

# WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL INFANT AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Being Kind, Confident Minds, Ready for Life Long Learning Autumn Term Issue 5 Friday 6 October 2023



#### Tuesday October 10th is World Mental Health Day.

The children will be learning about how to take good care of their mental health in class.

We would like children to wear something **green** on Tuesday to help us raise awareness.

This can be something like:

- · A green T-shirt,
- · A green hair band,
- · A green bracelets
- · A green sweat band
- Green socks
- · Green cardigan
- · Any item of green clothing or an accessory.

The rest of your child's clothing should be their normal school clothes for that day.



# Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has managed to book their Parent Consultations on the Arbor app. If you have not booked yet please do so as soon as possible. Any problems call the office and we will try to assist you.

#### Item Found

We have found a child's smart watch, if you think this belongs to your child please phone the office with a description of the item and we will reunite it with your child.



Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 90.6%

Target for all children: 96%

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th October—World Mental Health Day (see poster opposite)

### **Parent Consultations (book via Arbor)**

Monday 16th October 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 18th October 4-6pm
Thursday 19th October 3.30-5pm
Nursery Parent Consultations (dates to be released shortly)

Half Term—23rd October - 27th October School & Nursery Closed

# 2 hours and 24 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.55am (doors open from 8.45am)

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!

#### This Week's Learnersaurus Awards

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<b>├</b> <b>Nursery</b> <b>☆</b>	Muhammad (Hedgehogs)	Avyaan (Rabbits)				
Nursery	Remi (Woodpeckers)					
	Connor	Safaa				
Arrian Robins	Subhan	Mackenzie				
Squirrels	Gur Saanj	Farah-Grace				
	Muhammad Hussain	Hewaad				
À Kingfishers	Samuel	Minha				
Otters	Ahsan	Noah				
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#### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

# Nursery

This week we have been counting to 5 and have been using our fingers to show these numbers. Eg: Can you show three fingers?



# Reception

This week the children have really enjoyed all of the activities around Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have been sequencing and role-playing the story, labelling pictures they have drawn using the sounds they have learnt in phonics! In Maths this week we have used our subitising skills to subitise various objects saying which groups have more or less.



#### Year 1

In English, we wrote an innovated version of

'Handa's Surprise' by changing the character to ourselves and the foods in the basket checking for a green capital letter, finger spaces and a red full stop. In



Maths, we have looked at how the whole and parts can be represented on part whole models and bar models. In Geography we looked at the physical features in Watford the rivers and the woods and the hills and valleys. In PSHE we thought about how we should be proud of ourselves and how our teachers are proud of us. In Art we learnt about different types of lines.

#### Year 2

This week in English we have been writing our own innovated versions of Where the Wild Things are using a character chosen by us. In Maths we have been understanding how to regroup numbers into tens and ones and have linked this to money. In Geography we have learnt about the continent of Europe and have created maps with a key.



#### WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

#### Nursery

We will be focusing on the maths concepts bigger and smaller when comparing objects in our play and environment. We will be reading the book Just Like Jasper by Mick Inkpen, in the story Jasper bought a new toy with his birthday money. We will identify the different toys within the story and talk about special toys to us. In our imaginative play we will be creating birthday celebrations...this could involve making cards for friends, drawing a food list for the party, buying and wrapping presents, making playdough cakes, party hats and decorations. Singing happy birthday, dancing and playing birthday games etc.

#### Reception

Next week, we will be continuing with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, discussing the characters in more depth and their feelings. In maths we will be continuing with subitising and reading the book 'Ten Black Dots'. The children will be making pictures using black dots.

# Year 1

In English, we will be writing our 'Hot Task' by independently writing our own journey story. In Maths, we will be learning about the language of addition and writing number sentences to show parts being added to make the whole. In Geography we will be looking at the human features in Watford e.g. the shopping centre, the Football stadium and where they are on a map of Watford. In PSHE, we will be thinking about how our choices have consequences. In Art we will be learning how to mix colours to make secondary colours.

#### Year 2

Maths: We are going to be learning how to count forwards and backwards in ones and tens using different benchmarks on a number line.

English: We are going to be writing our own independent stories in a similar style to Where the Wild Things are, choosing our own characters and settings.

Topic: We are going to be tasting different foods that you would find in a salad in DT.

# School Dinner Menu for week commencing 9th October

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with a Tomato Sauce	Chicken Pie	Roast Beef with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog (v)	Fish Fillet Fingers
GREEN	Bean & Vegetable Grill (ve)	Mild Vegetable Curry (ve)	Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (v)	Beany Pasta Bake (ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)
PURPLE	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Tomato Pasta with Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings
BLUE	Tuna Roll	Cream Cheese Sandwich (v)	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Roll (v)

## 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:**

Go on a listening walk. You could go around your house or an outside area with an adult and practise listening carefully to all the different sounds you hear. Talk about what you heard. Did you recognise all the sounds? Were they loud or quiet? Were they long or short sounds? Talk about sounds you like and sounds you don't like and why. Draw some pictures of things that make sounds that you like – for example birds singing, the sea or a doorbell.

#### Reception:

Can you practice writing your name using only a capital letter for the initial letter.

#### Year 1:

Can you have a go at practicing writing all the numbers to 10, checking they are the right way around and starting and finishing in the correct place!? See handout or make your own poster!

#### Year 2:

Can you practise tying your shoe laces? You could learn the 'bunny ears' method to do this.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Open Day

Join us in Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of West Watford Community Centre

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Free taster sessions

Face Painting/ Refreshments/

Working with the community for the community since 1973.

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11:00 am – 11:30 am Guided Zen Meditation by Amida Buddha

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Face Painting

11:30 am Building Tour with Chair of Trustees

11:45 am-12:15pm History of West Watford Community Centre by Sue Ettridge

12:15 pm -12:45pm Knitting Basics

12:45 pm – 1:15pm Crochet Class - basics

1:15 pm Building Tour with Chair of Trustees

1:30 pm Guitar Group Music performance

10:00 am – 2:45 pm Handmade Craft and Jewellery sale

10 am - 2:30pm

#### **School Contact Details**

Telephone Email (School Office) Email (Absence) 01923 227306 admin@fieldinfants.herts.sch.uk absence@fieldinfants.herts.sch.uk

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you <u>must</u> inform the school office by 9.30am explaining clearly the reason for the absence.