



# Parents' Weekly Newsletter

*'Thriving to achieve our best - together'*

01st October 2021



## Rights Respecting News

### Article of the Week

#### Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

After another very busy and exciting week, it feels as if we are almost back to normal again. Our Student Leaders are able to mix pupils from different year groups outdoors and it is great to see how well they are supporting and looking out for the younger children, whether that be siblings, friends or those they recognise from our feeder schools. It certainly feels like we are a community again and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

Next week, we are holding a series of open events for parents and carers of children in Year 4, with an Open Evening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 followed by a series of open morning sessions with me. Our Student Leaders will have a key role to play throughout with lots of exciting activities for children in Year 4 to take part in. I want to thank parents and carers of our Student Leaders for your support, agreeing for your child to support these events. We have asked that all children helping wear their full school uniform as they will all be representing our school. They have all been incredibly impressive presenting with such positive enthusiasm and commitment- I just know that they will do an amazing job!

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend ahead.

Warmest wishes,

Dr Deborah Craddock.



This week, we are looking at 'Article 28 - Access to Education' and 'Article 29 - Aims of Education'. Every child has the right to an education and primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

During our weekly assembly, we asked the children two key questions, 'What do you think are the most important things children should learn in school?' and 'Think about the way things have changed over the past year, does this affect your answer?'

The children came up with a range of excellent responses:

- Learning how to be safe and healthy.
- How to cope with change.
- Learning new ways to learn, like on-line learning.
- Learning ways to support each other through hard times.
- Wellbeing and mental health.

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- Ways to develop your personality in interesting ways.
  - Learning how to develop your talents and abilities.
  - Resilience and independence.
  - Learn about the world we live in.
  - Learning about our rights.
- Learning about school subjects like English, Maths and Science.

### **Congratulations**

A huge congratulations to all of our newly appointment Rights Respecting Ambassadors:

Year 8: Amy, Luke (8CT), Kirsty and Aisha (8AS)  
 Year 7: Mark, Mia (7AD), Samson and Lily (7MM)  
 Year 6: Scott, Austin (6CC), Hayden and Anabelle (6CW)  
 Year 5: Maisy, Oliver (5SB), Charley and Makiya (5KW)

We look forward to welcoming you all in our meetings and having your support in our journey towards becoming a 'Gold: Rights Respecting' school.



### **Year 6**

What a fantastic week again in Year 6! As well as reading their Accelerated Reader books so brilliantly every day, Year 6 pupils are also making fantastic progress with their writing, especially their vocabulary choices. Well done, Year 6!



### **WMMS - NUT FREE - ZONE**



A polite reminder that we are a nut free school and therefore children should not be bringing in any food items that contain nuts into school. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.



All the staff at West Moors Middle School, are passionate about building strong mental wellbeing and resilience in all our pupils. This is why as a school we have embraced 'Zumos' as a major part of our school's pastoral care. Zumos is a leading online wellbeing system that is CAMHS kitemarked and was developed as part of the HeadStart project.

During this very difficult time where everyone has spent long periods of time stuck at home, it is even more vital that we take care of our children's mental wellbeing as well as our own. Therefore, we wanted to reach out and remind everyone of this additional support available to all of our students.

The messages are very powerful, we know our teachers love to hear them too. If you like you can discuss the recordings and ensure the messages have been understood. The recent national crisis has forced us all to look at how we do things in a new way and we are determined to offer as much support to our students and their families as we can.

Why not listen to the daily 'How to be happy' recording with your child? It is a short daily recording that offers you a simple mind technique written by experts. It is designed to make you feel good, think positively, motivate and empower you – step by step – day by day. <https://www.zumos.co.uk/>



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## FUN AT FOREST SCHOOL

There were some great moments at Forest School today.

Year 6 – began by getting very creative with their den building, adding a raised floor and a kitchen!

Year 7 – Were learning lots of wood craft from coppicing to whittling, and making sure they kept each other safe when using tools.

Year 8 – Were in a spin – learning knots to make a swing.



### Year 8

Harry Potter club got off to a great start, and this week we have been making the Helious potion!!! The children loved mixing dragons' blood with unicorn horn and seeing what magical chemical reaction happened! We have children attending in person and remotely and all the children have expressed their joy in coming to the club.

Why not join up and come along to any of the after school clubs available each week. In addition to Harry Potter Science Club; Zumba, TTRS, Writing group, Netball and Homework Clubs.



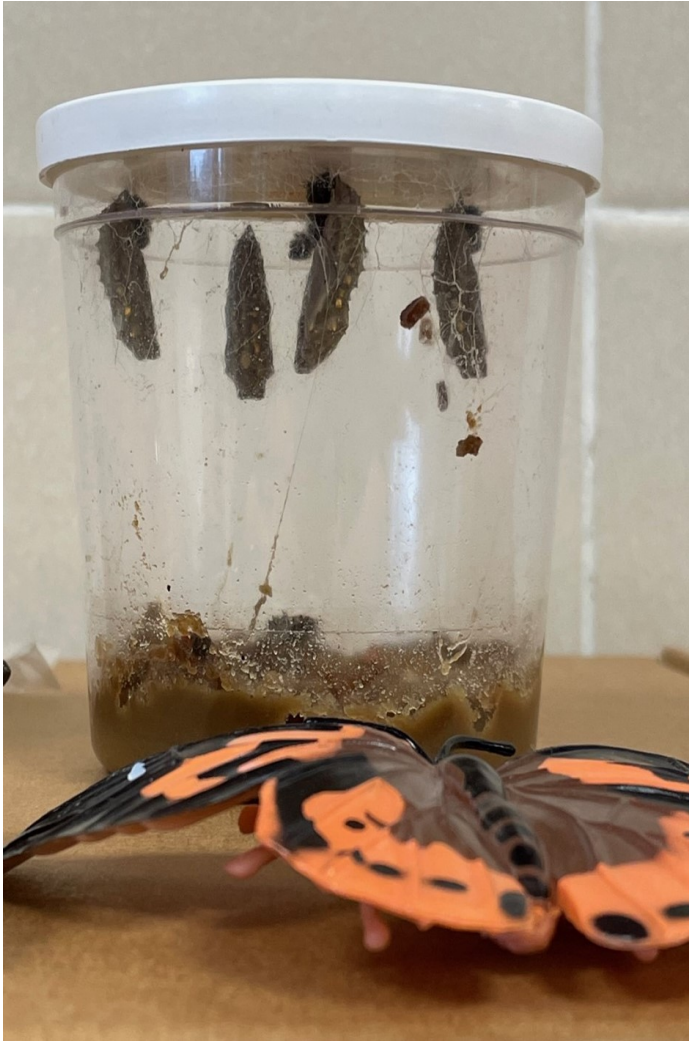
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**Also in Science**, our caterpillars have become chrysalides which means in around 10-12 days we should have butterflies starting to emerge - exciting times! Please look out for future photographs.



### **Help is at hand for families struggling with utility bills**

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, you may be eligible for a FREE fuel voucher from Citizens Advice to help pay for your utilities. For more details and to find local branch contact details visit the Citizens Advice website:

<https://edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/>



### ***Communication***

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

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

Twitter page: [https://twitter.com/west\\_moors](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  
 Term starts for students on Monday 6th 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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