



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

9th October 2020

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support this week with wearing masks. I am hopeful that this is another measure that will ensure that we keep our community safe.

Next week is the first of our parents meetings. Details regarding arranging bookings will have been sent out to you. Please do book online as we are keen to talk to all of you about your son/daughter and how they have settled back into school. We are particularly keen to hear from you about any additional support you think your child may need. We are being promised funding from the department for education to support the children with closing any gaps in their education, and if you do have any suggestions, please do pass these on to the class teacher.

Please be aware that we had made some temporary changes to the office due to staff sickness. Miss Molly Houlihan is currently on reception and in the front office, and Ms Natalie Webb is working in the back office working in finance and managing the school office. Welcome to both members of staff.

This week I met with Izzie Tyler's parents regarding developing a permanent memorial in school by which we can all remember her. She and her family were such a huge part of the Worple school community and we are keen to involve those who want to be involved in helping to create something very special for her. We have agreed with her family that we would like to create a small memorial garden for her, and over the next few months, we will be planning and starting work on this. I will be in touch with further details about how you can get involved if you wish too, as soon as more detailed plans have been established.

Only a few more weeks until half term and I am sure by mid-October the children will definitely need a rest. A reminder that half term is slightly longer this year as we have added teacher training days to the end. Please note the half term runs from Monday 26th October to Tuesday 3rd November.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives.

Best wishes,

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher



Parents Evening

A letter has been sent out to you earlier in the week via ParentMail explaining how you can book an appointment for parents evening. If you are having difficulty booking an appointment or do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to book an appointment on your behalf.

PTA

The PTA needs your help! We will be hosting a PTA committee meeting on **Wednesday 21st October at 9:30am** to discuss potential fundraising ideas for this year, discuss social events to help reunite the community and get some feedback from you. All are welcome so please pop the date in your diary and use the join link below to join in...

Topic: PTA Committee Meeting

Time: Oct 21, 2020 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84099638954?pwd=TIo3ZFFiNVBIWmlMYlhGYjQyZEFtQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 9963 8954

Passcode: 3u2iik

Clubs

Club letters will be sent out next week via ParentMail. Please note that clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

World Mental Health Day

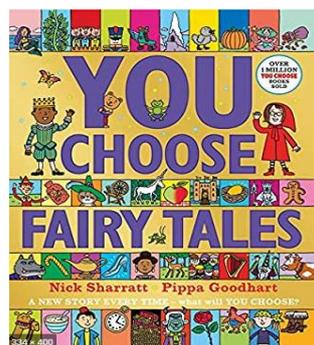
This year's World Mental Health Day on 10 October, comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past months have brought many challenges: for health-care workers, providing care in difficult circumstances, going to work fearful of bringing COVID-19 home with them; for students, adapting to taking classes from home, with little contact with teachers and friends, and anxious

about their futures; for workers whose livelihoods are threatened; for the vast number of people caught in poverty or in fragile humanitarian settings with extremely limited protection from COVID-19; and for people with mental health conditions, many experiencing even greater social isolation than before. And this is to say nothing of managing the grief of losing a loved one, sometimes without being able to say goodbye.

The children's mental health and well-being is at the centre of everything we do at Worple. We are currently working towards achieving our 'Trauma Informed Schools' Status, (TIS). All our staff are accessing a wide range of training which we are using in our daily practice in the classroom. We have a very strong pastoral team, who work alongside teachers to create an environment that is inclusive and nurturing to children's wellbeing.



Reading Corner



You Choose: Fairy Tale (Puffin), by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt, the latest instalment in the much-loved You Choose series, allows children to decide which heroes they'd be, which sidekicks they'd take along, which villains they'd flee, and which magical objects they'd use in their own fairy-tale.

Super Sentences!

Each week we will be sharing with you a sample sentence to practise writing with your child. Encourage them to say it, write it, use it alongside other sentences, and find examples in their reading. It's a great way to develop and improve writing.

3 Ed Sentences

(A sentence beginning with three adjectives ending in 'ed')

Frightened, terrified and exhausted, they ran from the creature.

Classroom Corner

After reading the story Where the Wild Things Are, Reception went on their own adventure. They crawled through a 'magic tunnel' to emerge as a 'Wild Thing' at the other end and then went off to the Wild Woods where they encountered other wild things. Before home time they went through the magic tunnel in the opposite direction so as not to go home as a Wild Thing!



Walk to School Week

The children have really enjoyed Walk to School week and have participated enthusiastically. They have been thinking about how walking makes you feel happy and the things that make you smile on a walk. Why not have a go at a family scavenger hunt? See how many different things you can spot on your walk to and from school.

Year 2 have been looking at walks you can take in our local area and drew pictures of where they like to walk.



By Erin



By Ariana



By Barnaby

Class	Merits
Nursery	Liam for settling into nursery so well.
Reception	Everleigh for a great dog skeleton made out of art straws. Hollie for a great skeleton made out of art straws.
Year 1	Olivia for her fantastic writing about tigers. Junior for trying so hard with his writing.
Year 2	Harry: for always working so hard and being such a kind member of Year 2! Barnaby for always being kind and for sharing Samuel Pepys' diary with the class as part of our Great Fire of London topic.
Year 3	Krish for challenging himself in Maths all week and doing excellent work. Martha for motivation in our instruction writing in English.
Year 4	Wafa for settling in so well at Worple. We have loved having you as part of our class! Rabee for writing a fantastic diary entry – you have challenged yourself and had great focus!
Year 5	Cairo for always remembering everything he needs to remember, and for always trying to give his best- such a great role model. Well done! Ruby for always remembering what she needs to do and bring- well done for being so organised!
Year 6	Ellie for displaying so many Worple core values in one piece of writing: motivation, challenge and curiosity. Super work Ellie! Tuana for working so hard in all lessons, especially maths. She constantly challenges herself and is resilient, when the work is really difficult.
Lunchtime Awards	Ryan Year 2 for being so helpful and having lovely manners.

Attendance and Punctuality

We anticipate bringing back our attendance and punctuality section of the newsletter after the October half term.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have now all completed their baseline test for Times Table Rock Stars. This score will be used to track children's progress and work out their rate of progress and identify children who have made the most progress. Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised for earning the most coins, improving on the number of correct answers achieved and improving on their time taken to answer times tables questions over the course of the week.

Key Dates

	Academic Year 2020-21
W/C Monday 12 th October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 20 th October	Individual school photos Open Morning for prospective parents - Please contact the school office for more information
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Friday 23 rd October	Year 2 Great Fire of London day Break up for Half Term
Monday 26th October – Tuesday 3rd November	HALF TERM
Wednesday 4 th November	Children return to school

Year	Most Coins	Most Improved	Fastest
Year 3 & 4	Anna-Maria	Aleena	Aleena
Year 5 & 6	Samuel	Samuel	Katra