

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

What a busy week it has been with lots happening around the school with school photographs, Anti-bullying week and odd sock wearing and Children in Need fundraising. I think the rest of the term will continue to be just as busy with all our enriching plans and the excitement that Christmas will bring. Last week I spoke to the children about the introduction of a termly (3 times a year) pupil newspaper which was met with lots of excitement. See below for a competition for all children to name the pupil paper. Watch this space for our new Wraxall publishing house!

It was lovely to see Freddie step forward last week to offer his support to the younger children. When talking about work presentation he commented that he used to find it hard to keep his work neat when he was younger but his presentation is amazing now, so he would be happy to talk to them. Well done Fred! I was so impressed with Will (y4) last week. He has been exploring ways that small changes can help the environment. He wanted to share this with the school in an Eco-friendly way so to save paper he chose to write a short speech which he shared with the school during Celebration Service. Check out his speech below. Emma has demonstrated her artistic skills too. Check out her lovely silhouette that she created during some free time.

In the weeks ahead we are watching the covid-19 levels closely and following the Public Health and LSP's mitigation to ensure that we are following the advice given. While it is unlikely at this time that we will be able to hold a whole school performance, the children are beginning to practice performances in their classes which we can adapt based on what we are permitted to perform – be that just in school to their fellow children or to parents in class groups, we will keep you posted. Coming soon we have Christmas tobogganing, Christmas parties and Christmas dinner, a Christmas fayre which we plan to run in the same way as the Summer fayre with a child only fayre run by the children and then a follow up fayre for adults only (with raffle, bottle tombola etc). Thank you, as always, to the FWSA for all your support. We are also looking at ways that we can adapt our provision to involve you more in your child's learning. The feedback from the parent survey has been really helpful in sharing your thoughts on this. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill it in.

Amy Townsend

Important Dates

Monday 22nd November - Year 5/6 Trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon.

Wednesday 1st December – Year 3/4 Forest Schools Trip To the Belmont Estate

Wednesday 15th December – Whole School Christmas Tobogganing Trip!!!!!!!



Stars of the Week

Their work is on display on the Wall of Fame in the School Hall.
Please come and have a look!

Reception – Harper, Rapha & Belle

Year 1/2 – Saoirse & Levi

Year 3/4 – Maddison, Sophie & Tom P, Fergus

Year 5/6 – Ada & Grace

Behaviour for Growth



A big well done to the children who gained sunflower seeds last year. It has been lovely to see some photographs of how well these have grown.

Some very impressive growing skills indeed!

If you wish upon a star...

More amazing donations. Thank you to our families who have donated lovely problem solving games for our children to use during wet playtimes and as part of their free time and Maths lessons. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed using them when I was in class earlier in the week. We have added some Christmas craft resources to the wishlist so that we can offer some lovely additional art and DT opportunities over the next few weeks. We are also focusing on Christmas Around the World so there are some books exploring Christmas traditions or focusing on countries across the globe. All donations gratefully received!!

Sponsored Read

Please return your donations by Friday 26th November. We are looking to purchase some picnic benches and outdoor resources. It will make a HUGE difference to the opportunities for the children.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has already returned these.



Birthday Book

A BIG thank you for your kind donations of birthday books for school



MEMORY GARDEN THANKS

You may have heard about the amazing transformation that has taken place to create a memory garden for the school. A HUGE thank you to Harper's dad for his hard work in volunteering to carry out and complete this project and the lovely additional lunchtime resources that have also been kindly donated. Thank you to our parent volunteers who also offered to help with this project.





Be as mindful as you can
when you eat; eat slowly
Savour the flavours and
enjoy your food



Remembrance Service

On Thursday 11th November we held our annual two minute Remembrance Day Silence. All of the children visited All Saints' Church and stood in the church grounds. A BIG well done to Year 5/6 who organised some words and reflections for the children.

'WORDS OF THE WEEK'

You may like to talk to your child about these words and see if they can explain their meanings, suggest alternatives and put them in a sentence.

'Words of the Week'

* Statuesque * Verdant*

* Ambush * Brisk*

*Desolate *

Christmas Cheer



The children had a brilliant visit to see 'Bristol Old Vic Theatre School' on Monday 8th November. It started the festive season in style and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the FWSA who have kindly funded this event, in place of the Panto this year.

WHOLE SCHOOL TOBOGGANING TRIP!!!

We are really, really pleased to announce that we have organised an extra special Christmas treat for the children this year...

On Wednesday 15th December the whole school are being treated to a tobogganing trip at Mendip Activity Centre. The children will be treated to Santa hats, will listen to festive tunes and there will be a snow machine operating during their ride. They will also be bringing home a candy cane with them. There will also be Christmas and Winter storytelling in a woodland cabin. A lovely whole school festive outing. I think the staff are more excited than the children (even if they are not allowed to take part themselves!)

More details will follow nearer the time.
There will be no charge to parents for this trip.





Children in Need

Well done for the amazing dots, spots and yellow clothes that the children were wearing today.

We will let you know how much money we have raised once the final total is in next week!

Will's Eco Request

Last Friday in celebration service Will (Y4) shared his suggestions for ways to be more environmentally friendly. Instead of using paper to make posters which add to the problem, Will thought that saying his suggestions verbally would be a more eco-friendly approach. Here are the great ideas that he shared...

"I am writing this because I'd like to share some things about helping the planet. I hope you will agree with me and do some of these things:-

As it's Autumn, if you see a big pile of leaves, don't ruffle it up because Hedgehogs could be hibernating in there.

Never buy brown plastic because it's not recyclable.

Never drop litter and litter pick where you can.

Turn lights off when you are not using them.

If you are happy to, you can put a bird feeder in your garden. This will encourage wildlife and will especially help to feed birds in the Winter.

Stop using throw away items like plastic coffee cups or plastic cutlery. I have persuaded my mum to use a recycled coffee cup. Could you persuade your parents to do the same?

Tell your parents not to leave their car engine running when they are not moving. For example when you are waiting for someone. Tell your parents to turn the engine off.

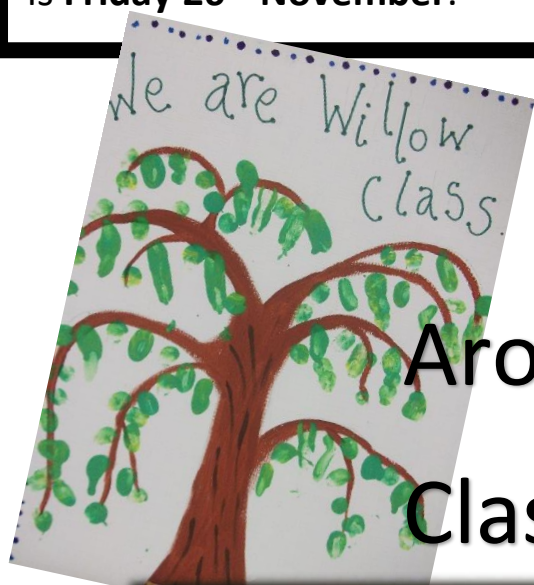
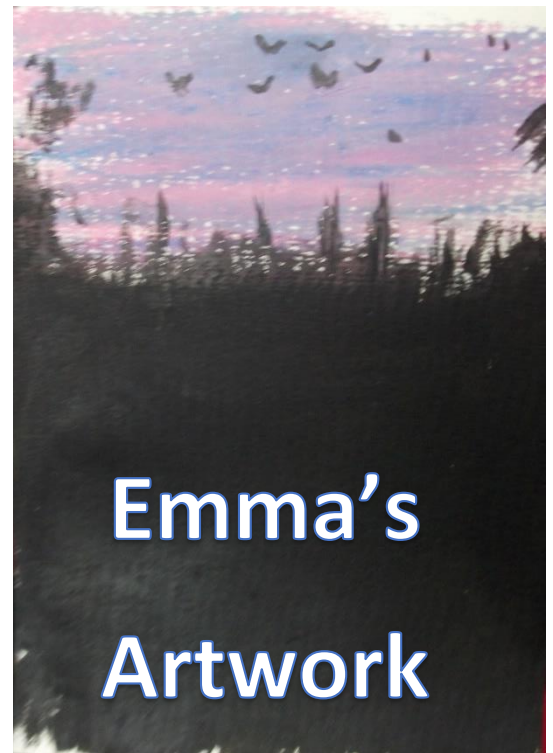
These all seem like little things but if we all do little things it will make a **BIG** difference."

NAME THE NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

We will be launching a pupil newspaper later this term. All children are welcome and invited to make a contribution to this from news stories, poems, puzzles, quizzes, artwork etc.

In the meantime we are inviting all the children to take part in a 'Name the Newspaper' competition. Children are invited to enter their name ideas. The child who suggests the chosen, winning name will win some writing equipment and outdoor toys as their prize.

Competition entries can be left in the competition box by the school office. Closing date is **Friday 26th November**.



Around the
Classrooms





WRAXALL PRIMARY
2020/21 IN REVIEW
 How did we fundraise?



Summer Fayre/Raffle £1099

CLOTHING BANK £353  WINE TASTING £286.92

AMAZON SMILE £95 FATHERS DAY £87

 **CHRISTMAS QUIZZ £233**

Christmas Raffle £898

CHRISTMAS CARDS £375 EBAY £88

EASTER SALE £77 CLOTHES SALE £108

ICE LOLLY SALE £66 WINE BOTTLE SALE £75

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY £76 

AN AMAZING £3862
 Thank you

drumroll...

We raised a whopping
 £437. 52
 with the smarties challenge



Thank you parents & children

SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY

"Everyone is responsible for safeguarding"

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Hayward or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

Church News

All Saints Christmas Fair 2021 This Weekend

All Saints Church will be holding this annual Christmas Fair this Saturday 20th November 10.30am-2.00pm. Free entry.... With bacon butties and hearty soups in The Cross Tree Centre. In church there will be children's activities, handmade crafts/gifts, and raffle. Card payments will be accepted at most stalls, masks are advisory.

FWSA Candlelit Concert at All Saints Church

Friends of Wraxall School are having a fundraising concert in All Saints Church on Thursday 25th November. Declan Daly and John Matthias will be performing 'Two Violins' from 8pm. Tickets are £20 and include a welcome drink, to book please email friendsofwraxallschool@gmail.com or contact a member of the FWSA team.

Nailsea Foodbank Christmas Appeal

Nailsea Foodbank is collecting for Christmas Hampers which will be distributed locally. Please donate family foods associated with Christmas (mince pies, selection boxes) or ladies and gents toiletries (e.g soap sets, shampoo) for drop off in the church porches by December 10th, Many Thanks.

Sunny Saplings

We're back with our fresh coffee and fruit/cake treats on Wednesday mornings in the Cross Tree Centre from 9.00am-11.00am families welcome.

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)

Free School Meals

There are two schemes for free school meals:

Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/met earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

How to apply

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.

If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

When to reapply

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022. This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school. Children do not receive free school meals in college. If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk so we can update your free school meals record.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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