WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL INFANT AND NURSERY





NEWSLETTER

Being Kind, Confident Minds, Ready for Life Long Learning

FOFI

Winter Fair donations:
Winter fair preparations are well under way! We are looking for the following donations:

M&S mini bites tubs (need 4)
Christmas decorations (working lights only please!)
Ball pit balls
Christmas wrapping paper

Drop-off: Look out for the collection boxes at Doughnut Fridays, or chat with someone from the FOFI team to arrange a handover.

Keep a look out on the newsletter each week for FOFI updates. Thank you for your continued support.

Safety Corner

Remember, remember, stay safe this November!

As we head into a weekend of brilliant bonfire and firework celebrations, we want to ensure all our little ones stay safe while having fun.

Here are a few quick tips to keep in mind:

- **Keep your distance:** Always stand well back from bonfires and fireworks, and hold toddlers tightly.
- **Sparkler safety:** Sparklers are too hot for babies and very young children. If older children use them, make sure they wear gloves and drop the burnt sparkler into a bucket of water immediately.
- **Protect little ears:** Fireworks can be very loud and frightening for infants. Consider ear defenders or watching the display from inside a window.
- **Leave it to the experts:** Attending an organised community display is much safer (and often more spectacular!) than setting them off at home.

Have a wonderful, sparkly and safe weekend!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th December— Occasional Day School and Nursery Closed

Thursday 17th December— Last day of term for Nursery

Friday 18th December— Last day of term for school Finish at 1.10pm

Monday 4th January—Inset Day School and Nursery closed

Tuesday 5th January – First day of term

6 hours 43 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.40am (doors open from 8.40am)

Nursery starts at 8.30am (morning / all day) or 12.30pm (afternoon) - please arrive on time as it's just as important for Nursery as School to be punctual!

Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 93.2%

Target for all children: 96%

This Week's Learnersaurus Awards

Nursery	Azyon	Paramveer
Nursery	Lena	
Owls	Matea	Hazel
Robins	Arooba	Faris
Squirrels	Kacper	Ainam
Foxes	Fatima	Mirha
Kingfishers	Ibrahim	Lucas
Otters	Harrison	Iyla-Bleu

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Nursery	Reception
This week we read the story Sparks in the Sky. The children have enjoyed creating fireworks pictures by splattering neon paint and using a range of sparkly resources at the investigation station. In Maths, the children have used the words tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter and shortest to describe the heights of people in the classroom. The children also made towers from cubes and Duplo and compared their heights. We have had fun on the bikes in the nursery garden. We have also been learning about Diwali and taking part in many creative activities to celebrate it.	This week we have introduced Dough Disco to help with our fine motor skills needed for writing and talked about Bonfire Night. We have also been making firework pictures. Maths we have been practicing counting objects that are the same and some that are different. 
Year 1	**Year 2**
In English, we used sticks and other natural materials to create our own stick creations, providing an exciting introduction to our new text, Stick Man. In Maths, we continued exploring subtraction, learning that when a part is missing, we need to take away to find the answer. In D&T, we explored where different foods come from, sorting them into those that come from plants and those that come from animals. In PSHE, we discussed the similarities we share with one another and in Computing, we began to discover what we mean by the word technology. In History, we found out that our school used to be a factory that made beer! We also took part in Diwali day and learnt about why some Hindu's celebrate Diwali.	It has been lovely to welcome the children back after their half term break, we have missed them! In English, we have been introduced to our new story 'The Flower' by John Light. We read a letter from the main character called Brigg and drew story maps to sequence the story. In Maths, we began our unit on addition and subtraction. We learnt about doubles and near doubles and how to find the nearest ten. In DT we were very impressed with how sensible the children were during their first experience in using a hack saw. Well done Year 2!

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING ABOUT IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK?

Nursery	We will continue talking about Bonfire Night and Diwali and how the children have celebrated these. We will read the story of The Little Red Hen. We will also be marking Remembrance Day by making poppies and a class poppy wreath. The children will continue to learn about the seasons, focussing on the seasonal changes that happen in autumn.
Reception	Next week we will talk about Remembrance Day and making poppies. In Maths we will practise counting moving objects and starting our counting from a different place. We will also practice counting sounds.
Year 1	In English, we will continue exploring our story of Stick Man, developing our understanding of the story by answering questions and learning to retell the text. In Maths, we will be using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve word problems. In PSHE, we will be thinking about the ways in which we are different from one another and celebrating our individual qualities. In History, we will be finding out the history of Watford Field School and how it has changed into the Infants and Junior schools. We will also be creating our own poppies and learning about the significance of Remembrance Day.
Year 2	**English-** We will be answering comprehension questions about our new text and learning about setting description. **Maths-** We will be learning how to rebalance to find the difference and using Think 10 to help us add. **Topic-** In Science we will be beginning an observational investigation about hygiene using bread. In PSHE we will be learning about why it is good to be different.

School Dinner Menu for Week Commencing 9th November

Ve (Vegan) v (Vegetarian)	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
RED	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with sweet and tangy sauce	Chicken Curry	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Burger (V)	Battered Fish
GREEN	Sunshine eggs with baked beans and hash browns (V)	Cheese Pinwheel (V)	Quorn Pieces with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (V)	Veggie Bolognese (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
PURPLE	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
BLUE	Tuna mayo Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Chicken Mayo Sandwich	Cheese Baguette (v)	Cheese Sandwich (v)
DESSERT	Shortbread (Ve) Fresh Fruit wedges	Oat and raisin Cookie (Ve) Fresh fruit wedges (Ve) Fresh fruit jelly (Ve)	Oat and raisin Cookie (Ve) Fresh fruit wedges (Ve) Fresh fruit jelly (Ve)	Pear and Chocolate Sponge and Custard (V) Fresh fruit wedges (Ve) Fresh fruit jelly (Ve)	Jammy Cookie (Ve) Fresh Fruit wedges Fresh fruit jelly (Ve)

HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Please spend time with your child to explore this week's challenge. The teachers will talk to the children about what they have learnt at home every Friday.

Nursery:

If you attend a fireworks display or see any fireworks, talk to your child about what colour the fireworks are and how they sound. If you attend a display, talk about other things that you might see such as fairground rides and food stall. Think about your senses – what can you see, hear, smell and taste? What is the weather like? What clothes do you need to wear to keep yourself warm?

Reception:

Next week is Nursery Rhyme week. Our 'rhyme a day' challenge will focus on the following rhymes.

- **Monday:** *1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive* (Focus: Counting and a simple fishing game)
- **Tuesday:** *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* (Focus: Movement, rhythm, and partner rocking)
- **Wednesday:** *Hickory Dickory Dock* (Focus: Time, numbers, and positional language)
- **Thursday:** *Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat Where has Pussy Cat been?* (Focus: Vocabulary and recall)
- **Friday:** *Five Currant Buns*

Please go over these with your child.

Year 1:

Can you create your own poppy? You could use 3D materials to make a model or produce a piece of artwork. You will show your creations at our special Remembrance Day assembly!

Year 2:

This week, we are learning about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. Your challenge: Choose ONE activity to complete at home!

Create: Make a poppy picture and explain why we wear poppies.
Write: Write a short poem about remembrance or peace.
Research: Find out three facts about Remembrance Day.

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If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you must inform the school office by 8:30am explaining clearly the reason for the absence.