

Weetwood Primary School

Respecting each other, Expecting our best, Learning in a happy school.

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School News

Half Term already seems like a long time ago and school life certainly does reflect that. Our training day on the 4th November focused on The Thrive Approach and how we can effectively embed it within school. We intend to run an information evening about Thrive in Spring Term and will notify you about the date and time in due course. Over the past couple of weeks, we have welcomed back Pavla Beier, our Drama specialist, to work with Years 1 and 2, and Made with Music who are working with every year group. Furthermore, one of our parents has started to teach recorders to our younger children and the keyboard to some of our older ones. He has also started a school orchestra which we are very excited about.

Odd Socks Day

It has been Anti-Bullying focus week at school and the children have been thinking of ways to make the school an even better place to be. On Wednesday afternoon, our Equality Team pupils led assembly with a focus on how small changes can make a big difference. On Tuesday, the children were encouraged to come to school in Odd Socks to promote individuality and respect for everyone.



No Pens Day

Wednesday was No Pens Day in school and both children and staff had to come up with inventive ways of doing their work. For example, Year 3 and 4 worked together in the hall to build Stonehenge whilst Year 5 used drama techniques to transport them to Beirut as part of their English unit of work linked to the book 'Oranges in No Man's Land'.



Remembrance Day

As part of Remembrance Day last Monday, all of the children who are members of the Girl Guides or Scouting association were invited to wear their respective uniforms to school. We were delighted with the number of children who participated. We also participated in a 2 minutes silence to remember those who have died in wars.

Year 6 Dance

As part of our ongoing partnership with Leeds Beckett, we have welcomed a number of their Sports students into school over the past couple of weeks to work with some of our classes. They are currently teaching Dance to Year 6, gymnastic movement to Year 2 and multi-skills to Year 4.



Parking

As you are aware, I endeavour to be outside of the school gates as much as possible and part of the reason for this is to monitor car parking outside of school. It is therefore incredibly disappointing to have to continue to ask parents or extended family members to move their cars from the double yellow lines outside of school. Furthermore, the areas around school are not to be used for dropping off or picking up at any time of the day. I have consulted our local PCSO and the council about this and have asked them to investigate ways with which measures can be imposed to further prevent this from happening. I would like to thank the vast majority of parents for their continued cooperation and abidance of the parking restrictions around school.

