

THE LIZARD

West Moors Middle School

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Message from the Headteacher, Mr J Rielly

Communication between home and school is a vital part of any successful partnership. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you of two developments that will hopefully enhance this important link.

New website

Following much developmental work from Miss May and The Mustard Agency, I am pleased that we have now launched our new website:



We will be using this site to provide updates on school events, future calendar dates and frequent newsworthy items. It will also be the point of contact for statutory policies and information about the curriculum as well as being regular blogs and photos of children's learning outcomes.

Headteacher's coffee morning

Every term, I will provide an opportunity for any parent/guardian to join me for coffee and talk about issues affecting your children. As well using this time as an opportunity to shape school developments, it will be your chance to share your views on any aspect of your child's learning. I intend to hold the first such event on Friday 5th May at 9:30, although any parent would be welcome to come slightly earlier and join us for our assembly too. One of the topics I would like to discuss at this first coffee morning is child safety in relation to the use of the school car park and surrounding roads at the start and the end of the day. Several parents have notified me of their concerns about the use of the school car park during these times and concerns over safety. One idea I wish to propose is the limited issuing of permits to control access and make for a safer environment. Please notify the office if you wish to join me for a hot drink and constructive conversation

During the last four weeks all Year 8 pupils at West Moors Middle School have taken part in a micro-finance maths project, raising money for the Wild Hearts foundation. The project aims to give our oldest pupils the responsibility to take a seed capital of £1 and make their money grow through using and applying entrepreneurial skills.

I am delighted to confirm that our Year 8 pupils have turned a joint seed capital of £40 into over £500 through sensible investment and proactive communication with local businesses. We were grateful for the support given by local supermarket Morrisons and coastal attractions Rock Reef and The Tank Museum. This is the second year that West Moors Middle School have completed a Micro-Tyco project and provides opportunities for pupils to share business ideas with children from all over the world. Over 27,000 children competed in Micro-Tyco this year and our pupils will continue to receive updates on the impact of their charitable fundraising.



World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many literary characters on World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March. The winners for each year group were, Year 5 Lily-Ann Hayward as Hermione Granger, Year 6 Peter Bowyer as Harry Potter, Year 7 Danielle Teed as Hedwig the owl, Year 8 Finlay Gerchen as Dobby and finally the staff award went to Miss May who came as a screaming mandrake plant!

They each won a copy of Fantastic Beasts and every child in the school also received a £1 book voucher.

The lunchtime quiz saw Komodo win, and overall we raised £62.00 which will be spent on new books for the library.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fun event.

Ms Ward Librarian AKA Moaning Myrtle



Comic Relief Red Nose Day

We had a non-school uniform day for Red Nose Day and the school raised £150.00 Thank you for your donations.



Choir trip

On Friday 17th March, some members of the school choir took part in a music sharing event at the Verwood Day Centre. The afternoon involved some music performances by the day centre, our choir and the QE year 9 choir. Our choir sang "Sing" by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Gary Barlow. Their performance was outstanding and much appreciated by everyone there. The quality of their singing (at one point in three-part harmony) was excellent and they looked and sounded very professional. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and I am very proud of all of our pupils who took part.



Mrs H Watkins

Yr 5 Science Day at Paultons Park

On Friday 10th March our year 5 pupils went on a trip to Paultons Park in support of British Science Week 2017. The trip included presentations, The Science of Soap and Dinosaurs workshops, activity trails and keeper talks, as well as time to explore the Park's rides and attractions. A great time was had by all! Here are a few of the pupils' comments about the trip:

'My favourite part of the day was watching the penguins being fed and making soap.' Lily-Ann

'I enjoyed the workshops the most. I liked the soap workshop because you could choose a soap that you could keep. We chose the blue pigs with no glitter. The other workshop was about dinosaurs and you could see fossils.' Shanade

'The thing I liked the most was the rides. The ride I liked the most was the Kobra. I also liked the soap workshop because it was entertaining.' Will P

'My favourite part of the day was watching the penguins be fed and looking at the fossils. I had a fun and great time.' Summer

'My favourite part of the day was looking at all the different fossils. We all learnt what can fossilise and what can't. We all got to look and feel some fossils and see how they fossilised. I had a great time!' Lucy



Yr 6 Intech Trip

On Friday 17th March our year 6 pupils visited Intech in Winchester to enhance their understanding of how science affects our lives. Intech is a hands-on, interactive science centre with the largest capacity planetarium in the UK. During the day our pupils tried lots of different experiments and experienced a journey through space in the planetarium. We all had a really fun day out.



Yr 7 Moors Valley Orienteering

Our year 7 pupils visited Moors Valley on the 28th March to take part in some orienteering challenges with the rangers. Thankfully we had wonderful weather, perfect for exploring! During each session our pupils took part in a number of activities to help them improve their map reading skills. This led up to the final challenge to work in relay teams to use their new and improved skills to find clues hidden around Moors Valley. In both the morning and the afternoon sessions, the girl's teams won the relay team challenges – well done girls!! Thank you to the team of rangers at Moors Valley for a fantastic time.



Cross Country

On Thursday 30th March, four teams represented WMMS at the Middle Schools Cross Country Championships at Canford School. The pupils, from Years 5, 6 and 7 produced some excellent team and individual performances. Well done!

Mr Malone



Computing – Micro:bits

The Year 8 students have recently received their BBC micro:bits. These are pocket-sized, codeable computers that allow students to get creative with technology. In the computing lessons, 8 Blue have been able to control their micro:bits using JavaScript to display messages, pictures and even make games. Some detailed information about the BBC micro:bit can be found at www.microbit.co.uk. Students will have an opportunity to collect their BBC micro:bits to take home and keep at the end of the unit. If students do not wish to keep their BBC micro:bits, the school will take ownership and use them to teach future classes within computing.



PTFA Bingo Night



This term the PTFA organised a bingo night. Thank you for all who attended and made it such a fun evening. The hall was full, with the PTFA having to find extra tables. The intense concentration was palpable - congratulations to all the winners. We raised an amazing £345.00!

Look out for the next events:

Quiz Night – 19th May
Summer Fayre - 23rd June
Fashion Show - 13th October
Christmas Fayre - 24th November

Office Reminders

- Please can we remind parents that medical appointments for your child should, where possible, be made outside of school hours.
- If your child is absent from school, please don't forget to contact the School Office on 01202 872474 before 9am when the registers close. We would ask you to call us each day that your child is absent. We are having to chase a large number of pupil absences at the moment and if we do not have a valid reason for your child to not be in school, they will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. Thank you.

Uniform reminder

As we head into the summer term and children perhaps outgrow uniform bought at the start of the year, it is relevant to show this extract from the school handbook:

We believe that school uniform is important. It helps children to develop loyalty to the school and pride in their appearance. The uniform is economical and serviceable and consists of standard and easily obtained items:

- *School tie (girls wearing V-neck blouses do not need to wear a tie)*
- *White shirt or blouse*
- *Black skirts, culottes, trousers or formal shorts (Summer dresses of green/white may be worn)*
- *Bottle green sweatshirt* or cardigans (All skirts/culottes should be approximately knee length)*
- *Shoes (not trainers) should be black, suitable for school and flat.*

All teachers will be vigilantly checking uniform standards after Easter so that we can continue to set the highest standards for our pupils.

Healthy Lunches

Can we please remind parents that we are a 'Healthy School'. This means that food served in our canteen complies with government requirements ensuring that we provide nutritious and balanced meals for our students.

This also means that we would like you to support us in maintaining this by ensuring that packed lunches do not contain a surplus of crisps, sweets or chocolate. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. We have noticed that there are a number of children who have quite a lot of 'junk' food in their packed lunches, which is clearly not conducive to a healthy lifestyle.

School Calendar 2017

Date	Event
Monday 24 th April	Students return to school
Wednesday 26 th April	Year 3 Cricket Festival
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 19 th May	PTFA Quiz Night
Friday 26 th May	Break up for half term – students in school
Mon 29 th May -2 nd June	Half term week
Monday 5 th June	Students return to school
Friday 23 rd June	PTFA Summer Fayre
Wednesday 28 th - Friday 30 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Fairthorne Manor
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 7 th July	Transfer Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 7 Trip to Portsmouth Action Stations
Wednesday 12 th and 13 th July	School Summer Production
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Trip to Corfe Castle
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 5 Trip to Longleat
Thursday 20 th July	Year 8 Celebrations Trip
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term – students in school

*Please note: there are times when we are offered opportunities at the 'last minute' which means we are unable to give parents a lot of notice. There may, therefore, be additional events that take place which are not detailed above.

Attendance

Certificates for 100% Attendance:

Marc Collins, George Grocock, Adam Hector, Baylee Jegou, Lauren Marsh, Alyssa Mist, James Nawavuka, Edward Turner, Maria Turner, Landon-John Webster, Cameron Yau, Leo Zheng,

Certificate for most Improved Attendance: Lilia Tate

Individual Certificates

Pupils gain a Bronze Certificate when they achieve 50 Lizard Points, a Silver Certificate for 100 Lizard Points and a Gold Certificate when they reach 150 Lizard Points. This term we have presented the following certificates:

Bronze

Conrad Mccallum	Toby Rattley	Gabby Cabellero	Gemma Lilley
Shanade Smith	Joseph Wareham-Mewse	Jessica Blandford	Anya Smit-Ash
Peter Bower	Kayleigh Tomkow	Marshall Smith	Amy Cole
Chris Jones	Maria Turner	Isabelle Ashcroft	Elizabeth Hunter
Jorja Gill	Harvey Sears	Holly Berridge	Lauren Marsh
Brandon Cronk	Evie Marshall	Sasha Ford	
Max Kennedy	Charlie Kelly	Amelie Gastaldi	
Jake Palmer	Megan Collins	Elli-Mai Jervis	

Silver

Aimie Lomax	Helen-Marie Cash	Samuel Light	Jake Lamberth
Sebastian Singh	Kieran Chatham	Jake Smith	Ruby Smith
Kurt Blackburn	Francis Cunningham	Harry Thomas	Joseph Hunt
Emily Collins	Reece Smith	Cameron Whittle	Danielle Teed
Sonia Mecia	Millie-May Bodman	Rhiannon Hutton	Tyler Mawson
Tillie-Ann Bodman	Megan Brown	Demi-Leigh Johnson	Lucy Marsh

Gold

Summer Agate	Rosie Teed	Harry Johnston	Landon-John Webster
Raven Atkin	Cameron Willcocks	Lucinda Martin	Logan Atkin
Archie Brown	Taylor Ayres	Alyssa Mist	Sophie Cox
Toby Caney	Eleanor Bedford	Krystal Pike	Felix Doran
Jack Chew	Daniella Boylan	Charlie Stocks	Cariss Doyle
Jessica Greenwood	Jake Collins	Joshua Tomkow	Adam Hector
Lily-Ann Hayward	Luc Collins	George Amor	Mark Hunter
Lilly Johnston	Cody Davis	George Grocock	Rubin Jeyapaul
Lucy Lomax	Ella Hendy-Mcgill	Luke Hewitt	Abbie Miles
Lacey Munday	Luke Hodgson	Conner Hill	James Nawavuka
Leah Pearce	Charlotte Jackson	Aiken Moss-Holland	Daniel Toms
Joey Rushen	Alicia James	Hannah Osborne	
Niamh Stacey	Baylee Jegou	Jacob Watt	

Platinum

William Bowden	Ruby Morris	Seren Hince	Lani Stothard
Tarnie James	Gizem Myumyun	Rebecca Howard	Amy Entwistle
Hanna Penwarden	Kaitlin Osborne	Amber James	Jessica Lamb
William Pitt	Clayton Pestell	Ruby Nicholson	Coral Laws
Charlie Webster	Siobhan Watt	Jessica Stainer	

Lizard Trophy Winners

Year 5: Lilly Johnston, Cameron Willcocks

Year 6: Lani Stothard, James Nawavuka

Year 7: Aimie Lomax, Matthew Hodgson

Year 8: Kiera Gill, Corey Jennings

Pupil Points Winner: Ruby Morris