



# Watton Junior School - Newsletter Friday 31st March 2023

### This half term our Corvus Core Value is:

### to express creativity

#### Parent / Pupil Survey Feedback

Thank you to those parents and pupils who responded to our parent survey. Here are some highlights of the results:

#### Pupils

98% of children say they always try their best in school

99% of children say that teachers show them how to improve their work.

99% of children say they know how to behave within school.

Parents

96% of parents sat their children know who they need to go to for help.

97% of parents say that good behaviour is promoted by the school.

95% of parents say that the schools leadership team promotes good values and equal opportunities.

98% of parents say that children does their best in school.

#### Parents really liked:

Amazing communication.

How the school helps the children with life skills.

Interventions.

Friendly staff

The huge improvements made over the last few years.

#### Parents said improvements could be:

More fundraising events.

More SEND Communications.

More trips.

We thank you all for these likes and suggestions and we will be addressing them.





Our Trust merger is due to complete on 1st April. When we return to school after Easter we will be part of the Clarion Corvus Multi Academy Trust. We will still be known as Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School and the uniform will not change.



Well done to Shakespeare with 97% attendance in March.

#### **Staffing News**

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms Bainbridge, Trust SENDCo, as she takes up a new role with the Local Authority. We thank her for all her hard



work and wish her well for the future. We are currently recruiting a new Trust SEND-Co for the Clarion Corvus Primary Schools. The Assistant SENDCo for Watton Junior School is Mrs Spencer should you have any concerns about your child and additional needs.

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#### **Curriculum News**

We have had a fantastic March learning about a whole variety of different things across the school

#### **LKS**

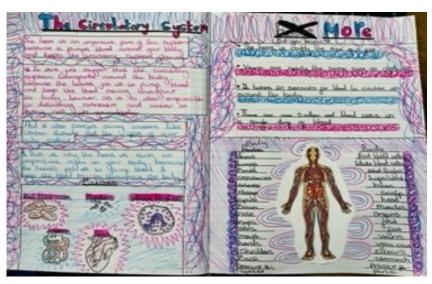
In Year 3/4, we have been reading the core story Monster Slayer. The children have been writing persuasive letters to warriors to get them to come to our Kingdom and help fight the monster Grendel. We have also written a newspaper article about Beowulf's victory. In the afternoons, we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the kingdoms they had and how they changed into the counties that we now have in England. We have made a soup using seasonal vegetables as that would have been all that was available in the Anglo-Saxon times.

In maths, we have been focusing on fractions. We have recognised fractions, ordered them and completed some addition and subtractions of fractions. We have also been learning about money; focusing on finding totals of money, writing money using decimal points and understanding how that related to the whole pound (tenths and hundredths) and finding the change from a given amount.



#### UKS

Over the last few weeks year 5/6 have carried out a thorough investigation into the circulatory system by identifying the four main parts of the system. We now know the function of the heart and the content of our blood. We can tell you fascinating facts too! We have completed our core story, The Highwayman, with a narrative of our own. We have applied all of our writing skills to generate a top-quality piece of writing. In Math's we have been investigating shape and angles. It's been such fun to consider how angles work and how to solve everyday shape and angle problems. The year 5's have greatly improved their swimming skills and year 6's have worked on their hockey, netball and basketball. We are all looking forward to history day before we break up.



### **Diary Dates:**

Tuesday 18th April - School Reopens for Summer Term 1

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st April— Dance Workshops for all classes

Monday 1st May—School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May—Street Party style celebration for the King's coronation

Monday 8th May—School closed for King's Coronation bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May—Y6 SATs week starts

Friday 26th May—School breaks up for half term holiday

Monday 5th June—School reopens for Summer term 2

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#### **Young Carers**

This month young carers have been busy planting

some of the 100 trees around the school grounds.

We can't wait to see them grow.



#### **Forces Family.**

All the of the Forces Family children have completed a 7 week well- being course, which has been put together by Little Troopers charity. On the last session, the children were asked, what they thought of the course. Here are some of their answers.:

- Insanely good
- I've gained more trust with people
- Amazing
- Very important

### **RSPCA Visit**

Leanne from the RSPCA visited Y3/4 Watton Junior School today to raise awareness about the RSPCA and how dropping litter in our environment could be very dangerous for wildlife. We started the day with an assembly where Leanne introduced us to the RSPCA and what they do and how they help animals. This included the 3 Rs – rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming the many hundreds of animals which they help each year. We also learnt that the society will be 200 years old next year and was first set up to help the animals which were used by the miners and traders in Victorian times. They now help domestic, wild and farm animals. We watched an interesting video about animals that have been rescued in the past by the RSPCA. Then Leanne went from class to class to run a workshop about the dangers of litter in our environment. We talked about what an animal would need to stay healthy and happy and then we discussed different types of litter and how they could potentially be life threatening to animals in the wild. It was very interesting as we looked at the kind of litter that we have at home and Leanne made us think in depth about how animals could hurt themselves if they found this litter in their environment. We also talked about how the RSPCA had helped a seal who had their head stuck inside a hooped frisbee. We were all glad to find out that the seal recovered and that it was released back into the sea near Hunstanton. The children brought in donations which we gave Leanne at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who donated to this charity.

