

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



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News from your Headteacher

We were delighted that our extra- curricular clubs restarted this week almost 18 months after they all stopped due to the very first lockdown! It has been fantastic to see so many children taking part in our wide choice of activities including choir, chess and a variety of sport activities. Some of our Year 5 children have started a sailing course this term too and they have really enjoyed their first sessions, thankfully the weather has been kind to them so far.



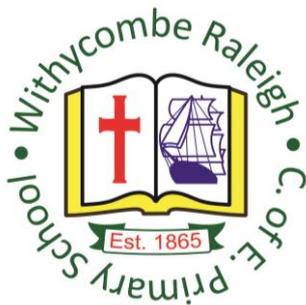
At Withycombe we are committed to developing both children's academic skills as well as physical and emotional skills. This week we have launched our 'Withycombe 60'. We have selected 60 activities and experiences which we feel all children should experience during their time at Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School. The activities are designed to make the most of our wonderful local area, making use of Exmouth beach, the estuary and our school grounds. A selection of the experiences children can look forward to are to: travel on a boat (EYFS), paddle in the sea (Y1), walk through a swamp (Y2), take part in a treasure hunt (Y3), watch a play or dance production (Y4), camp out overnight (Y5); try a water sport (Y6). Further details of the activities children will experience will be available on our website and in our newsletter over the coming weeks.

Covid update

As you may be aware, we took the difficult decision this week to close one of our Year 4 classes as we had an increasing number of positive Covid cases. We have seen first-hand how quickly the infection has spread through a class and we felt that further actions need to be taken to protect members of the class and to prevent the situation becoming more widespread.

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Government guidance permits school leaders to adopt additional proportionate safety measures where they wish or need to do so.

Covid is clearly prevalent in our local community at this current time and we ask that everyone is vigilant for symptoms. Many of the recent positive cases started with a headache and 'snotty nose' rather than the associated symptoms of high temperature and a cough. If your child is unwell or 'under the weather', and if you are at all in doubt or if you are at all concerned, please arrange a PCR test to either confirm or rule out a positive Covid case.

Harvest

On Wednesday 29th September, all classes will be visiting the church to celebrate Harvest. As usual we will be asking children to please bring donations for Exmouth Food Bank (Previously called Exmouth Community Larder). It will be lovely to visit the church again with the children. We will be having 3 services throughout the morning and children will walk to the church at their allocated service time accompanied by school staff.

We would welcome your donations, however small, of the following specific items please: long life milk, long life fruit juice, bottled fruit squash, jars of pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, packet custard mix, instant potato mash, instant noodles, savoury rice, packet pasta in sauce and Cleaning products. Thank you.

Do you need support? The Exmouth Food Bank opens on Tuesdays between 13:30 and 15:00, and Fridays between 13:30 and 15:00. You are welcome to go along to discuss your needs and take away food as appropriate. In general, you will take with you a voucher from a referring agency such as school, Open Door, the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Health Service agencies or some churches. If you do not have a voucher, you will be listened to in order to see what could be done to help you.

Contact us

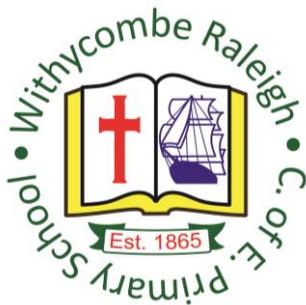
Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 263397. Please be aware that 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

Friday 24th September

Hope4Kibera Fundraiser-Obstacles Day

Wednesday 29th September

Harvest Festival (Donations for Exmouth Food Bank)

Friday 8th October

Oak Class Photographs

Friday 15th October 2021

Just One Tree Mufti Day

Friday 19th November 2021

Children in Need

Friday 10th December 2021

Christmas Jumper Day

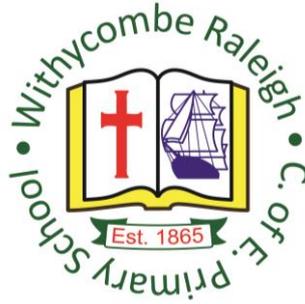
Collective Worship

In collective Worship this week we have been focusing on prayer. Children have learned that Christians believe that God is never too busy to listen to our prayers. Children learned about a special way of praying by using a penny. In this way, whenever they find that they have a penny in their pocket, they can remember to pray. Children have also written their own prayers to share in Collective Worship.

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Top Tips for Wellbeing

Good Mental Health

Maintaining good mental health can help us recover, repair and bounce back from difficult times.
The following essential strategies help us do that - whether we are parents or children.
Check in to see how you and your family are doing with them.

- Talk about your Feelings.
- Ask for Help.
- Take a Break.
- Eat Well.
- Stay Hydrated.
- Keep in Touch with People you Care About.
- Stay Active in Mind and Body
- Do Something you are Good at and Enjoy
- Actively Care for Others
- Be Proud of your very Being

Safeguarding: Contextual Safeguarding

Contextual safeguarding recognises that as our children grow up and develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside of their family situation.

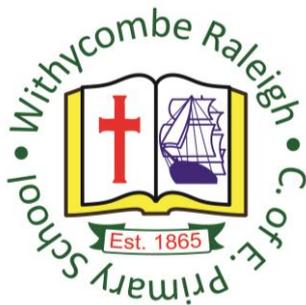
These risks and influences could be apparent while: out and about in the local community, at a club, here at school, while out with their friends (including at a sleep-over) or when online. Children may encounter risks (these could be inter-related or multiple risks) in any of these environments.

Contextual safeguarding of children looks at how we can best understand these risks, engage with children and keep them safe.

In school, we follow policies and procedures to keep children safe in our setting. Our staff are trained to keep children safe and respond to any concerns – we do utmost to identify and mitigate risks. We realise that children may be exposed to harm in wider environments, including online. The challenges and risks that they might experience are likely to be very different for each individual, according to their age and circumstances.

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It is recommended that parents and carers gain a good understanding of the contextual safeguarding risks faced by their children (young people / older siblings). Please stop and consider what you know about the risks associated with the following contexts? – Their visits to the local park, their visits to friends' houses or their journey home to and from school. The children themselves are of course often best placed to tell you about any challenges / risks they might face in these different environments – please make time to talk to them about how they perceive these and discuss how these can be managed.

Some further tips!

You may be interested in exploring the NSPCC's 'Staying Safe Online' website, (link below) which provides excellent advice on how children can be safeguarded in an online context.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The BBC 'Own It' APP is also an interesting option for encouraging safe behaviour online.

You might also like to investigate the suitability of some personal safety APPS - including for use by older children / young adults e.g. 'Parachute' or 'One Scream'.

If you are concerned about a child or young person's safety in different contexts (depending on circumstances) you should report this to the police, the school, MASH - Multi Agency Hub (0345 155 1071). You can also call the NSPCC Helpline (0808 800 5000) to discuss any concerns.

Mike Smith - Designated Safeguarding Lead

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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 Stars are:

Finn (Year 2) who has achieved his Stage 2 swimming Award.

Joshua and Theo (Year 4) who ran their 10th Park Run last Saturday. 31 miles in total.

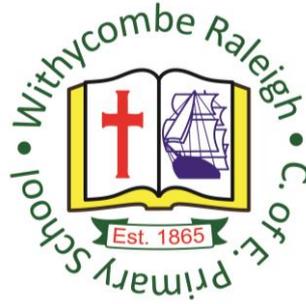
Matthew (Year 2) and Imogen (Year 4) have recently joined our school and have certainly been busy. As well as attending Karate lessons, Matthew took part in his first football match last weekend and Imogen performed in a Dance Summer Showcase

Well done everyone!



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Bertie (Year 1) joined Star Wars and other characters at The World of Country Life to fundraise for Local Hospiscare. He was the only child to take part in the event and they raised just over £250 in one day.

Well done Bertie!

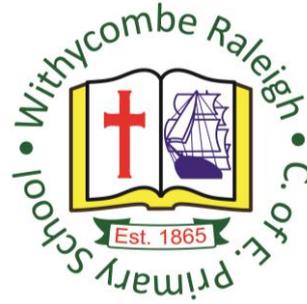


Year Group News



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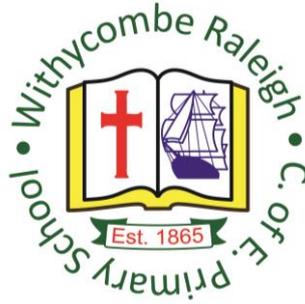


Hedgehog Class have been learning lots of maths games and applying skills

They also created a collaborative art piece for the new school year.

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Bobby (Year 6) made this amazing model
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Year 4 have been learning about the
digestive system. This week, they used
playdough to learn about the size, shape
and function of the different parts of the
digestive system.



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In Foundation, they have been making collages of their class minibeasts.

Seal Class have been making the most of our wonderful outdoor areas and the glorious weather.