# Welbourne Primary School Newsletter

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#### Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you all had a fantastic half term. It has been a pleasure welcoming everyone back to school. Finally the weather is starting to improve, the days are getting longer and we look forward to an extremely busy half term.

There have already been a number of events that have taken place since we have returned. Some lucky children in KS2 went to see Shoemaker at Millfield Theatre, where key messages about empathy and resilience were shared. Year 6 have attended the London Museum in Docklands and we have welcomed Garfield, a Cricket Coach from Middlesex County Cricket club to work with four of our classes.

Next week the highlight is World Book Day. Seeing so many children dress up as their favourite character always puts a smile on everyone's face. We always encourage the grown ups to join in too! Please do not make the same mistake I made one year, when I left my bag on the bus and needed to go to the end of the bus route dressed as Superman!

Finally, a huge thank you to our friends who have volunteered to support with International Evening. Volunteers are meeting on Wednesday 5th March at 2:15 Thursday 6th March at 9am. If you are able to support us we need you! Please meet at the school office at one of these times if you can help.

> Mr R Lane Together we learn. Together we succeed

#### **International Evening**

We will host International Evening on the

#### 27th March

Do you have a talent that you can share with our community?

If you'd like to perform or have a talent you'd like to share, please let the office know and someone will be in touch with you.

We will also be looking for contributions of food from all of our diverse community so please add your name and dish to the list in the office.



Let's use the Love Clean Streets app to help keep our environment clean and safe for our community. The app allows reports to be made under many categories including:

- Dog fouling
- Dumped rubbish
- **Flyposting**
- Graffiti

The app is available on iPhone and Android phones:

- Download Love Clean Streets for iPhone (external link)
- Download Love Clean Streets for Android (external link)

Love Clean Streets is free to download. You can take a photo of the problem, and send it directly to the team responsible for fixing it. Let's all help to keep our community clean.

# Dates for your diary....

- World Book Day (dress up) Thursday 6th March 2025
- Book Fair Friday 14th to 19th March 2025
- Parents' Evening Thursday 13th March & Monday 17th March 2025
- **International Evening Thursday 27th March 2025**
- School Holiday Monday 7th April 2025 Monday 21st April 2025
- Bank Holiday school closed Monday 5th May 2025
- Y6 SATs Monday 13th to Friday 17th May 2025

# Educational Visits and Activities Year 2 - London 200







Children visited London Zoo to learn about animals and their habitats as part of the science curriculum. They particularly enjoyed the penguins and the butterfly house, although many different animals were on individual children's favourite list.

#### NED show



On Thursday 13th
February, children
and staff enjoyed an
engaging and
interactive show
promoting positive
attitudes, academic
achievement and
better behaviour by
transforming the
way students face
challenges.

#### Parent & Carer Food Tasting Days

This week we have welcomed the first groups of parents to come and sample our school lunches and experience what it's like to eat lunch in our lunch hall. Next week, we look forward to welcoming our KS2 parents. If you haven't already, please sign up at the office so we know how much additional food to prepare. We are open to feedback and will forward this to Lunchtime our catering company. Lunchtime provide lunches for many schools across London and the UK.



#### 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 Spring Term and these have also been added to the school calendar. Assemblies start at 9:15am.

Friday Assemblies: 07/03/25 Y3 Purdy 14/03/25 Y1 Hockney 21/03/25 Y6 Barksdale 28/03/25 Y2 Matisse 04/04/25 Y4 Hepworth 02/05/25 Y5 Mondrian 09/05/25 Y1 Basquiat 23/05/25 Y3 Haring

We hope you can join us! If your child's class is not listed their assembly will be in the Summer term.

#### **Earrings & Footwear**

#### **Earrings – Studs Only**

For safety reasons, children must only wear small **stud earrings** to school. **Hoop or dangling earrings** pose a risk during playtime, PE, and other activities, as they can easily get caught and cause injury. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are studs only.

#### **Wellies & School Shoes**

With the changing weather, we understand that many children wear wellies to school, particularly on wet or muddy days. However, once they arrive at school, all children must change into their school shoes for the day. This helps to keep classrooms clean, ensures comfort, and supports children's posture and movement throughout the school day.

We appreciate your support in following these guidelines.

# Book Recommendation

#### **Troll Stinks!**

Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross

Troll Stinks makes for an excellent choice of book for today's children and one with the



potential to both entertain and spark meaningful discussions.

Billy the Goat and his friend Cyril are playing with a phone when they decide to send mean messages to the troll living under the bridge. Soon, the two friends discover that their online actions have had a significant impact on the troll's feelings and that their messages were not such a fun idea after all.

The book is part of a series that spins traditional tales into the modern age and examines the impact of technology on children's safety.

With more primary-aged children than ever having access to online messaging, the book is bound to open impactful discussions. Even for children who do yet use their devices in this way, the broader themes of bullying, empathy, recognising the impact of words and stopping mean behaviour in its tracks will resonate with even the youngest children.

This important and entertaining story is a modern must-read.

#### Book Week & World Book Day

Get ready to dive into the wonderful world of books as we celebrate Book Week from 3rd to 7th March! Throughout the week, children will engage in a range of creative and fun activities to get them thinking and talking about books. On **Thursday 6th March**, we are inviting all children and staff to **dress up as a book character** and - if possible - bring in the book their character is from. Please find more details in the <u>Book</u> Week Letter.

#### **Correct PE Kits**

We have noticed an increase in the number of children wearing incorrect PE kits. Please ensure your child has the correct kit on their PE days:

- White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Black shorts / leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls





#### **Fake News and Scams**

'Fake News' refers to the falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even money.

This helpful <u>leaflet</u> can be used to help children further understand this, as well as some helpful hints and tips to support families at home.



### **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 **Miro Class** for their <u>excellent</u> <u>punctuality</u> again this month. Please keep up your efforts to improve attendance and punctuality in all year groups.

Class	Attendance	Lates
YR - Goldsworthy	93.7%	25
YR - Murakami	89.8%	26
Y1 - Basquiat	89.7%	33
Y1 - Hockney	90.3%	16
Y2 - Da Vinci	96.80%	16
Y2 - Matisse	92.0%	15
Y3 - Haring	93.1%	23
Y3 - Purdy	92.7%	13
Y4 - Hepworth	95.6%	9
Y4 - Miro	94.6%	4
Y5 - Mondrian	96.86%	12
Y5 - Van Gogh	93.0%	11
Y6 - Barksdale	93.8%	15
Y6 - Kahlo	94.1%	10

Star Attendance of the Month: *Mondrian Class - 96.8%* 

Our Total Attendance of the Month: 93.34% Our Total Attendance Target: 96%

# **W** Nursery Admissions

If your child is 3 before 31st March 2025, they are entitled to a 15 hour Nursery place from April 2025. If you are a working parent, you may be entitled to a 30 hour place. Please enquire at the school office: 020 8808 0427. You can also pre-register younger children by asking the office for a Pre Admission Form.

### Wellbeing Corner

**Practicing Mindfulness for Wellbeing** Mindfulness helps children feel calm. focused, and in control of their emotions. Simple techniques like deep breathing, stretching, or paying attention to sounds and surroundings can help them manage stress. Encouraging children to take mindful pauses during the day, reflect on their feelings, or practice gratitude can improve their overall wellbeing. At school and home, creating quiet moments for mindfulness supports concentration, resilience, and happiness. Let's help children develop these lifelong skills for a positive mindset.





Our Spring Term Parents' Evening will be held on **Thursday 13th & Monday 17th March** and you are able to book an appointment online now.

Parents' evenings are a chance to discuss how your children are doing in class and in school generally as well as hearing about their strengths and areas they need to work on with their teachers.