



WICKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 24

Online Safety

It was great seeing over 100 parents at the session yesterday. Thank you to those who came. From the feedback forms it is clear that the session was an eye-opener for many of you and hopefully you will feel more confident about supporting your child's online activity to ensure they remain safe. My thanks to Debbie Schofield who came into school to take the session.

Red Nose Day

We raised a very creditable £533.95 last week on Red Nose Day. Thank you. Your donations will be split between Comic Relief and our Charity of the Year, Cancer Research.

Reading Bingo

Following our very successful reading award in January and February, we are introducing reading bingo cards on Monday. In the back of your child's reading record, there will be a bingo card with six different types of book for your child to read at home.

When your child completes one of these books, please sign in that section. Your child will then be given a sticker for that section at school when his or her teacher take in reading records. When the card is completed, your child will be rewarded with ten dojos. His or her name will be added to a school reading tree and placed in a draw to win a book token. Reading bingo will encourage your child to read a wider range of books – this is something that we know the best readers do. Many thanks for your ongoing support with reading at home.

Boys Football Competition

A huge well done to our year 5/6 football team who represented our school incredibly well on Tuesday at Beauchamps School! The boys won 4, drew 1 and lost 1, with our only defeat coming against a determined goalkeeper who made 3 fantastic saves. We currently sit second behind Oakfield in the overall Wickford standings going into the final round next term. The boys, yet again were a credit to our school. Well done to **Bolu Abiodun (6F)**, **Calum Bailey (6W)**, **Bobby Benmore (5F)**, **Joe Harrington (5W)**, **Jake Lear (6W)**, **Albert O'Connell (5E)**, **Joe Penny (6F)**, **Sid Stevens (6W)** and **Max Wishart (6F)**.

Lost Property

Next Wednesday lost property will be outside, in upper school playground, for you to have a look through. Please check for any lost items – we have lots! Any unclaimed items, unfortunately will have to be disposed of after this date. Parents can come in any day after school before Wednesday if that day is not suitable.

Trading Cards

We have a strict rule in school regarding trading cards. Please do not allow your child to bring them in. Every time children do so in ends in arguments between them.

School writing pens

Sorry but as from Monday school writing pens will cost 50p.

Year 2 SATs

As you are probably aware, SATs are fast approaching! The children have now started their SATs prep and are trying hard with their revision in class. If you would like to support your child with their revision at home, here are some links to free websites that will enable you to download past SATs papers:

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks1-sats-papers/>



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<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers>

After the Easter break, I will be running a SATs parent workshop, where we will be able to discuss any questions that you may have. Please look out for this date on upcoming newsletters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all of your continued support with your child's learning and development. Miss Withers

Clubs

Club rules (Amendment regarding late arrival by parents to collect children) – If your child attends a club please make sure you read the club rules which are on our school website.

Art Club (Upper School only) – Spaces are available at this club. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

Chelsea (Upper school) - Spaces are available at this club. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

Boys Football 3&4 - This will be cancelled on Thursday 28th March due to a competition taking place.

Letters/Events

Year 6 Residential – Next payment is due Friday 26th April (£65.00)

Cross Country Finals – Wednesday 27th March. Arrive by 3.45pm Races 4.15 – 5.00pm at William de Ferrers School.

Girls Football Competition – Thursday 28th March at Wickford Town Football Club 3.30 – 5.00pm

4F Water Treatment Centre – Wednesday 24th April

Netball Festival - Thursday 25th April at Bromfords. Amended letters were sent out yesterday.

Swimming Gala Finals – Thursday 9th May 3.30 – 5.00pm at William de Ferrers School. All children who swam in the Wickford round have qualified for the finals.

Parent Lunches

Please arrive by 12.10pm for upper school and 11.50am for lower school. **Children as well as parents must order a school dinner.** We cannot accept any late orders as the parent lunches have to be ordered in advance. Please note that you can pay for your parent meal via the 'Schoolmoney' website, and purchased as a 'shop item'.

4F – Thursday 28th March (We cannot take any more orders)

4W – Thursday 4th April (We cannot take any more orders)

5E - Thursday 2nd May (Letters to follow)

Achievements

Congratulations to the following children:

Ava Brassett (Dragonflies) achieved Newcomer of the Year Award, last weekend, for Ballet and Tap with Hayleys School of Dance along with an award for effort for Ballet and Tap. Achieving a trophy and a medal!

Olly Ford (Caterpillars) received Star of the Week at Karate and has earned a merit badge.

Jack Dolby (Butterflies) has passed his ASA Stage 3 swimming.

Lauren Henigan (5E) has completed dark blue hat which is stage 6 and is now in purple hat in swimming. On Saturday 16th March **Ethan Bowers (3F)**, along with the 4th Wickford Beavers and Cubs Colony, took part in a hike to mark the 100th Centenary of Essex Scouts. Both the Cubs and Beavers walked 9.7 miles, from Benfleet to Leigh.

Jack Hay (6W) gained his Orange/Green Sash in Wing Chun King-Fu on Saturday 16th March.

Lacey Smith (5E) won Tap of the Year Junior Winner 2019 from HSD.

Evie Harris (5F) was awarded Girl of the Match last Sunday playing for Essex Royals.

Sophie Conoley (3W) moved up in swimming. At 8 years and in year 3 she has achieved her level 8 and moved up to the last stage (black hat!).

Olivia Dolby (5F) has passed her stage 8 in swimming also completing 800m swimming certificate and Silver swimming challenge.

Bella Cohen (Caterpillars) has passed stage 2 in swimming and received her 5m badge.

Amy Thompson (Ladybirds) has received her 15m badge for swimming.



Hamza Khan (5E) successfully complied with the requirements of Meridian Kung Fu (UK) and awarded, on the 16th March, his Yellow sash in the Art of Wing Chun Kuen.

Grace Cope (4E) has completed her 100m badge at swimming.

Gregory Cope (Caterpillars) has completed his 10m badge.

Aimee Basker (Caterpillars) and **Ben Basker (Butterflies)** both achieved their Stage 2 swimming award.

Luke Basker (4W) achieved his Stage 10 award in swimming.

Have a safe weekend.

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