



Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone return to school this week looking rested and refreshed after half term and ready for the big push towards the summer.

We talked about people or events that inspire us in assembly this week and talked in more depth about the Normandy Landings that were remembered on the 6th June. Having visited Normandy many times with children and staff on school trips (including at Woodloes), I believe it is incredibly important for us to reflect on and learn from historic events like D Day and to understand how they have shaped the world we live in.

I have seen some fantastic, purposeful learning again this week during my observations around school. The staff and children are using every resource and every spare inch of the school, both inside and out, to deliver an accelerated curriculum and it is having a really positive impact on standards. Well done to everyone for their creativity, dynamism and sheer hard work!

We had a welcome meeting for our new Reception Parents last night and it was lovely to meet new members of our school community. We look forward to seeing them in school soon, once the restrictions are finally lifted, whenever that might be! I am sure we will all be listening to the government's announcements very carefully in the days and weeks ahead.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Stay safe.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

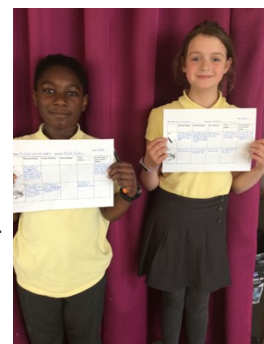


On Thursday 27th May, the Year 6 pupils participated in a virtual live reading from authors named Kwame Mba-lia and Prince Joel David Makonnen based on their book 'Last Gate of the Emperor'.

Both authors read an extract from their book and one of the authors talked about how his love for sci-fi and futuristic movies allowed the book to be set in the future.

The other author spoke fondly about his passion for his heritage and memories of how living in Ethiopia as a child supported the book to be a mixture of futuristic terrain and Ethiopian culture.

Caleb 6K quoted "I thought it was a very inspiring how they were able to combine a futuristic world with the Ethiopian culture: sending the main character into a historical and cultural adventure."



Governor Focus

As part of our monitoring of the children's academic development and progress we work with subject leaders to verify standards in targeted areas of the curriculum. As a lot of emphasis has gone into helping children make accelerated progress in English and Maths this term, we will be looking closely at these areas in the next few weeks.

These findings are then discussed at our half termly Standards Sub Committee and are reported to the trustees of the Community Academies Trust.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week of half term—Class 3C (Miss Goodrick) with 97.9%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

Teachers assess what you know and challenge you on what you don't know. Also teachers try their hardest to explain questions in maths.
Caleb Year 6



Focus on Excellence

Year 4 have been busy practising our times tables for the National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which we have opted into this year. We need to answer times tables questions up to 12×12 in 6 seconds! We have been practising our times tables all year to prepare by singing songs, doing Daily 10 maths challenge, playing times tables games, doing active maths and with our Checkpoint Challenge. We have also been using the school's new ipads to familiarise ourselves with the format of the test and answering the questions.

Other News

Welcome to our new additions

We have some 'egg'citing news !!!

Our 'resident' mummy duck (who has nested in one of our courtyards for the previous two years) has just produced 10 ducklings! This is very exciting news and we look forward to watching the ducklings grow and develop over the coming weeks!



Reminder to Year 2 to Year 5 parents Re: Music tuition

Further to the email sent at the end of last half term, please email the school office (admin5207@welearn365.com) if you would like your child to receive music tuition from September 2021. Please include your child's name, current class and choice of instrument (Guitar, keyboard, steel pans, strings or woodwind) Please advise **no later than Tuesday 15th June 2021** to secure a place.

Summer Weather/Uniform

As we have been enjoying some sunshine and rising temperature in recent times, please ensure that your child is adequately equipped for the summer weather i.e., suncream applied at the start of the school day (if relevant) and appropriate clothing i.e., 'named' sunhat.

Please also ensure that a named water bottle is bought into school, so that your child can easily access fresh drinking water during the course of the school day.

Air Ambulance

As per our last newsletter before half term, we are welcoming donations of clothing etc., for the Air Ambulance clothing bank (which is situated in our playground). As advised, you are invited to drop any items—bagged up— at the pedestrian entrance (Year 5/6) on any Monday afternoon during term time.

Brunswick Hub News

The above offer various services/activities:-

Adventure Babies on Friday mornings—visit www.adventurebabies.co.uk

Support group for Orbit tenants. Get in touch—01926 422123, email triciacollier@brunswickhlc.org.uk

Employment Services. You can book a one to one appointment for support with: creating/updating CVs, careers & training advice, job applications, benefit assessments. To book an appointment, email rachelcefaib@brunswickhlc.org.uk or call on 01926 422123.