

Weetwood School News



Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been great to be back in school these last two weeks! Everyone has been switched on and ready for the new year ahead. It has been great to get to know the new Reception children and their families. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as you start your journey at Weetwood. Thank you to all the parents that have attended the curriculum meetings this week. I appreciate the times were not 'worker' friendly however I really wanted to have you all back in school whilst meeting the requirements of the Covid regulations. If you were unable to attend then all the information has been sent home, if you have any further questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. All curriculum information is available on the school website for reference later in the year.

Readathon/Book Fair



Monday 20th September – Friday 1st October

As some of you may know we are holding the Weetwood Readathon in partnership with the PTA between Monday 20th September and Friday 1st October. The aim of this event is to raise the profile of reading in school and raise extra funds to buy resources to support reading in school. We have set our fundraising target to £8000. This is an ambitious target and if we could reach it, it would have a huge impact on the resources we could buy to enhance our curriculum offer.

With the money raised we intend to;

- Give each class money to improve their book corner.
- Install 'Free Little Libraries' in the playground for children to exchange books.
- Buy home reader books. We are running very low on some book levels and it would be great to refresh the scheme and add some new books.
- Continue to improve the library, ensuring that we have a wide range of books which appeal to all children.
- Buy all classes in Key Stage 2 sets of class reader books to support their curriculum work.

If we raise...

- £35 we could buy the complete Harry Potter collection for the school library.
- £50 we could buy 10 new books for our reading scheme.
- £100 we could restock one class reading corner and make it a friendly inviting space to encourage reading and provide a quiet space for reading in each classroom.
- £150 we could buy several copies of books from one stage of our Weetwood Reading Spine.
- £240 we could buy one 'Free Little Library' for the playground.
- £250 we could buy a set of 30 books for a class in Key Stage 2.

How are we going to raise money?

On Monday the children will be given a read – a - thon challenge sheet. This will be attached to their reading record. The children will need to complete the challenges on the sheet and ask for sponsorship from friends and family. When they have completed a challenge they can scratch off the sticker to reveal a motivational reading message from a teacher. Once the children have completed all the challenges they will receive a certificate. It would be great to keep

the profile of this high, so please send Miss Westlake photos of the children doing some of the challenges for me to upload on Dojo.

We will also be running a reading minutes challenge. Children will be encouraged to read as much as possible over the Read-athon fortnight. They will need to record how many minutes they spend reading or having a book read to them and record this in their reading record and this must be signed by an adult. This will be collated in class and the class with the most amount of reading minutes will receive an amount of money to spend on books for their classrooms. (There will be different prizes for the different age phases) The competition will start on Monday 20th September and finish on Friday 1st October.

For children in Reception they can record how many books they read each day rather than minutes and this can be with an adult.

We will also be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair between Monday 27th September and Thursday 30th September. For every book you buy from the book fair we receive rewards to spend on books for school. I will send further details about how the book fair will be organized next week.

Please share the Just Giving link with friends and family to help raise as much money as possible.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weetwood-readathon>

Covid

Over the course of this week we have had three positive Covid cases, two in Year 4 and one in Year 6. The rules have changed around isolation so only the person with Covid isolates and not all members of the household. This also means that we don't close classes. We do ask that if you have Covid in your home, that you take additional precautions such as keeping distance where possible from the positive family member, regularly lateral flow tests and additional hygiene. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms and air on the side of caution if you are in any doubt.

International Language Day

We are celebrating European Day of Languages on **Friday 24th September**. This is a good opportunity to promote the importance of learning another language and learn about other cultures. Each teacher has chosen a country to focus on and to celebrate the children will take part in activities throughout the day linked to their chosen country. This will include learning some simple vocabulary and locating their chosen country on a map.

To make the day extra special we are asking that the children come to school dressed in the colours of their countries flag.

Here are the countries for each class:

Nursery – Slovakia (white, blue and red)

Reception – Wales (red, white and green)

Year 1 – Belgium (black, yellow, red)

Year 2 – Italy (green, white and red)

Year 3 – Greece (Blue and white)

Year 4 – Spain (red and yellow)

Year 5 – France (red, blue and white)

Year 6 – Germany (black, red and yellow)



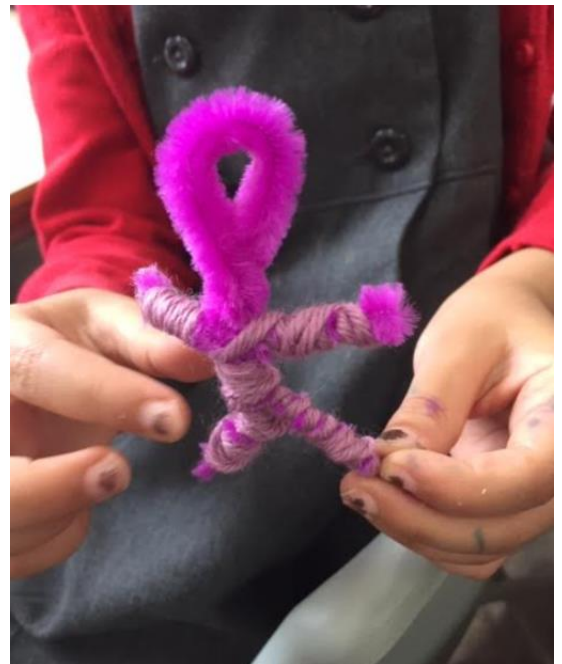
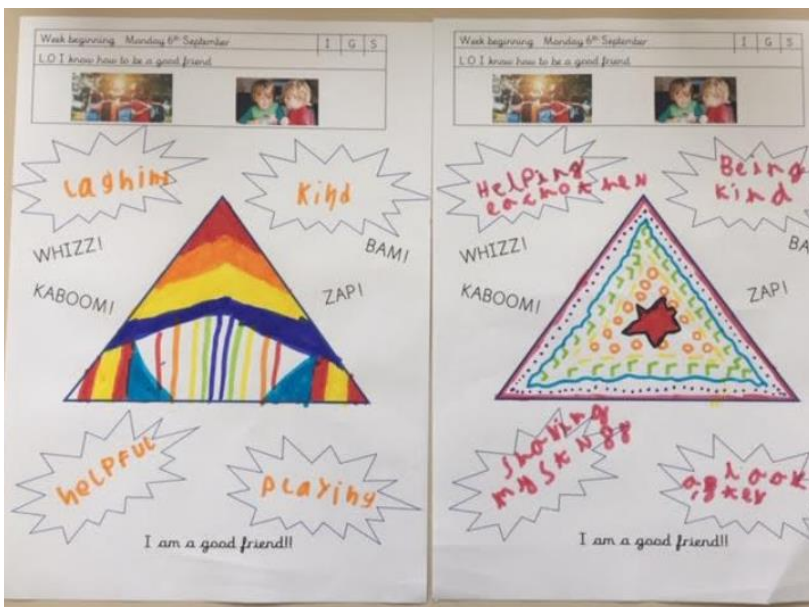
A peak inside school

It has been a busy two weeks in school. We spend the first few weeks in school reminding ourselves on the routines and setting the expectation in school. Take a peek at what we have been up to:

In Nursery, our lovely children have been having fun back in our nursery setting. This week we have welcomed new friends in to the setting and have been helping them settle in.




Year 2 have been thinking about the qualities of a good friend and designed a super hero cape. We also made worry dolls to help us with something we were worried about.



Throughout the first week of school, every child has written an acrostic poem trying to encapsulate The Weetwood Promise and values. Here are some ideas and poems from Year 2.

Date 10.9.21
 Objective: To write an acrostic poem.
Weetwood Primary School

W e work hard.
 E very day is epic.
 E xcited kids.
 T rying hard everyday.
 W eetwood is amazing.
 O h, how nice this school is
 O n so nice.
 D ays are epic.



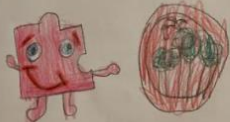
Our School Values

- Resilience
- Determination
- Tolerance
- Honesty
- Diversity
- Trust
- Kindness
- Inclusivity




Date 9.9.21
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Weetwood Primary School

W eetwood working hard.
 E very bodays kind.
 E pic teachers all around.
 T ogether we play.
 W ere a big team.
 O n task.
 O ur school is the best.
 D ing are best every day.

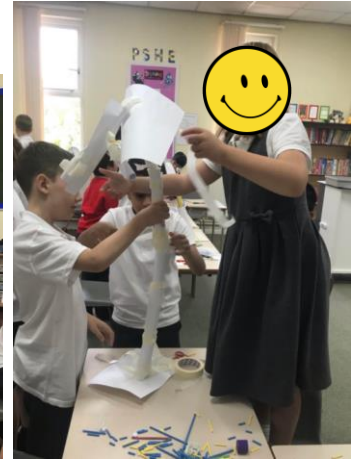
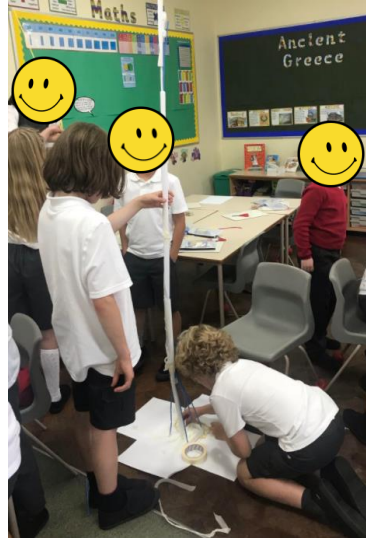
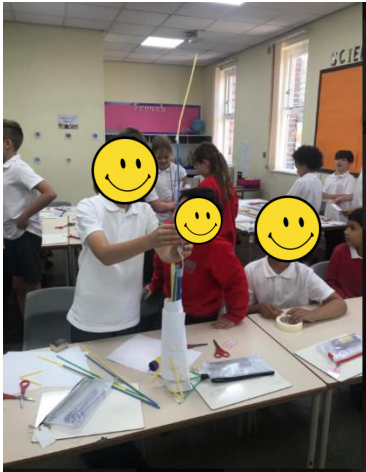


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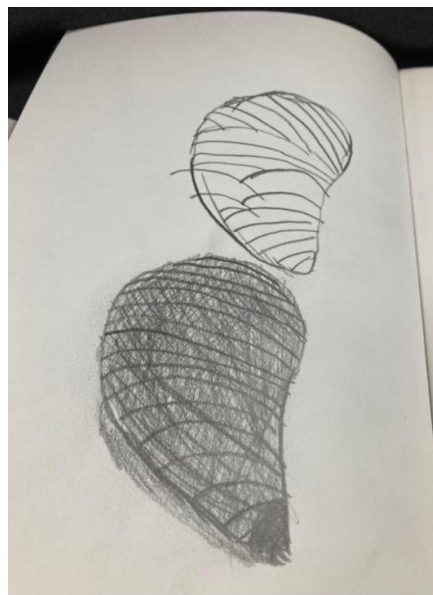
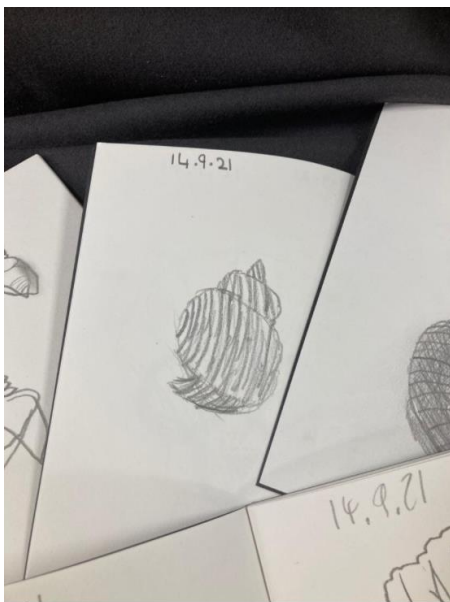
W onderful Weetwood
 E very day lovely lessons
 E pic weeps and days
 T rying are hardest
 W orking as a team
 O ur school is the best
 O n every day works
 D ays are new



Year 4 have been working collaboratively in their first computing lesson. The task was to work together to build highest free standing tower. They had to think about how easy it is to collaborate and what problems they might face.



In Year 5, we developed our sketching skills. We tried timed drawing, 'blind' drawing and continuous line drawing. We were quite pleased with the results.



Reminders

As we return to normal, please can I remind you that parking on double yellow lines is not permitted for picking up. It is busy at the end of the school day, please ensure you drive along all surrounding roads slowly and carefully. If you are sat waiting in the car please ensure your engine is switched off and your car is not sat idle with your engine running. This increases the pollution in the surrounding area and can be easily avoided.

Calendar

Date	Up and coming events:
20.09.21	Readathon Begins
23.09.21	Reception Book Bag Assembly
24.09.21	International Languages Day
27.09.21	Book Fair in school – details to follow.
27.09.21-29.09.21	Year 6 Bikeability
04.10.21	Black History Month
11.10.21	Big Draw Week
19.10.21 and 20.10.21	Parents Evening – TBC how this will run
22.10.21	Harvest Festival Assembly- Parent attendance to be confirmed.
01.11.21	Training Day