




# Lizard Newsletter

*'Thriving to achieve our best - together'*

"In the future when  
you look back and  
see yourself now...  
You'll be so proud."  
said the mole.



30th April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we enjoyed our first outdoor school assembly where we focused on the importance of kindness in the world today. In our school community, we have introduced Acts of Kindness certificates which will be awarded to a child from each tutor group every Friday. Our first Kindness Cup winner today was William (7GC) for being such a caring and considerate friend- we are incredibly proud of him.

This week our tutors also had a lovely opportunity to meet with you, as parents/ carers of all children in our school family, to talk about how well your child has settled back into school routines, post lockdown, as well as his/ her progress in learning. I just wanted to say thank you all for your kind words of appreciation during these conversations. They were much appreciated and meant the world to us.

I'm also delighted that our afterschool clubs have been so well received. It's just wonderful to see so many children engaging with these sporting opportunities.

We hope that you all have a enjoyable, May Bank Holiday weekend with your families- let's hope that the sun will shine!

Warmest Wishes,

Dr Deborah Craddock

## Rights Respecting News

Article of the week - In the last week of April, 'World Immunisation Week' is celebrated across the world. In school, we have been exploring, Article 6 and 24 of the UNCRC. World Immunisation Week is celebrated every year at the same time and during this week UNICEF share information to promote the use of vaccines to protect people against diseases. Vaccines are perhaps the most successful public health intervention in history, they save millions of lives every year. Thanks to a vaccine, we eradicated smallpox, which used to kill around 300 million people every year.

Thanks to vaccines, we've almost eradicated polio as well and it remains in just two countries. This year, during world immunisation week, the focus is looking at how vaccines bring us closer and how vital it is that the world works together to make sure that everyone has access to life saving immunisation. Sadly, 20 million children still go unvaccinated every year and therefore we've been learning about how this impacts their access to their rights and those of children all around the world because it's only when everyone is protected against a disease, that we are all truly safe from it.



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# vaccines bring us ——— closer ———



**Random Acts of Kindness** - Each week, there will be a focus on 'Random Acts of Kindness' across the school. This is an exciting initiative that we launched this week. We are really looking forward to seeing how our children and staff go the extra mile to make someone smile. Please do let us know if your child does something kind for you, as we would love to see this.



## **Looking forward - Important Event days and weeks in May -**

### **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

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*Rights Link:* Article 2: Non-discrimination Article 30: Children from minority or indigenous groups

### **Walk to School Week (Date: 17-21 May)**

*What is it:* Walk to School Week is part of the Walk to School campaign, which encourages parents and children to leave the car at home and take the chance to get outside and get fit by walking to and from school.

*Rights Link:* Article 24: Health and health services

### **International Day for Biodiversity (Date: 22 May)**

*What is it:* The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) aims to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

*Rights Link:* Article 6: Life, survival and Development

### **STATIONERY**



Polite reminder that your child needs a named pencil case with pencil, eraser, handwriting pen, whiteboard pen, glue stick, sharpener and colouring pencils in school. Thank you!



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**Year 5** have enjoyed a busy week in the sunshine at school, starting with the Year 5 celebration assembly, the Head Teacher's outdoor assembly in the sunshine focussing on acts of kindness. Year 5 have also been using their Maths resources to support their understanding and completing some super work on their topic of 'Earth and Space' as well as some students learning outdoors at Forest School.



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## **Fun at Forest School**

In Year 7 – Children took on various responsibilities from setting up the fire blanket and water to tending the fire, before using the Dutch oven to make popcorn. While they patiently waited for the popcorn the children used the fire to toast some marshmallows – yummy. Some children went on to create a den big enough for them all to fit in!

In Year 5 – the children tasked themselves with making a tyre swing and taking care to not fall off before they managed to sit on it! After their efforts they made a large sofa under the bush to relax in.

In Year 6 – A great game of Capture the Flag using many tactics – a very close match today with one second difference between the teams retrieving the flags. Also lots of determination to light the fire for popcorn.



## **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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