

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



Date: 28/05/2021

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News from your Headteacher

As a Church School we have a vision:

'Growing Happy, Caring Hearts and Minds'

This vision is supported by our school values which are based on the GRACE of God:

Generosity, Respect, Agape, Courage and Empathy.

You may have read in our previous newsletters that we have started a new reward system to celebrate our vision and values. It is hoped that children will suggest family and friends to be awarded with a 'badge' for their efforts, celebrating our school values within the community. Ideally it should be something outside the school to help the wider community. For smaller things, where children have helped others or demonstrated our values in school, we have individual stickers to award. If you would like to nominate someone for one of our awards, please let us know.

Some of our award winners this term have included:

Daisy and Jack Szarowicz (Otter and Seal) and family supported elderly members of the community on a regular basis and securing white goods and heating for them

Harry, Olivia and Molly Martin (Otter, Oak and Osprey) and family for all their Sunday Beach Cleans

Jago Coates (Oak) completed a sponsored walk and raised £1000 for Captain Tom's charity

Olivia Rowe (Sandpiper) gave up chocolate for a whole month and raised money for the British Heart Foundation

Mrs Frame

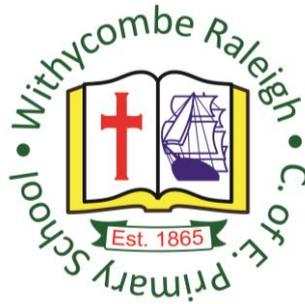
Mrs Frame has worked as one of our Teaching Assistants for the past 4 years but has decided that the time has come to leave her role at Withycombe. She has decided that she would like to pursue a different career supporting the rehabilitation of patients after their treatment in hospital. Mrs Frame's last day at Withycombe will be 10th June. We will miss Mrs Frame very much. She is a positive, caring and energetic member of the team who is always generous with her time. Although we are sad to see her leave us, we know she will be amazing at her new role.

Surveys

You should have received this week, links to two surveys. Please spare 5 minutes to complete the survey for parents and support your child to complete the one for children. We value your opinions and responses will help us focus on areas that are highlighted by the results. The survey will close on Thursday 10th June.

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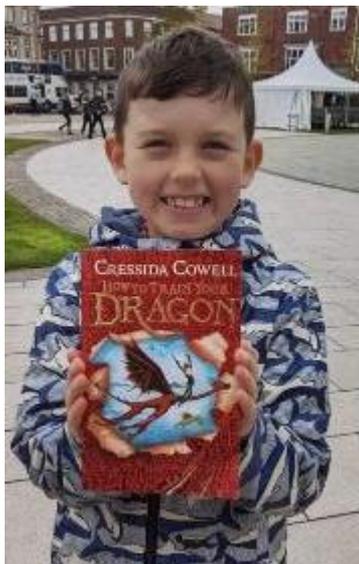
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Congratulations

Congratulations to Elspeth from Barn Owl Class who achieved first place in the Exmouth Britain in Bloom Painting Competition in the age 6 and under category. This year's theme was life in lockdown. She received her award from Steve Gazzard, the Mayor, on Saturday in Manor Gardens. Her entry has been put through to the regional final. I love her picture, it is so colourful and cheerful!



Molly and Logan in Seal Class also entered Exmouth Mayor's Art Competition and won a certificate and a voucher

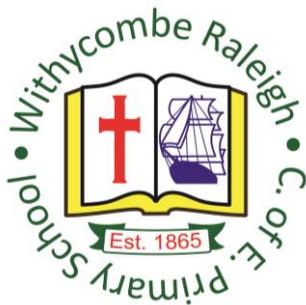


Family Fund

We are aware that although things are becoming a little more 'normal' as restrictions are reduced, some of our families are still feeling the impact of 'covid', financially, emotionally and physically. Please remember that as a school we are here to help you if you need support. If you are struggling in any way, please just let us know. Any queries will be dealt with confidentially and discreetly. We still have our 'family Fund' available

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which has helped lots of our families already to buy food, school uniform, shoes and trainers. If you are in a position to contribute to our Family Fund, you can do so via your Parentpay account.

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 half term

Mrs. E Jones

Upcoming Events

Friday 28th May and Friday 4th June

PTFA Free Virtual Discos at 7pm

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Half Term

10th June

Trinity Day

24th June

Provisional date for Sports Day

28th June - 2nd July

Kindness Week

30th June

Class Photos

5th July

Moving on Morning

7th July - 13th July

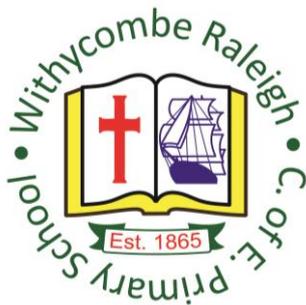
Year 6 Activities Week

Wednesday 21st July

Last Day of Term

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Collective Worship

This week's Collective Worship focused on 'Peace'. We discussed how there are two definitions of Peace.

1. Peace and quiet - a time or place where there is no noise and no interruptions.
2. A place free of war or conflict

We learned about how some charities are helping families in countries where there are wars and conflicts. These charities help families find some 'peace' even if it is just for a short time.



Safeguarding

We were pleased to have welcomed PC Phil Morris, Youth Engagement Officer to our school this week (Tuesday) to speak to our Year 5 and 6 pupils about online safety.

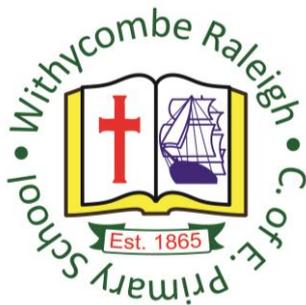
From a safeguarding point of view this was an incredibly valuable opportunity for the children to hear and learn about the importance of staying safe online from a police perspective.

For your information, I would like to share some of the key themes communicated by PC Morris.

- Children and parents should make sure that games are played with people who are already friends, not strangers. For some of our children, it was important to reinforce the definition of a friend – someone known, who is kind to them and trusted.
- To know that there are risks posed from strangers including bullying, grooming and radicalisation.
- That it is important to ensure that children's account settings are set to private, that friends and followers are approved and for children to take care about what is shared!
- To understand what can be good and bad about a group chat. The basic advice given was very clear - only to say nice things and not retaliate. Similarly, for children to know what to do if they receive a horrible comment - when to flag concerns up to trusted adults and how to block or report content.
- For children to understand that the content and risks from games varies enormously – here the key message was that children should stick to the appropriate PEGI ratings (in order to avoid inappropriate content and language).
- That there is sometimes pressure to buy features / updates such as 'in-app' purchases.

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- To understand that addiction (or similar) can occur if unhealthy amounts of time are spent gaming or online. The negative effects of this include: school work suffering; sleeping and eating patterns become irregular; isolation, anxiety and worry; and behaviour that is atypical.

We appreciate the advice shared by PC Morris and will continue to educate children about internet safety through our school curriculum, class discussions and assemblies. As a school, we also do our utmost to advocate a good balance between online and offline activities.

I have also attached a National Online Safety leaflet '7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety'. This provides parents with some tips on how to take an interest in what online interests children have, while promoting open conversations with children, keeping them safer online.

Mike Smith-Designated Safeguarding Lead

Top Tips for Wellbeing

In our school we promote healthy choices that we can all make to help our own mental health. You can find 10 ways to do this on our 'Pick and Mix' jigsaw poster on the Wellbeing page of the school website.

Here are some ideas of how to put the 10 choices for mental health into your days!

Why not try to see how many of these you can do with your child this half term week?

- Draw some feeling emoji's and choose one each day to say how you feel
 - Play a game of cards or do some colouring together
 - Drink a glass of water at every meal and snack
 - Try to eat as many colours of the rainbow in fruit and vegetables
 - Have some chill time listening to music, reading a book or having a bubble bath
 - Write a postcard to a relative or friend
 - Kick a football around, make a sandcastle or do some star jumps together!
 - Do a helpful activity together such as laying up the table or clearing away
 - Ask for help with something you are trying to do or make
 - And be proud of yourself!
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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 sporting achievements include:

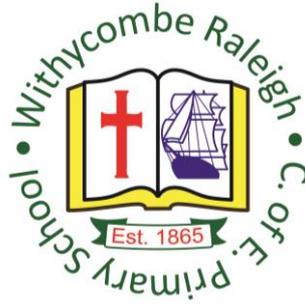
Rosalee who has achieved her Level 5 Swimming Award.

Hector was awarded Star of the Week Trophy at his Thai-boxing class last week.



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Year Group News



Oak class have been learning about keys and classification to group plants and mini beasts during their time in Nature School. We didn't let the weather spoil our fun and had inside s'mores.

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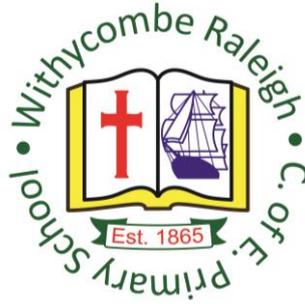
Some fantastic cross curricular work
produced by Year 4 linking Science and
Art.



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Some photos from Year 4's India Day on
Wednesday.