



# WORPLE WEEKLY

## *Every Second Counts!*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a hopefully restful Half Term. There are lots of exciting things planned for the children over the course of the second part of the Spring Term. Don't forget to put the key dates in your diary.

A huge thank you to all the Parent Reps who met with Mrs Finch before the Half Term. As many of you may be aware, we are currently rewriting our vision statement to truly reflect the children at our school. The Parent Reps spent time collating the views of the Parents and Carers and we are currently combining these with ideas from Staff, Governors, midday supervisors and most importantly – the children. Watch this space for our new vision statement and motto soon.

You may also have noticed the new fenced off area opposite Reception. This is the new Year 1 outside learning area. Please refrain from using this area before and after school as the teachers spend a lot of time making sure the area is ready for learning. If your child is in Year 1 make sure they come with a warm coat, hat and gloves as they will be using this area from now on as part of their learning. Many thanks.

### Key Diary Dates

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Secondary Schools Offer Day Year 3 start swimming sessions for 4 weeks <i>Do not forget to bring your swimming kit!</i>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA Pub Quiz at the Ailsa Tavern 7pm start
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 for Year 5
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 and 2 for Year 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 class assembly and coffee morning 9:15am start Parents Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Book Week</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 class assembly and coffee morning 9:15am start
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 1, 2 and 3 <b>Fabulous Finish</b> at 9:00 – 9:30am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 4, 5 and 6 <b>Fabulous Finish</b> at 9:00 – 9:30am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter at 2:00pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for Summer Term

What is a **Fabulous Finish**? Parents and Carers are invited into their child's classroom to experience what they have learnt over the course of the term. It is a great opportunity to spend some time with your child/ren in their classroom and find out what they have been learning! Don't forget to put the date in your diary!



### News and Messages

#### Year 2 visit to London Zoo

On Wednesday Year 2 went on a school trip to London Zoo.

*"We saw some fat black and white penguins, they were very good swimmers. We saw a lazy tiger, he was asleep. We saw a tall giraffe, he was eating. We saw bats flying as fast as the wind."* **Roo**

*"The lemurs were very cuddly animals. They were jumping and running and had a secret passageway."* **Charlie**

*"We saw a big fat gorilla."* **Kenzie**

## News and Messages Continued

### Chinese New Year and Tai Chi

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February many people around the world celebrated Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is the Chinese festival marking the start of the New Year. To help celebrate this the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 took part in a Tai Chi workshop on Tuesday morning. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art that was developed to help a person's physical and emotional well-being. Tai Chi is like a combination of moving yoga and meditation.

*"We learnt lots of moves like monkey, tiger and respect. It was really fun."* Ada in Year 1.



### These weeks' Merits

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Olive</b> – for trying hard to make a painting of the prince. <b>Rahim</b> – for forming new friendships.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Reece</b> – for trying really hard with his reading and writing. <b>Autumn</b> – for writing a super sentence with Miss Brenton.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Katherine</b> – for always having a go at all the busy learning activities in the classroom. <b>Gus</b> – for working hard to improve his handwriting.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>The whole class</b> for fantastic behaviour on our school trip to London Zoo.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Chloe</b> – for working hard on her newspaper report. <b>Jack</b> - for working hard on her newspaper report.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Marwa</b> – for always being on task. <b>Noor</b> – for always trying her best.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Sarah</b> – for trying hard at everything she does. <b>Kavneet</b> – for always trying to improve his work.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Alex</b> - for working really hard with his maths line graphs. <b>Archie</b> – for great work on inheritance.

### Punctuality Revamp!

Don't forget about our punctuality revamp...There will no longer be mufti days for classes with no lates. The school council will be working alongside Mrs Butterworth to come up with a new incentive for children who are on time for school.

### Sporting News

*On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, the Tag Rugby team (Husna, Francesca, Erin, Baraa, Ishaak, Tommy, Raquan, Amara, Nikson and Cyrus) competed in the Tag Rugby Finals at Grasshoppers FC. Our first game we scored a try but the opponents won by a point. On the second and last match, everyone had continuously encouraged one another, showing all the school values and, with an outstanding performance of tackling, however we were defeated by 2-1.*  
by Husna and Francesca.



### Attendance and Punctuality

	Punctuality	Attendance
<b>Nursery</b>	0	87%
<b>Reception</b>	0	95%
<b>Year 1</b>	5	90%
<b>Year 2</b>	1	97%
<b>Year 3</b>	1	97%
<b>Year 4</b>	6	98%
<b>Year 5</b>	2	96%
<b>Year 6</b>	5	97%



### Morning Library sessions: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30-8.50am.

Year 5 and Year 6 welcome alone. Everyone else, bring your grown-ups! Come and explore the newly invigorated dual language library. We have books in 22 different languages, from Albanian to Zulu!



**Worple Book Week** will be the week beginning **19<sup>th</sup> March**.

The theme this year is **Gutsy Girls and Bold Boys**. We'll be celebrating the fact that it is 100 years since some women were given the vote.

<http://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/transformingsociety/electionsvoting/womenvote/>

There will be lots of exciting activities (watch out for more news about this).

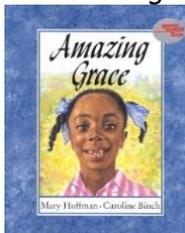
**Dress up day** will be **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, so get planning and choose your favourite strong character from a book. Someone who makes a real difference. Someone who stands up for themselves and others. Someone who fights for what they believe in. Someone who inspires.

Here are some of our favourites:

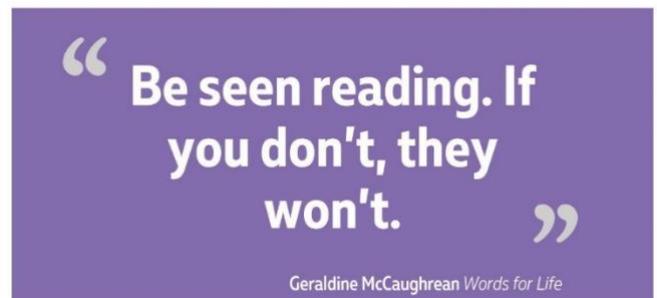
- Pippi Longstocking

***"Her hair, the colour of a carrot, was braided in two tight braids that stuck straight out. Her nose was the shape of a very small potato and was dotted all over with freckles. It must be admitted that the mouth under this nose was a very wide one, with strong white teeth. Her dress was rather unusual. Pippi herself had made it. She had meant it to be blue, but there wasn't quite enough blue cloth, so Pippi had sewed little red pieces on it here and there. On her long thin legs she wore a pair of long stockings, one brown and the other black, and she had on a pair of black shoes that were exactly twice as long as her feet. These shoes her father had bought for her in South America so that Pippi would have something to grow into, and she never wanted to wear any others."***

- Hermione Granger
- Harry Potter
- Amazing Grace



- Lyra Silvertroungue – The Golden Compass
- Fern (or Charlotte!) from Charlotte's Web
- Matilda
- Charlie Bucket
- Paddington Bear
- Little Red Riding Hood



Please ask your class teacher if you need help with ideas. Don't worry if you think your character isn't so well known- What a great opportunity to introduce us all to a new book! There will be prizes for the most original and inventive ideas linked to the theme.

[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/13579.Childrens\\_picture\\_books\\_with\\_strong\\_females](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/13579.Childrens_picture_books_with_strong_females)

Happy Reading!