

WBJS NEWS

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Message from the Headteacher

Welcome Back Year 6

For those Year 6 pupils who have returned to school, welcome back! It has been a very smooth transition back into school and the children have been amazing. Thank you very much to staff for all the hard work in planning for their return. To those Year 6 pupils still at home, we are all thinking about you and we will be planning ways to link up to ensure the Leavers of 2020 are united.

Creative/Mufti Fridays

From today, as well as Creative Fridays in and out of school, we are introducing "Mufti Fridays", where children and staff can enjoy the creativity wearing mufti on a Friday. As usual, I look forward to seeing photos of your creative days to add to our ongoing photo gallery!

Pond Excitement

We are all very excited about how well established the pond has now become and pond dipping sessions this week has revealed some exciting findings with newts, dragonfly larvae (3 different stages spotted), leeches, water beetles and lots of pond weed!



Brush Party

The next Brush Party will take place on Thursday 11 June from 9.30am to 11.00am, this time only the facilitator will be able to view any online questions that pupils logging in from home may have. The recording of the video will be available for the remainder of the day for those people using the option to 'pause' the class, to ensure that pictures can be completed by the end of the school day.

Please ensure that you and your child follow online safety rules and that you supervise your children during the session to ensure that they do not reveal information about themselves on the online chat. This event is open to many schools across Woking now.

Thank you to those who voted for the picture of their choice, this voting was spread across Woking schools and the result will be revealed on Tuesday. The link will be issued on Wednesday.

All children in school will have the opportunity to take part in the Brush Party using school resources, within the guidance set out in our risk assessment.

Free Online General Knowledge Quizzes

The school has registered for all children, in school and at home, to take part in online general knowledge quizzes. All the children need is access to a PC, laptop or tablet to watch and listen to the quiz and another device (mobile phone, tablet or laptop) to use as their personal handset to answer the questions. There is no software to download and you receive simple instructions on how to join in when you book a quiz. Children can also take part from anywhere with an internet connection, so if they are on the go at the time of one of the quizzes, that's fine - they just need a mobile phone or other device and they're ready to go.

Each quiz is live and presented by a Quizmaster and will run for one hour. It is composed of thirty General Knowledge multiple choice questions of varying difficulty and players answer every question using their remote handset. Momentous events in history, incredible geographical landmarks, beautiful art, inspiring music and literature, amazing science, cultures from around the world, current affairs and world knowledge all feature in our quizzes and offer children the opportunity to improve and test their knowledge and understanding of our past, present and future. The Quizmaster gives plenty of information throughout the quiz, explaining the answers throughout.

There are three General Knowledge quizzes per week and children can take part in as many of them as they wish (the questions in each quiz are totally different). Each quiz is also recorded and can be played after the live quiz has run, so children don't miss a thing if they are busy. The days and times of the live quizzes each week are Tuesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm, Thursday 4.00pm to 5.00pm and Saturday 11.00am to 12.00pm. Details will follow in due course.

Staff Changes

It is with great sadness that I announce the forthcoming retirement of Ms Leafe. Ms Leafe has been working in the school for the past seven years and has been working in Year 4 as a job share with Mrs Hopkins as well as teaching Year 6 classes. Over recent years, Ms Leafe has been instrumental in enabling Eco School to really take off and this is now a real strength in our school. After working in education for twenty four years, Ms Leafe is looking forward to a well-deserved retirement.

Virtual School Games-your chance to take part

For the remainder of the 2020 Summer Term young people, whether they are at school or at home, can get involved in the Virtual Surrey School Games programme.

From Thursday 4 June, schools will be sent weekly themed activities, which can be forwarded to parents or accessed directly. The activities can be completed indoors or outdoors using minimal equipment; alternatives can be used if you don't have exactly what's needed. Taking part is the important thing, but we encourage parents to share their child's time/score with us and we'll create a school leader board.

What the Virtual Games involve:

There are two parts to the Virtual Surrey School Games. The first is the weekly Activity which comes with five levels of progression depending on age and/or ability of the child. You can get an idea of what the [planned Activities](#) are below. Results from the activities - which can be done at home or school - can be [submitted](#) by a parent or teacher. The second is a 'Level Up' ideas challenge where parents of young people are invited to share their ideas with us on social media – [safely](#) - using the hashtag #VirtualSSG2020 and win a £20 Amazon voucher.

Please click on the link below to find out more about how to enter for you and for WBS!

<http://www.activesurrey.com/events/games/VSSG>

Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020

If you are looking for something to keep your children busy during the coming months, then join this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The theme is "Silly Squad", a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge 2020 has announced a line-up of stars in children's publishing and entertainment who have pledged their support for this year. The nation's most popular reading challenge which engages over 700,000 children each summer, launches in an all-new digital format this year due to COVID-19 and the ongoing social distancing measures in schools and public libraries.

The Summer Reading Challenge will run from June to September, launching on Friday 5 June with a virtual Let's Get Silly programme running from the [Summer Reading Challenge's Facebook](#) page. This will feature special super silly readings, family activities and draw-a-longs from guest celebrities and authors.

The full schedule will be announced the week commencing Monday 1 June with the following virtual events already confirmed by The Reading Agency:

- CBBC's Sam and Mark kick-off the party with their unique brand of 'silly' fun.
- Readings and jokes from authors including David Baddiel, Ben Fogle, Philip Ardagh, Paul O'Grady, Konnie Huq and Samantha Baines.
- Silly Time with the BBC's Katie Thistleton and Hacker T Dog.
- Draw-a-Longs with official Summer Reading Challenge illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, and Rob Biddulph.
- Magic Tricks and Mind-Bending Maths with Mr Bates from The Shed School.
- Poetry with performance poet and playwright Joseph Coelho.
- Crafts, colour and creativity with the original queen of colouring, Johanna Basford.
- Bedtime Reading session with actor Charlie Condou reading from This is Gus by Chris Chatterton, published by Macmillan Children's Books.
- Unveiling of the official 'Let's Get Silly!' theme song by Harry Baker and Chris Read.

So join the fun and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge online from the 5 June!

The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries.

Have a lovely weekend.

Lesley Lawrence