



Parents' Weekly Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

13th November 2020

Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the season of Autumn and the colder and damper weather, with darker nights, is setting in. However, with that brings the exquisite autumnal colours and crisp, fresh days. This is always a wonderful time to inspire our children about the changes in seasons, migration and hibernation amongst all of the other wonderful learning that we do.

Despite the impact of Covid within the second national lockdown, it is important for all of us, and especially the children, to strive to stay positive and focus on what we can do and what we can change. Being in school is the best place for our children so that their education can continue and they have the opportunities to see their friends and continue to develop the skills that are so important for their future success. We are, and will continue, to do everything we can to make sure that this remains during this difficult time. So many of our community and school families have been affected in so many ways and I ask that we, as a school family, continue to support and look after each in the best way we can. Please all have a lovely weekend, keep safe and take good care.

All best wishes,
Dr Deborah Craddock.



Our Remembrance Service was the highlight of the week, as the whole school came together to commemorate Remembrance Day, we have learned about the sacrifices made by brave young people, who risked and sometimes gave their lives in war, so that we may live in peace.

Here are the year 5 'Rights Respecting Ambassadors' holding the school wreath. After our virtual Remembrance Service this morning 6CW composed their own Bugle Calls and explored The Last Post and Reveille in their music lesson. How inspiring!



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Virtual Cross Country Challenge and Team Competition

We are pleased to announce that West Moors Middle School took part in two Virtual Cross Country Events: PEDSSA Cross Country School Challenge and the PEDSSA 5000m Advanced Team Challenge.

Cross Country School Challenge

This event is to support schools in providing opportunities for children to run (and or walk) their age appropriate distance, with the collective distance covered by each school being recorded and shared to create a Poole and East Dorset total.

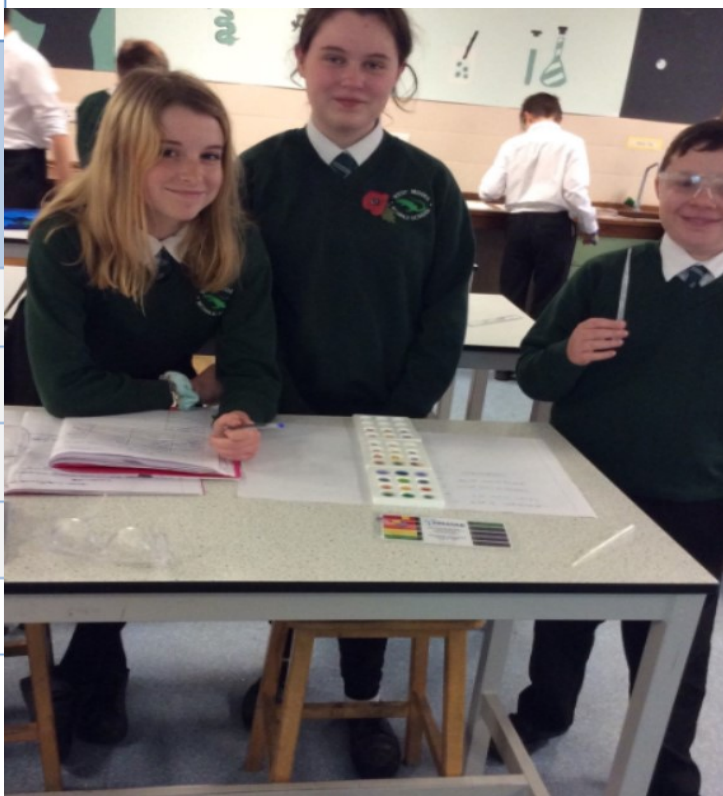
Advanced Team Challenge

5 runners complete 5000m by each completing 1000m. This can be done in relay fashion or the five runners complete their 1000m at the same time and their times added together to create a team 5000m time. A team consists of 5 children of the same sex from the same key stage. We are very proud to share that the winning class was 6CW with a time of 24 minutes and 52 seconds.

Orienteering Star Course Results

House	Gecko	Iguana	Komodo	Sand
5KW	10	20	40	30
5SB	30	10	20	40
6CW	40	30	20	10
6CC	40	30	20	10
7GC	10	40	30	20
7AD	40	30	10	30
8CT	40	10	20	30
8MM	10	30	20	40
Totals	220	200	180	210

In Science this week, Year 8 have been investigating the pH scale to discover which of our household products are acids or alkalis. The children had a great time discovering things they didn't know before and filling in the gaps on some Year 7 work. Moving forward with this topic in mind, we will soon be testing substances as CSI's to crack the case of "Who stole Dr Craddock's doughnut?"



School Name	West Moors Middle School		
Year Group	Number of boys completing the course	Number of girls completing the course	Total distance completed by the class in metres
Year 5 (1200m)	18	17	42000
Year 6 (1200m)	30	24	64800
Year 7 (1500m)	24	25	73500
Year 8 (1500m)	22	10	48000
Total distance covered by your school is metres			228300

Congratulations to Gecko House as the results of the Inter-House Orienteering course are published. The table shows just how close the results were!



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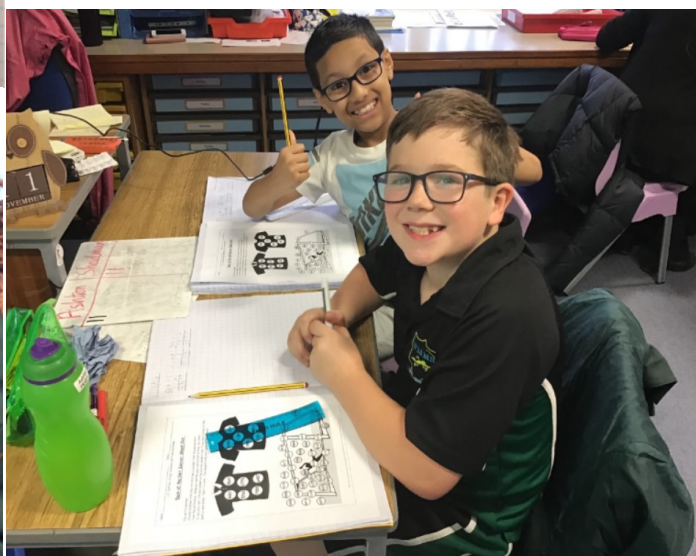




ARTSMARK

This week WMMS celebrated ARTSMARK and focused on the value art has in society as well as the importance of it in all of our lives. After a celebratory assembly on Monday, each tutor group were encouraged to collaborate and creatively formulate a graffiti/street art poster that displayed a famous quotation regarding art in our world. These colourful posters will be displayed around the school for all to enjoy.

Below are some of our **marvellous competitive mathematicians** in Year 5.



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

School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020:

Term starts for students on Monday 2nd November

Term ends on Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 5th January

Term ends on Friday 12th February

Term starts for students on Tuesday 23rd February

Term ends on Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May school closed

Term ends on Friday 28th May

Term starts for students on Tuesday 8th June

Term ends on Friday 23rd July

Inset Days:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021



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