



# Lizard Newsletter

*'Thriving to achieve our best - together'*

21st May 2021

## Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest weekly news bulletin. So far May has been rather chilly and wet, so we are hoping that means we are due some lovely warm sunny weather soon which will enable the children to enjoy the school grounds and the many outdoor activities on offer without dodging the heavy rain and hail storms.

We are embarking on a new, exciting fund raising campaign to build an outdoor amphitheatre for our children's drama performances and cross curricular outdoor learning opportunities. To help us to raise FREE donations for WMMS PTFA, if you're not already signed up, please can you begin using the easyfundraising website or app, registering free of charge, and then simply shopping online as normal. Please visit our designated easy-fundraising page to get started - [click here](#).

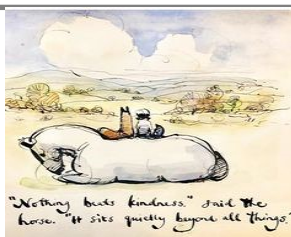
Our fabulous School Prefects in Year 7, Sarah, Amy and Maddie, and Eco Warriors, Aimee, Angel, Annabelle C and Annabelle M, made it into Dorset View this week as we celebrated the opening of our garden project. Thanks to JTYAF and Ferndown & Parley Rotary Club, we are able to offer our children incredible opportunities to develop their 'green fingers', and hone their gardening skills! To read about their special presentation, please [click here](#).

We also continue to encourage our children to read daily and this week, we are delighted to celebrate yet more Accelerated Reader word millionaires! We are also ecstatic to celebrate our school's first triple word millionaire- many congratulations Izzy (Year 6)! We would greatly value all parents/ carers working with us to encourage your child/ren to read daily every day, including weekends. In turn, this will impact positively on vocabulary choices in their writing for both core and non-core subjects.

We thank everyone for your continued support and hope that you all have a lovely weekend with your families whatever the weather brings.

Take good care and keep safe,

Dr Craddock and all the Staff at WMMS



## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL NEWS

### Article of the Week

On Monday, the 17th of May, we celebrated 'International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia'. This is a worldwide celebration of sexual and gender diversity, highlighting Article 2 - non-discrimination. During our weekly assembly we looked at the representation of LGBT+ in three key areas: Seeing more LGBT+ people positively represented in the media, seeing more LGBT+ people across society and seeing more positive stories about LGBT+ people's lives. We explored representation of LGBT+ in film, TV, sport, online entertainment, music, science, fashion, comedy, politics and discussed that it didn't always used to be this way. The children were surprised to find out that until 2003, there was a law, which meant that schools were prevented from even talking about these identities. Each tutor group then discussed how we can improve representation within our school.

Some of the children's ideas were:

- ◆ LGBT+ lunchtime club.
- ◆ Poster competition representing LGBT+
- ◆ community within our school.
- ◆ Assembly ran by LGBT+ club.
- ◆ Have a celebration parade.
- ◆ Organise guest speakers to discuss their LGBT+ experiences.



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

After collating feedback from tutor groups, please find some responses to the three key questions specified by UNICEF, which will be shared at the G7 summit.

### **Why Girl's Education is important:**

- Girls' have an opportunity to have their own jobs/career
- Girls have the same rights as boys
- There needs to be gender equality
- They have a right to access the same information as boys

### **Our school's commitments to girls' education:**

- We treat everyone the same and respect differences
- We are a Rights Respecting School
- A free education for all girls and boys
- Lessons and clubs are open to both genders
- Raise awareness of the importance of girls' education across the world

### **We call on G7 leaders to:**

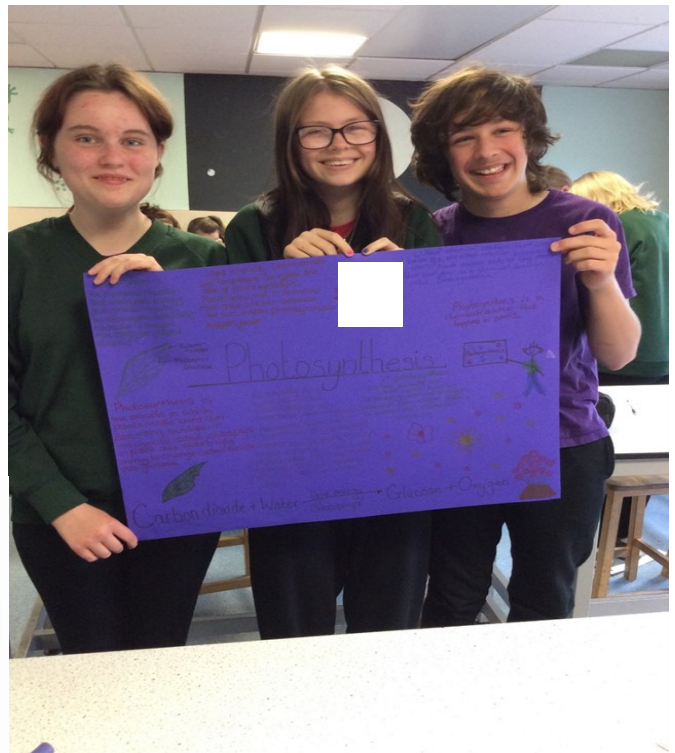
- Invest and encourage developing countries to change and see why it is important.
- Could incentives be given to encourage change?
- Ensure girls are not forced into marriage
- Girls in all countries should have the opportunity to go to school
- Girls should be able to share their own opinions
- Girls should be able to make their own decisions



## **6CC English Writing Update**

This week 6CC have been honing in on their report writing skills and making sure that they are becoming young, aspiring journalists and news reporters. They have mastered the 5W's of who, what, where, when and why and are now focusing on introducing witness statements to their reports. The big question they need to ask themselves is " Is this statement a fact or an opinion?"

**Our incredible year 8s** have nearly come to the end of their unit on photosynthesis and have created some fabulous revision posters. We have extracted chlorophyll, searched for chloroplasts, learnt a song about photosynthesis, we have had a rap about photosynthesis performed for us that one of the children wrote, checked (and smelt!) basil leaves for starch and looked for stomata under the microscopes. It is difficult to believe they are nearly at the end of their journey here at West Moors. They are growing up very quickly and working hard to prepare themselves for their transition to upper school. Well done year 8!



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**Year 5** at forest school, they played hide and seek and learnt about fire safety rules in preparation for next week. Excellent teamwork all round. Also some year 5 in celebration assembly.



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## ECO TEAM UPDATE from West

### Moors Middle School

## **COMING TO SCHOOL SOON – Bag2School – July 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to announce that our school has signed up with Bag2School company. They are an amazing fundraising organisation which collect unwanted clothes and items, to help schools and other organisations raise funds. These unwanted items are then sent to Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. Nothing is wasted. What a great opportunity to share and recycle our unwanted items!

Do you have any unwanted items?

The Bag2School company will be at our school the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

For further information please visit:

<https://bag2school.com>

We will remind our families of this opportunity again, as we approach this date, and where we would like you to stack your donation bags.

### **Safer Parking Outside School**

Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions from parents wishing to take their children to and from school by car:

#### **Can I park on zig-zag markings?**

No vehicles including those displaying a disabled person's blue badge are NOT permitted to stop or turn within the area of the markings during the times and dates the restriction is in force even for picking up or setting down of children.

#### **Can I double park if I remain in my vehicle?**

No. Vehicles parking in the middle of the highway cause an obstruction for all road users including pedestrians and children trying to cross the road.

#### **Can I park across someone's driveway?**

No. Parking across someone's driveway is deemed as obstructive parking

We politely ask that when parking that all road users consider our school neighbours and the safety of our children. Thank you.



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

#### **Summer Term 2021:**

Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May school closed

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**

#### **NEWS**

We have now launched our new WMMS facebook page. Please visit us @ [click here](#)

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



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