

...in the news!

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*This newsletter will keep you updated with events at Wheatfields Primary and it is intended to add to the information you receive on a regular basis from your child's class teacher in the weekly 'Learning Review' and termly curriculum letters.*

Since returning after the Easter Holidays, the Wheatfields children have been amazing staff with their enthusiasm and positive attitude towards learning. These past two weeks during assembly, we have been discussing our school value of resilience and how this element of learning can give us the ability to meet and overcome adversity in different ways. Through their learning the children have shown attributes such as grit, creativity, persistence, initiative, and determination within their resilience, which has been a delight to celebrate as part of our head teacher's awards. We were also very lucky to have Mark Wood join our assembly this week as part of Whole Education, to share his experiences of using resilience as part of his explorations. In celebration of Earth Day, Mark also shared his experiences of how climate change is affecting the world around us, sparking lots of inspiration in all of us about how we can take care of our planet. To continue his research Mark Wood will venture out onto the vast cold wilderness of the Arctic Ocean for 100 days, in one of the world's last uncharted crossings of the remaining sea ice. This journey of 100 days unsupported, unaided and alone will make SOLO 100 an official Guinness World Record attempt, providing a platform for the next generation to express their opinions of the climate crisis, and challenge the world to take urgent climate action as part of the documentary they will create. Here is link to listen to Mark Woods sharing his experiences if you would like to talk about this at home (please do be aware of some images of polar bear teeth and carcasses) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pS8dJz-qvw>

#### **Covid Update**

The local authority have informed schools that all restrictions need to remain in place due to the number of cases within schools in Cambridgeshire. We want to thank you for supporting the school in keeping these restrictions in place and your continued understanding. A separate letter has been sent out to parents this week from Jon Lewis, service Director.

**Covid email address** In order to respond as soon as possible to any illness or absence from school due to Covid symptoms we have set up a [covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk) email address. Please use this email address to notify us of any Covid related absence and when you receive your negative test result and are able to email us the result.

Should you or a member of your family receive a positive test result phone the school immediately. If it is the evening or weekend send an email using [covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk) If there is a positive test result at the weekend or during evenings we need to know as soon as possible to be able to make the necessary arrangements in school and communicate with parents whose children are required to self- isolate.

#### **Parking**

A kind reminder regarding parking during drop off and pick up. There have been some reports of unsafe parking in close proximity to the Wheatfields entrance of the school grounds. Please can we remind families to be aware of young children and parking safely especially during these times. The Police have asked parents and carers to contact them using 101 if you notice any unsafe parking on the roads near the school, thank you.

### Y5 Egyptian Day

Year 5's Egyptian day, what an amazing experience! The trip to ancient Egypt was super thrilling. It was great to be slaves to Master Mehmet, the great architect for the Pharaoh in 1300BC. We moulded Canopic jars out of clay, carved the scarab amulets from the ancient stones, ground spices to be mixed with wax or the Pharaoh will be angry with us (slaves) because he can smell our sweat. But the most fun we had was when our teachers were caught stealing a bag of grain and gossiping about the great Pharaoh.



### Rotary Club Young Photographer Competition

The Young Photographer Competition is a well-established and successful competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GB&I). The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Experiment with photography
- Use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- Demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- Express ideas through the medium of photography

There are three stages of the Competition; Local Heats, District 1070 Competition and the National Final. Y5 were tasked to produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme, 'Wild Nature' in colour or black and white. The photos must be submitted individually. Each photo should be no larger than A4 size. Mobile Phones may be used in addition to cameras. Our very creative and eager Year 5 children participated in this competition.



We are very proud to announce that Alfie, Molly and Milo have been the winners of the local heats. Well done to the three winners! In addition, Milo has been selected for the District level, fingers crossed for him. The children have taken the initiative to capture their own wild nature interests and emailed these directly to the Rotary club by themselves. What an amazing recognition of the creativity and hard work of all of our Y5 pupils. Well done Class 11 and Class 12!



### **EYFS Earth Day Celebrations**

For World Earth Day the EYFS children spent some time talking about how to look after our world. We read a story about a magpie who collects treasures until he realised the treasure was other people's rubbish! We talked about recycling and what we should do with our rubbish. We then made a mural of a giant planet earth together and made a promise to each other to try our best to love and look after our world.

### **Litter Picking Mission**

Mrs Vickers and Mrs Baker decided to do a litter pick around school as they had seen lots of wrappers around when doing PE and Forest school. They filled a big bag full of rubbish which was a little disappointing. But, it is so heartening to hear that some children at school have also noticed this and have been keen to do something about it! Several children who attend Kidsclub have been doing litter picks after school and some children in Year 6 have also asked if they could help out too. During lockdown the children in EYFS also went around the local community to pick up litter using our special litter grabbers! Well done to all of the children who are making such an effort to look after our world and put their rubbish in the bin.



### **Nursery to become Preschool**

As the weather has been warming up the Nursery have been having great fun out on the field; looking for signs of spring, watching for birds and having great fun playing races as part of their PE learning. Wheatfields Nursery is changing its name to Wheatfields preschool. There will be exactly the same high quality service and staff, just under a new name!



Best wishes,  
Mrs Thornton

We aim to give you as much notice as possible for school events. All dates can be found using the calendar on our school website [www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk). You will also receive our Calendar of Events detailing events through the school year.