



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

March

- 04.03.24: Y5 Class Marble Jar Treat Day.
 - 04.03.24: Y4 class visit to the River Mersey.
 - 07.03.24: World Book Day celebrated in school. The children can come to school dressed in their comfy reading clothes.
 - 08.03.24: Y3 Class Marble Jar Treat Day.
 - 11.03.24: British Science Week celebrated in school this week.
 - 12.03.24: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.
 - 14.03.24: International Maths Day celebrated in school.
 - 15.03.24: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.
 - 18.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
 - 19.03.24: EYFS Farm visit to school.
 - 20.03.24: B-Tales Easter drama for the KS2 junior classes.
 - 25.03.24: Deadline for submission in school of British Science Week posters.
 - 25.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
 - 25.03.24: Community Easter cards brought into school.
 - 26.03.24: Nursery class Easter songs – 2.40pm.
 - 27.03.24: Y1 class Easter songs – 9am.
 - 27.03.24: Reception class Easter songs – 2.40pm.
 - 28.03.24: Y2 trip to The Lowry
 - 28.03.24: Easter Service (Y3 – Y6) at All Saints Church - 10am.
 - 28.03.24: School closes for the Easter holiday.
- April** 15.04.24: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

01.03.2024

It has been a very busy start to the new half-term. On Monday we had our first Wellbeing Day linked to the NHS Five Ways of Wellbeing initiative. We understand that returning to school after a break can be a little overwhelming for many children, so we will be dedicating the first day back after a school holiday to focusing on their wellbeing and easing any stress or uncertainty. The focus of the day was upon connecting and the children enjoyed a wide range of activities linked into this theme. We look forwards to the next one – which will be after the Easter break. We then had our Section 8 Ungraded Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday and Thursday. We have to wait until the publication of the final report to share the outcomes of the inspection with you. However, I can say that the inspector asked us to pass on his thanks to the children for their good manners and the warm welcome that they gave him. We now look forwards to another busy week with World Book Day next Thursday!

In the classroom this week The children have started their new geography topics and we have lots of wonderful geography work going on all the way through school. It starts in the early years with the nursery children looking at our local area and the Reception children finding out about hot and cold places around the world. The children in Y1 are learning about what they would see on a journey around the world whilst in Y2 they are finding out about where our food comes from. In our junior classes, the Y3 children are learning about different biomes and climate zones around the world. In Y4 they are finding out about rivers and we will be doing some geography fieldwork on their visit to the River Mersey on Monday. The Y5 children are finding out about what makes the Alps a distinct region and in Y6 where they are looking at Brazil and discussing whether the Amazon Rainforest needs saving!

Weekly Updates... FussBall!

Some of our upper KS2 children took part in a 'fussball' tournament (a football-based game) against St Peter's primary school. We had two teams representing our school and between them they won 5 matches. As a result, we managed to come away with the tournament trophy. Well done to all the children who represented our school so well. They took part with a great teamwork spirit and attitude. Also, a big thankyou to Mr D. Foster and Mr Houston for helping to organise and coach the children.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March. The theme of World Book Day this year is, 'Read Your Way' and here at Wardley we want to keep the focus of our World Book Day celebrations firmly on this idea. 'Read Your Way' calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.

Reading for pleasure improves children's life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. However, research from the National Literacy Trust found that fewer than 1 in 2 (47.8%) children now say they enjoy reading; this is the lowest level since 2005, and reading enjoyment is lowest among children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Happily, here at Wardley our School Council recently found that a much larger proportion of our children see reading as something they enjoy. Over 75% of the children in our infant and junior classes said that they really enjoy reading. This is fantastic – but we want to see all of our children feeling this way!

We will be inviting all the children to make up an A4 poster that shows what 'reading your way' means to them. The children can ask their class teacher for some A4 paper to take home for their poster. The poster can show what books they enjoy reading, where they like to read and what they like about reading. They can illustrate and write on their poster in any way they choose. All the children who bring a poster in will have the opportunity to share it with the rest of the school in a special world book day assembly. We will also be choosing one poster from each class to put in a frame and display in our school reading area. These winners will all receive a book of their choice.

We want the day to be a real celebration of reading. The children will all be invited to bring in a copy of one of their favourite books from home. The staff will also be sharing their favourite children's books with their classes. We will have lots of fun reading activities going on in school throughout the day.

Finally, if your child also wants to, they can come to school in their comfiest reading clothes or pyjamas to represent reading as a relaxing and pleasurable activity. It will be lovely to see how they enjoy reading and we will celebrate this in school. The day is all about getting the children to see themselves as readers, and we're so excited to see their posters, favourite books and comfy reading clothes!

Spring Term Parents' Evening Appointments

The spring term parent evening appointments give you a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and look at the children's work. Our spring term parents' evenings will be held in school and are set to run over two Monday evenings - 18th March and 25th March. Each parent evening slot will be ten minutes long. The parent evening times can be booked through our online system – simply log on and choose which of the available slots you would like.

The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is now open!

Over the last few years, we have had some fabulous entries from all year groups and we would love for more of the same this year. The theme for 2024 is 'Time'. The children can create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics. The posters submitted to the competition will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well they have been made or drawn. The deadline for bringing your poster into school is Monday 25th March 2024. Any poster entries should either be handed directly to our science leader (Mr Houston) or to your child's class teacher.

Marble Jar Treat Days

Our Y3 children have filled their class marble jar and will be having their reward treat day next Friday, 8th March. Well done Y3! Our Y5 children will also be having their rearranged treat day on Monday, 4th March.

Safeguarding Update – WhatsApp

We would like to share the 6 ‘Golden Rules’ of using WhatsApp with you this week as part of our safeguarding update:

1. You must be 13 or over to use WhatsApp. 2. When you register to use WhatsApp the information you give must be true and must be kept up to date. 3. Don't post anything that shows violence, that might upset or frighten people, or that shows nudity. 4. Don't post anything horrible about anyone, or anything that isn't true. 5. Don't use other peoples' private and personal information. 6. Keep your account safe and don't let others access it. You must let WhatsApp know as soon as possible if you think someone has hacked your account.

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Y4 Class Visit to All Saints Church

The Y4 class attended the All Saints morning service on Wednesday this week. The children talked about their work on the value of perseverance that they had done as part of our collective worship in school. They were fantastic and received lots of nice comments from the congregation and Father Jeremy about their good behaviour and work – well done Y4!