

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



Date: 19/11/2021

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News from your Headteacher

What a week it has been! There has been a whole host of exciting activities going on throughout the school all week.

It is Anti Bullying Week, and on Monday children had the opportunity to wear 'odd socks' to show their support; there were some very colourful socks on display. Children have also spent some time learning about what 'Bullying' is and what to do if they think they are being bullied or see someone else being bullied. This was delivered by teachers in an age appropriate manner: for some children this involved drama activities and yoga.

The first group of Year 6 have participated in their Bikeability sessions. Children are taught a range of skills to ensure they are able to cycle safely out on the road.

Year 1 and Year 5 have taken part in recycling sessions from Devon Waste Education. Classes learned about the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and found out some fascinating facts about the useful things that waste can be made into.

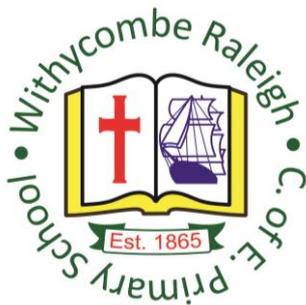


The LTA National Tennis Roadshow came to Withycombe on Tuesday 16th of November.

Children in Years 1-3 were given coaching by one of the top national coaches to help inspire and drive a love for Tennis! All children at Withycombe have been invited to a free, open session at Exmouth Tennis centre this weekend! Check our social media page if you didn't receive a leaflet!

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We all loved watching M and M's Productions' performances of Snow White which took place throughout the day on Wednesday. There was lots of great music, dancing and laughs. Thank you to the PTFA for subsidising the majority of the cost for this so that all children could attend.

Today, children celebrated Children in Need, wearing non uniform, spotty items and Pudsey ears! We are conscious to avoid asking families for donations too much and therefore have not asked for contributions to Children in Need this year. We invite families who would like to donate to do so directly to the Children in Need charity.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Parking issues

We have again had contact from residents of Withycombe Village Road to report that cars are being parked on the pavement and blocking driveways as families collect children at the end of the day. Please can I ask that we are considerate when parking cars and avoid blocking driveways or the pavements. Not being able to drive out of their driveway can cause a great deal of distress and upset to our neighbours, many of whom are elderly.

Contact us

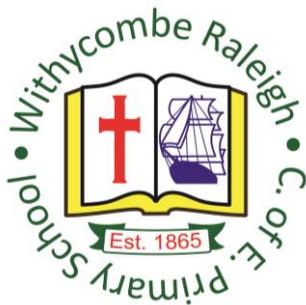
Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 263397. Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. E Jones

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Upcoming Events

4th-12th December Christmas Trail

PTFA Christmas Trail

Friday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have started to think about Christmas! Over the next few weeks we will be learning about Christmas traditions from around the world. We have learned about the Christmas traditions of Christians who live in India. As we lead up to Christmas, together we will be learning the Christmas Carol 'Joy to the World'.



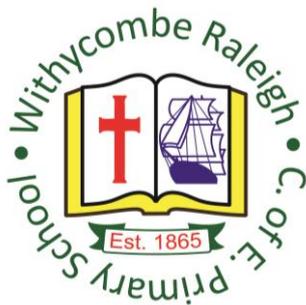
Safeguarding – White Ribbon Day

The increasing levels of domestic abuse and violence in our society have been widely reported in recent months, including during the stresses of lockdown. The issue is increasingly in the public eye and as a result, public awareness has grown and people are taking positive action to reduce the occurrences and impact of domestic abuse.

The charity Whiteribbon.org.uk focusses on our roles and responsibilities, with a key message that all men can make a difference in saying no to violence against women. In support of this message, I would like to invite our school community (men and women) to wear a white ribbon sticker; and in doing so, make a promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

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If you would like to take this important stand and support the societal shift in attitude - then please come and collect a white ribbon sticker from the school office. 'White Ribbon Day' is actually next Thursday (25th Nov), but stickers will be available from Monday 22nd (donations to the charity are entirely optional). You can follow the charity's messages on social media using #WhiteRibbon #AllMenCan #MakeThePromise

For information and clarity, I have also included The Home Office's definition of domestic abuse.

'Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: • psychological • physical • sexual • financial • emotional'.

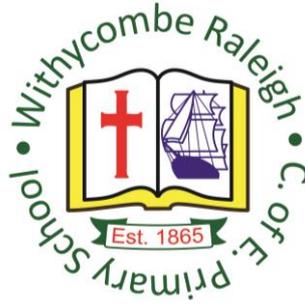
As a school we are conscious that in the vast majority of cases, children are aware of or present during these incidents. Clearly, it is extremely frightening and stressful for a child to witness the source of their own safety being at risk or in fact behaving in a frightening manner. In addition to this, research is now clear that repeated exposure to stressful events, due to the release of the stress hormone cortisol, can have profound effects upon the development and functioning of a child's brain. The impact on children can be enormous and these events have been shown to cause: separation anxiety, aggression, poor concentration and lower self-esteem in a child

If you are concerned about domestic abuse there are a number of groups who can offer support:

- Emergency Services at 999 or non-emergency 101
 - Your GP or Health Professional
 - Samaritans at 116 123 (samaritans.org.uk)
 - Splitz support service helpline 0345 155 1074.
 - 24 Hour Domestic Violence Helpline at 0808 2000 247 (womensaid.org.uk)
 - Men can also call a men's advice line on 0808 8010 327 for non-judgemental support
 - The school leadership team at Withycombe can also offer help – so please contact us if you feel that we can support you.
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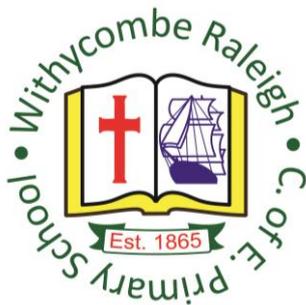


I hope you will join in next week by wearing a white ribbon sticker - a symbol of support against violence towards women.

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Top Tips for Wellbeing



Are you or your children affected by ANXIETY?

In the absence of face to face parent workshops this term, we have created
3 video presentations on the topic of ANXIETY.

1. *An Overview of Anxiety*
2. *The Anxiety Cycle*
3. *Taking Control of Anxiety*

Part 2 - understanding 'The Anxiety Cycle' is now ready for parents to view!

Each presentation takes under 10 minutes to view and they are best watched in order.
Part 3 will be uploaded next week!

***Please click on the link below to access Anxiety presentations
Part 1 & 2***

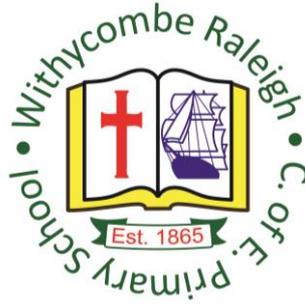
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You can also access it on the '**Wellbeing**' Page on the school website (via the **home connect tab**) to access the first presentation.

We hope they will be of interest and help to our parents and carers.

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Sports & Achievements

We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email enquiries@wrpschool.org with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavor to include as many of your photos as possible each week.



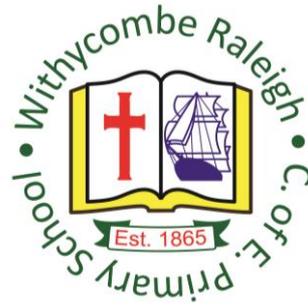
This week's stars:

Congratulations to our netball team who came third in the Exmouth Schools' Tournament last week.

Connie (Y4) has had a very successful week. On Sunday she performed at the Pavillion with her dance school. On Tuesday she was awarded a certificate by Britain in Bloom for her painting of 'lockdown life'.

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Lewis, Jack, Harry, Matthew, Carlos, Baxter (Y5) and Ben (Y3) were picked to take part in the Guard of Honour for Exeter Chiefs last weekend.

11 Year 2 children participated in an Invasion Game festival at Exmouth Tennis Centre on Thursday the 11th of November. The children had a mixture of Invasion games to have a go at, these included rugby, football, monkey in the middle, bench ball and beat the ball!

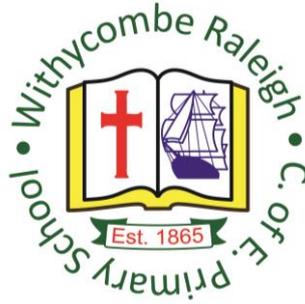
Well done Daisy, Harper, Maddy, Joe, Benji, Elsa, Skye, Erin, Skyla, Hallie and Dylan from Year 2!

Evelyn completed her stage 2 swimming on Sunday and is now moving on to Stage 3.



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Bumblebee class learnt about Diwali and made Diya lamps.

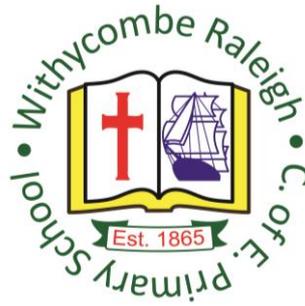
This week Year 5 dissected Viking poo to explore the diets of the past. It was pretty disgusting but really good fun!



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Tabby, Nancy, Phoebe, Astrid, Isla (Y2) and Bessy (Y1) took part in the Remembrance Parade with Rainbows.