Book Recommendation

The number-one-bestselling, magical first children's novel from Tom Fletcher. This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus.

It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer. It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible...



## Reading Chapter One Volunteers

Some of our Y1 & Y2 children had a wonderful time virtually meeting their reading volunteers this month.

Thank you to Chapter One for providing volunteers readers for 40 of our children.





## Attendance & Punctuality

Unfortunately, the number of children being late for school has increased significantly this month. Please be reminded that the gate opens at 8:45am and **school begins at 8:55am**. Please ensure your child is on time every day.

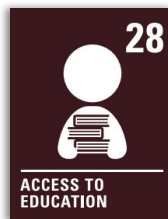
Class	Lates	Attendance
YR - Thames	11	85.39%
YR - Tyburn	24	72.63%
Y1 - Trent	17	87.88%
Y1 - Tweed	5	86.98%
Y2 - Seine	17	91.79%
Y2 - Tagus	22	90.99%
Y3 - Nile	8	95.19%
Y3 - Zambezi	2	90.83%
Y4 - Ganges	21	90.21%
Y4 - Indus	21	95.27%
Y5 - Amazon	12	95.30%
Y5 - Orinoco	11	93.70%
Y6 - Hudson	18	91.78%
Y6 - Mississippi	10	98.17%
Y6 - Niagara	7	92.31%

Star Attendance of the Month:

**Mississippi 98.17%**

Our Total Attendance of the Month: **90.40%**

Our Total Attendance Target: **95%**



## Y3 & Y4 Bikeability Training

Our pupils loved taking part in bikeability training.



## 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.

Each month we will be showcasing some of the different activities we do to keep fit...

Ms Cappello enjoys playing football!



## Behaviour



*Which class will it be this half term???*

We are currently counting up which class has had the most days where all children in the class were successfully recognised for their excellent choices. In January we will announce the winning class and they will be invited to a tea party with Mr Lane.



## Children's Rights



This month one of our focus Rights was Article 30 which states that – if you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion, and use your own language. Children were reminded of the importance of being respectful when:

- other children speak a different language or have a different accent
- other families eat different foods, wear different clothes and/or celebrate different festivals.



## HARINGEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

**Haringey**  
LONDON



Holiday camp fun for children receiving Free School Meals. All activities are free to book and include a free meal for your child/children if you are eligible for Free School Meals. You need a code to book, which has been sent to you by our school office.

[Link to Booking Page](#)



## Love Clean Streets

Love Clean Streets enables you to report environmental issues, such as fly-tipping, dog mess or potholes, quickly and directly to your local authority in a four step process, for free. Follow the [LINK](#) to get the app.



## Secret Safari Community Ride

Haringey Cycling Campaign, Haringey Living Streets, and Healthy Streets St Ann's, would like to extend an invitation to you and your families to join them for [a community family-friendly Secret Safari cycle ride on Saturday, December 30th at 11am.](#)

The event will start at Chestnuts Park cafe and finish at Lordship Rec, visiting wonderful murals by local artists [James Traffon](#) and [ATMStreetArt](#) en route.

To sign up please for FREE, follow the [link](#).

## Spelling Shed

In January we will be taking a new approach to how children will learn spelling at home - we will be using Spelling Shed.

Spelling Shed is a simple, fun web-game that is playable through any internet browser on phones, tablets or computers. Each week, pupils will be assigned a spelling rule that they have been focussing on in class.

In January, teachers will share passwords/QRs with you so we can get started.

## Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club Fee Update

Over the years we have worked hard to keep fees the same despite increased staffing, food and resourcing costs and significant challenges around school funding. Unfortunately, we are now in a position where we have no alternative but to increase our fees in order to continue to provide the level of service our families expect.

From Tuesday 9th January, the charge for Breakfast Club will increase to £2.50 per session per child and Afterschool Club will increase to £12 per session per child.

Please be reminded there is a government tax-free childcare scheme available for families - follow the [LINK](#) for more information.

# ChildLine

0800 1111 

Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, our trained counsellors are here to support you. Childline is free, confidential and available any time, day or night.

You can talk to us:

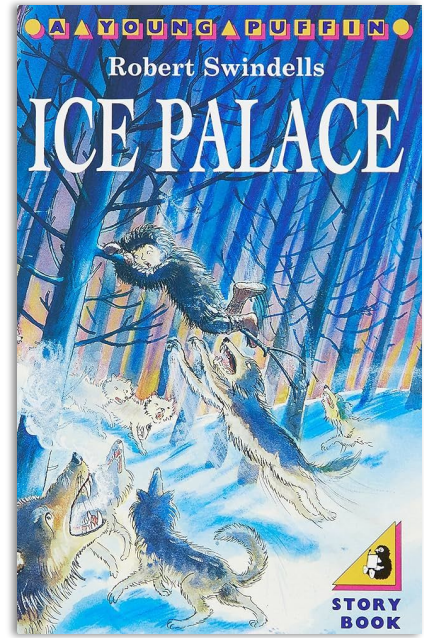
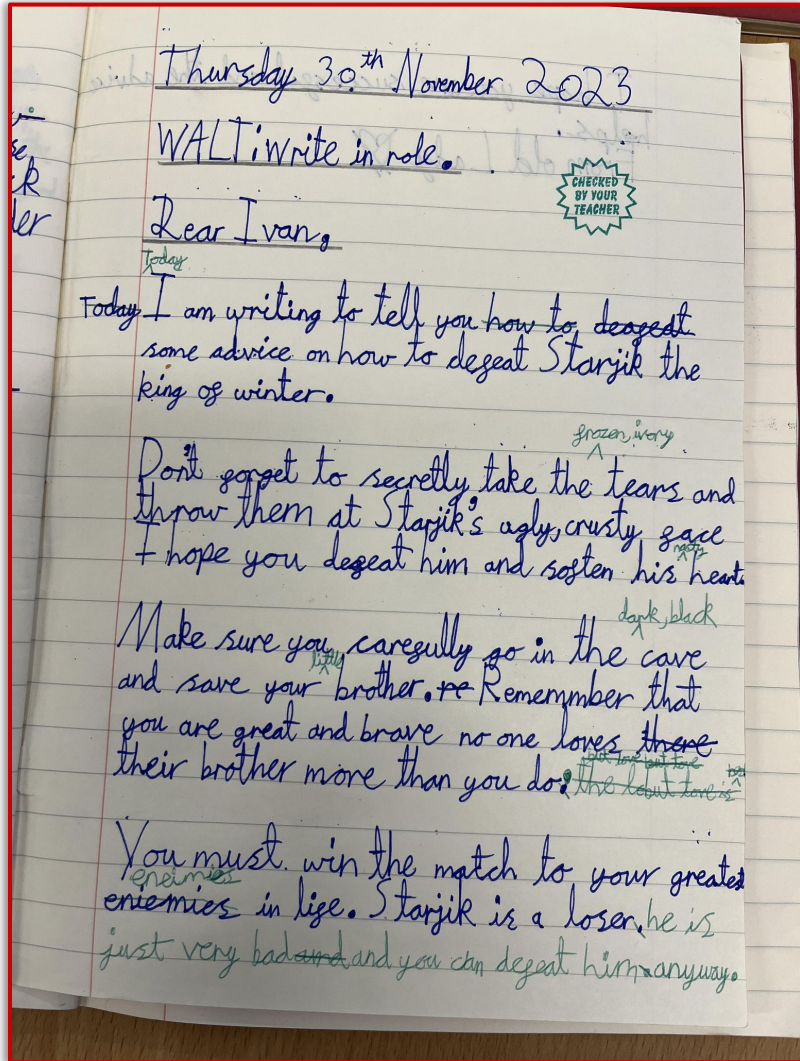
- by calling 0800 1111
- by [email](#)
- through [1-2-1 counsellor chat](#)

Whatever feels best for you.



# Children's Writing Corner

Each month we publish some children's writing in the newsletter. This month, we publish writing by Y3 inspired by their text Ice Palace. They wrote letters of advice & encouragement to Ivan from the mysterious 'old woman' who has been helping Ivan.



Well done to Venus and Gabriella in Zambezi Class.

