



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

***This half term our Core Value is:  
to actively contribute to the local and wider community***

### Curriculum News

#### **Nursery:**



In Hedgehog nursery in March we read the story Whatever Next and learnt all about space. Towards the end of the half term we had a nursery of children completely inspired by spring and Easter! In April we will be reading the story Incy Wincy Spider and learning all about farms, the animals that live there and minibeasts.



In March in Monkey Nursery, the children have been learning about space, based on our core-story Astro Girl. The children have enjoyed finding out what it is like to be an astronaut and learning about what is in space. We have also used our space topic to practice our maths skills, including measuring the height of rockets, weighing moon rocks and comparing the sizes of planets. In Phonics we have been learning about rhyming words and the children have been practicing being able to recognise when two words rhyme. Next half term we will be learning about bugs and mini-beasts, with our core-story The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

#### **Reception:**

This month in Reception we have loved learning about space, the children have found out lots of amazing facts and enjoyed watching videos about life on the moon. They have completed some incredible space based writing too! We also enjoyed science week and completed lots of experiments, the children enjoyed making predictions and then finding out if they were right. In Phonics we have been consolidating our basics three knowledge and working really hard at recognising tricky words and at writing sentences. It has been great watching the children's confidence grow. In Maths we have been continuing our work on numbers 6-10 and playing lots of games to help us recognise number bond combinations.



#### **Key Stage 1:**

In KS1 we have finished reading our core story Look Up! We are currently writing our own non-chronological reports about Mae Jemison, the first African American astronaut in space. In maths year 1 and 2 have been looking at measurement. Measuring objects in centimetres or non-standard units. We have now begun looking at mass. In our weekly science lessons, we have investigated and created our own micro-habitats. We have also looked at food chains. In computing we have created our own space themed floor mats, with some obstacles and made algorithms for the Bee Bots to follow to navigate our maps. We have also been looking at the artist Henri Matisse. We investigated cutting and ripping paper in different ways to create a piece of art. Eventually making our own space themed collage.

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 27th March—School breaks up for Easter Holiday**

**Monday 15th April—School reopens for Summer Term 1 / Themed lunch for Eid**

**Monday 29th April—Passport Day**

**Wednesday 1st May—Class Group and Yr2 Year Group Photographs**

**Thursday 2nd May—Bag2School Textile Collection**

**Monday 6th May—School closed for May Day Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 14th May—KS1 visit to St. Mary's Church, Watton**

**Wednesday 15th May—Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2024 intake / KS1 visit to St. Mary's Church, Watton**

**Tuesday 21st May—KS1 Sports Day**

**Thursday 23rd May—Reception Sports Day**

**Friday 24th May—Nursery Sports Day / School Closes for Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 3rd June—School Reopens for Summer Term 2**

**Wednesday 5th June—Mental Health Support Team transition meeting for Yr2 parents / New parents welcome meetings for Reception September 2024 intake**

**Friday 7th June—Bug Busters**

## Celebrations and Holiday

We have had a lovely time in school celebrating Spring and the lead up to Easter. We have had a visit from Reverend Dave from St. Mary's Church, Watton and Reverend Adam who works around a group of local village churches. They talked to the children about the Christian meaning of Easter and led some fun activities. We have also had a visit from Deborah from the Norwich Synagogue to talk to KS1 about the Jewish festival of Passover. When we return after the Easter holiday we will have a special lunch on the first Monday back to celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr.

**We break up for the Easter holiday on Wednesday 27th March and return on Monday 15th April.**



## Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey. Out of those who responded:

**93% agree their child knows who to ask for help in class or on the playground**

**93% agree the school plans a wide variety of learning**



## Dragonfly Gallery Art Exhibition



We are very proud of our children who have their nature themed artwork displayed in the Dragonfly Gallery in Watton. Our Chair of Governors, Miss Bainbridge, recently visited and was very impressed!

If you would like to see the exhibition it is open until the end of March at Wayland House on the junction of the High Street and George Trollope Road.



This class with top attendance this month is: **Penguins with 98.81%**



## Warmer Weather

We are all looking forward to the days getting brighter and warmer.

Please make sure your child is safe in the sun by always having a water bottle in school to stay hydrated and a wide brimmed sunhat to protect their face and neck. Please apply a high SPF (minimum 30+) sunscreen before school. Your child may bring a named bottle of sunscreen to school to top-up at lunchtime.



## Big Norfolk Holiday Fun!

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity programme provides holiday activities for children aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) throughout the holidays. Places are free for children who receive *means tested* free school meals and are low cost to others.

See what is available locally at:  
<https://www.everymove.uk/inspiration/big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activities>

## HOUSE POINTS

So far this academic year...

Delta: 10247

Epsilon: 10221

**Gamma: 10264**

Beta: 9743

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