



# Parents' Weekly Newsletter

*'Thriving to achieve our best - together'*

14th May 2021

## Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will all be looking forward to the further lifting of COVID restrictions on Monday 17th May. Schools were given further guidance from the DfE earlier this week. We have been asked to continue to minimise the contacts between individuals and so we will need to continue to operate our "bubble" system for the foreseeable future. We will also need to continue with regular handwashing, social distancing and for adults in school the wearing of face coverings where social distancing is not possible. However, from the 17th May 2021, children in KS3 will no longer need to wear face coverings in school and I know from speaking to many of our children, they are really looking forward to that! We would like to request that parents and carers coming on to the school site continue to wear their face coverings as it is not always possible to socially distance when entering and exiting through the gates. We will also need to continue with the staggered start and ending of the school day, as we have been doing, to help to keep everyone in our school community safe. Please ensure that if you or your child displays any symptoms such a continuous cough, high temperature or a change in sense of smell or taste you call 119 for advice regarding testing and do not come to school. Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Best wishes,

Dr Deborah Craddock



## Rights Respecting School News

### Exciting News

We are so excited to announce that our Silver: Rights Aware virtual accreditation will be taking place in Summer Term 2, on the 15th of July. We cannot wait to share the progress that our school has made so far in embedding children's rights in to our school's ethos.

### Article of the Week

This week, we are exploring Article 9 & Article 20, which are all about families. Article 9 says that no child or young person should be separated from their parents unless their parents are not acting in their best interests. If they have to be separated, they do have the right to stay in contact. Article 20 says that children, who can't live with their families are entitled to special protection and help. There are more than 65,000 children in the UK, who live in foster care and there are many thousands of children around the world, who are forced to be separated from their families due to war. May the 15th is the United Nations International Day for families. The 10th - 23rd of May is foster care fortnight. These events are a chance for us all to reflect on the importance of families and carers and how we can support those children who are forced to live apart from their parents and their family.



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0DA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East



During our weekly assembly, we discussed the importance of families and carers, and we watched a video called 'What is family?' by Robot Songs. This really helped us to explore that families can come in all shapes and sizes and that respect, understanding and celebrating differences is key.

### **The Big Ask**

The right to be heard is a key value within a Rights Respecting School (Article 12). Therefore, during ICT sessions, our children will be completing 'The Big Ask' survey. This is the largest survey of children and young people in England that there has ever been. The Children's Commissioner will use what the children tell them to show the government what they think, and what children need to live happier lives. More information can be found on the link below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>.

### **School-Wide Girls' Education Declaration**

Last week, after our 'Article of the Week' assembly, each tutor group created a 'Girls' Education Declaration. It was excellent to see all of the wonderful ideas and views of our children on why girl's education is important, our school's commitment to girl's education and what our children call on G7 leaders to do. The deadline for this is the 28th of May, we will share some examples with you in next week's newsletter.

We will be observing the following event days next week:

### **International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia** (Date: 17 May)

*What is it:* The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia aims to tackle prejudice and discrimination and promote the rights of lesbian and gay people. Each year the campaign has a different focus.

*Rights Link:* Article 2: Non-discrimination

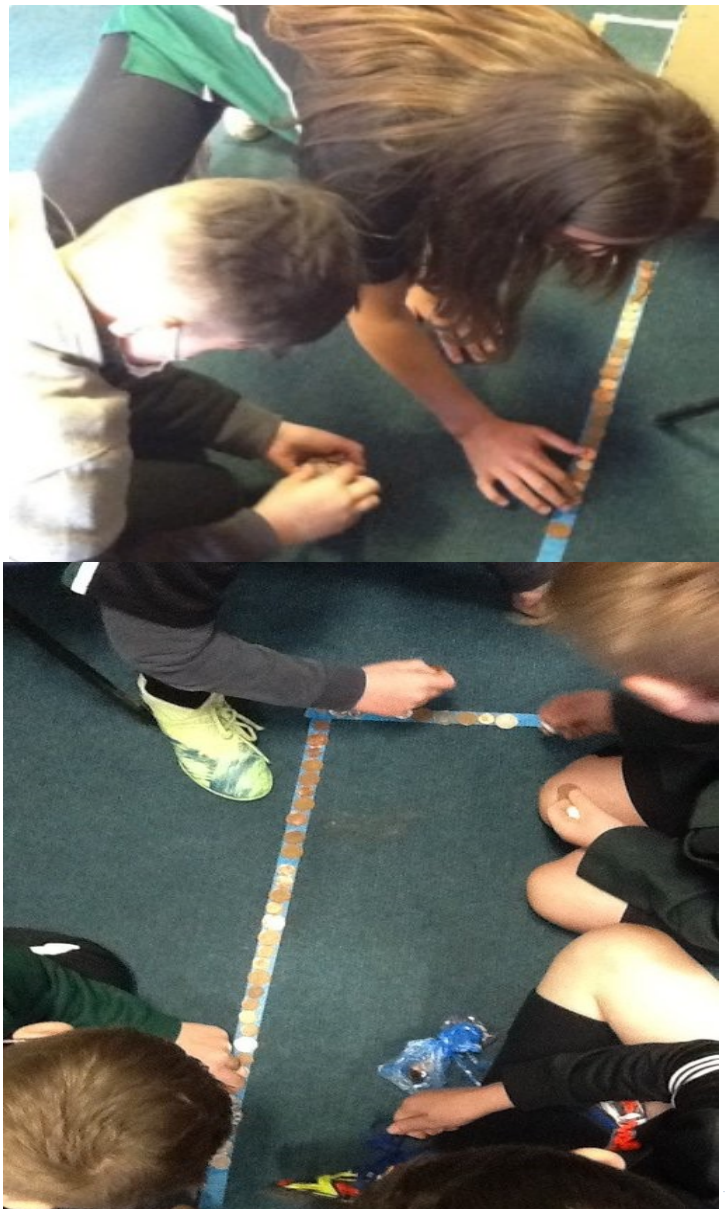
### **Cultural Diversity Day** (Date: 21 May)

What is it: The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development aims to encourage people to 'live together better'.

Rights Link: Article 2: Non-discrimination

Article 30: Children from minority or indigenous groups.

**On #numberday2021**, Mr Der's maths groups rose to the coin challenge which was to see if we could create a perimeter of coins (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p) around a classroom. Not only did we complete the perimeter of a room but we also did the inner table, raising £40 for the [#NSPCC](#). Thank you to everyone for your kind donations to such a worthy



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0DA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: [office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk)

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East





## **Kindness Award Winner**

6CC, as well as the rest of WMMS is so proud to announce the winner of the Kindness Goblet for last week. Well done Elizabeth!



## **Year 6CC Writing**

Over the past couple of weeks 6CC have been thoroughly enjoying creating their own pieces of Journalistic Writing in the form of a newspaper article. Understanding how to incorporate the 5Ws - where, what, when, who and why - and the importance of their presence in an introduction to a report has been really interesting for the children. Today they will be starting to understand the role of fact and opinion within an article and how they can implement it in their own reports. Witness statements have become very entertaining and 6CC have really found this element of report writing very exciting. We cannot wait to share our polished end products.

## **Fun At Forest School**

Year 7 - used the trees to scout for children approaching their dens, before helping to make the fire for baking bread. It was yummy despite being more of a biscuit! Some continued to make bracelets of the Viking wheel.

In Year 6 - Children supported each other to get the fire going and showed resilience whilst the chocolate cake was being made.

The Dutch oven reached the right temperature and made a delicious cake, which was iced before sharing around the camp fire.

Year 5 - were involved in many different activities from making perfumes, creating luxury dens and discovering interesting bones left behind from the local wildlife!



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0DA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: [office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk)

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East





## **YEAR 8 MATHS FUS ASSESSMENT**

Next week Year 8s will have their Ferndown Upper School Maths test. This will happen during their Maths lessons. We do not know what specific topics will be in the test but it will be based on their Key Stage 3 maths work.

Therefore, the next two weeks homework is to revise for these tests. To do this please use Mathswatch and play the videos. Try to watch one video per night. Those who do not have video access will be given some revision cards during this week. Good luck! Remember to do a little often rather lots once!



To further improve levels of punctuality and attendance at West Moors Middle School, this weeks' winners of the attendance trophies' go to 6CW in Key Stage 2 with 94 % attendance. In Key Stage 3, the winners are 8CT achieving an 94% attendance. A super effort and many congratulations to both classes.

## **GRAND OPENING OF WMMS POLYTUNNEL**

Yesterday we officially declared our polytunnel open. This project was only possible due to the generosity of the JTYAF & Ferndown and Parley Rotary Club. Linda Thornton kindly cut the ribbon to launch our exciting gardening initiative to support our children's health and wellbeing.



## **School Year: Term Dates & Holidays** **2020/21**

### Summer Term 2021:

Term ends on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Term starts for students on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Term ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Inset Days:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**



**Finally.....**For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter at: [@west\\_moors](https://twitter.com/west_moors)



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0DA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: [office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk)

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East

