



Parents' Weekly Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

08th October 2021

Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Student Leaders have enjoyed showing prospective parents, carers and year 4 children around our school on Monday 4th October 2021, sharing their experiences during our Open Evening. There was a fabulous buzz throughout the school and they all did an incredible job - we were so very proud of them. This week we have carried out child conferencing across the school and it has been wonderful to hear our children's views. We have also celebrated our Harvest Service, led by Rev. Jeffries, and our sincere thanks goes to the kindness of everyone in school community who enabled us to make a donation to our local food bank to help others in need.

Our thanks also goes to everyone who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning today, donating cakes to help raise money for cancer research. It was also lovely to see yellow accessories across the school in recognition of Mental Health Day. This was discussed in our special VIP assembly as following a difficult year for everybody it is crucial that we encourage our children to understand how to look after themselves both physically and mentally.

I am proud to report that our reported COVID cases are minimal at the moment and our risk minimising measures such as hand hygiene, additional ventilation etc. seem to be working really well. Thank you for your continued support with this. Stay safe and well everybody.

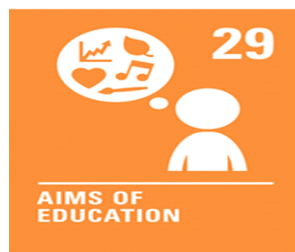
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Rights Respecting News

Article of the Week

Black History Month is celebrated in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. In 2021 the theme is 'Proud to Be', which aims to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day, from working on the Covid-19 frontline in hospitals, care homes, schools and supermarkets to the children and young people



This week, we have been exploring four key articles which closely link to Black History Month: **Article 2 (non-discrimination)** - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



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Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) -

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

Article 29 (goals of education) - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full

Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups) - Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

During our weekly assembly, we asked the children, '**Why do you think Black History Month is so important?**' The children came up with many responses to this, some of which can be seen below:

- To recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history.
- To ensure that we hear from a diverse range of stories when considering the past.
- To Black Lives Matter, the treatment of the Windrush generation and the death of George Floyd.
- To support young people to recognise and challenge discrimination.
- To celebrate people's heritage and cultures.
- To learn how to challenge negative stereotypes.

- Because no one should be treated differently because of who they are.
- Because all schools should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity and inclusion
- To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.
- To learn about racism and its effects.

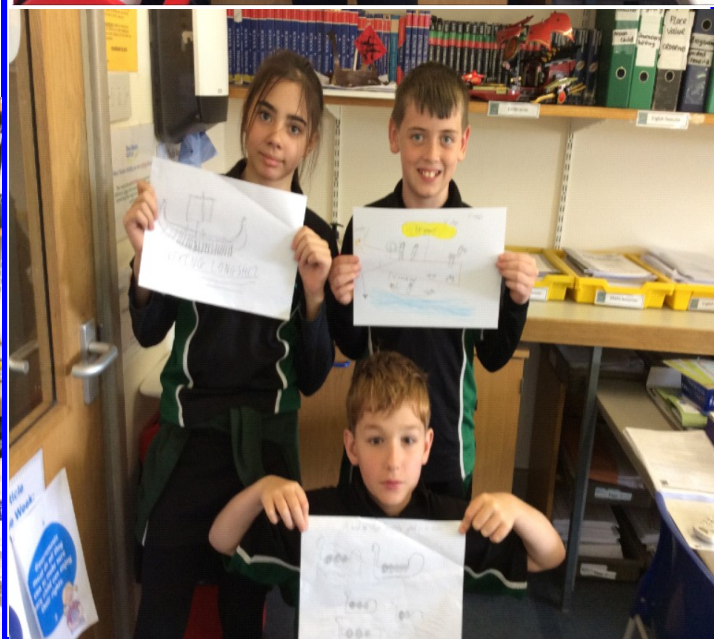
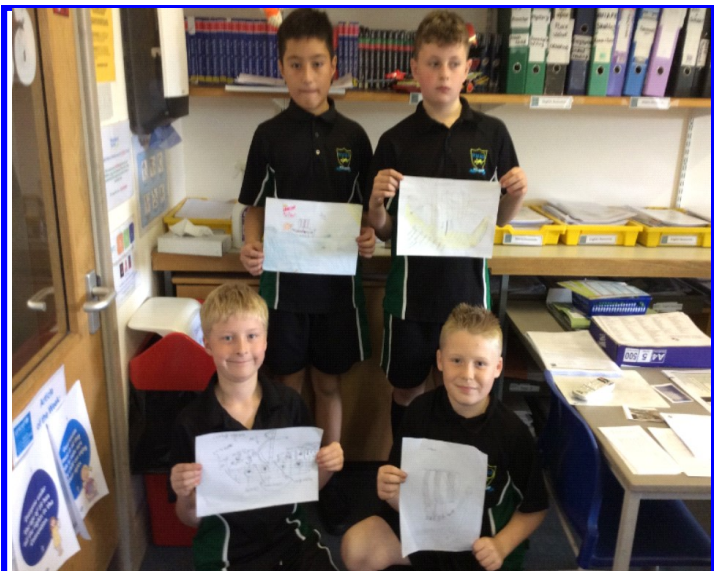
ECO UPDATE

This week our Eco Team was able to taste the delights of Aimee's apple juice. Aimee was able to take the school's home grown produce to Cranbourne Centre where she spent the day pressing apples into her own juice. IT WAS DELICIOUS! Thank you Aimee.



YEAR 6

This term Y6 have been learning about Vikings! As part of a 2-week Home Learning Project, they have been designing and constructing their own long ships!



FUN AT FOREST SCHOOL

Year 6 – Yes, I can! Lots of effort and resilience to cross the rope bridge.

Year 7 – Team work! In playing games, making rope swings and sawing.

Year 8 – Great communication in Capture the Flag and resolving conflicts as they arise.



MORE EXCITING ECO NEWS !

This afternoon the Eco Warriors completed our mission - we made bird feeders out of recycled bottles! We can't wait to see which breeds of bird visit our school grounds for their dinner. Look out for more pictures on our school twitter feed. The bird feeders are now in place around our school grounds. The children cannot wait to see the birds visiting them and are looking forward to more eco friendly projects to save the environment .



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- ♦ medicine - Please ensure your child has received medicine before 8am, if needed, in order for the team to administer a further dose on the medical round. If it is a prescribed medicine for a certain time please speak to the office.
- ♦ The front gates will not be open until 8.20am, if you have a medical form or question for reception please wait until the gates are open.
- ♦ Please be aware there is only ONE family allowed in reception at a time.
- ♦ The back gates will close at 3.40pm everyday.
- ♦ Please can we ask you to check your child's jumpers and blazers. There are a few missing and it is possible they have gone home with the wrong child.

Many thanks for all your help in advance.

A reminder that at West Moors Middle School use our school website, email and our Twitter to communicate and share information with you.

Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

School Website: <https://westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk>

Twitter page: https://twitter.com/west_moors

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestMoorsMiddleSchool/>

Finally, please also look out for all key information to parents such as events information, newsletters, trips and special events using the parent mail system.



School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Term ends on Friday 22nd October

Term starts for Students on Monday 1st November

Inset Day Friday 3rd December

Term ends Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 4th January

Inset Day Monday 31st January

Term ends on Friday 18th February

Term starts for students on Monday 28th February

Term ends for students on Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts for students on Monday 25th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May – school closed

Term ends on Friday 27th May

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday 6th June 2022

Term starts for students on Tuesday 7th June

Inset Day Friday 1st July

Term ends on Friday 22nd July

Inset Days:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 3rd December 2021

Monday 31st January 2022

Friday 1st July 2022

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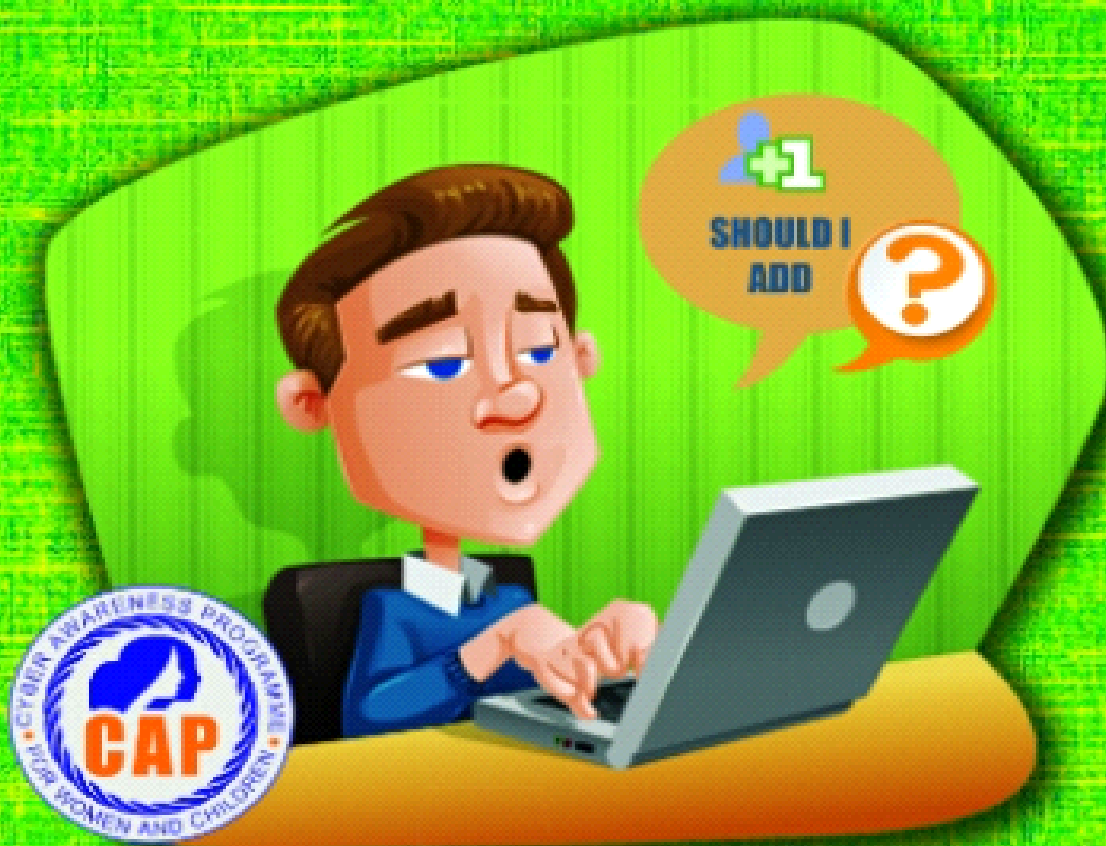
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