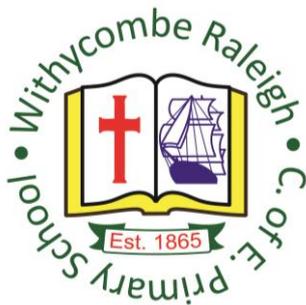


Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
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News from your Headteacher

Wow, this has been a very busy week in school!

We have celebrated Anti-Bullying Week with children learning about what bullying is and how to deal with incidents of bullying. The week has ended with children coming to school wearing 'odd socks'. The idea of odd socks, the wackier the better, is to celebrate everyone's uniqueness.

On Wednesday we had a 'No Pens Day' - no pens, pencils or crayons were allowed. This unusual day was to encourage children to focus on their spoken language and listening skills. Some children are definitely more skilled in talking than listening! In our virtual assembly, the classes shared with us the different things they had done during the day. This ranged from: practising phonics using shaving foam and rice; treasure hunts outside; Sudoku and maths puzzles; a listening walk; and music and songs using signing. Please take a look at a selection of photos at the end of the newsletter.

Staff in school are working hard to keep things as 'normal' as possible for children in these unprecedented times by keeping our school 'Covid secure' - but unfortunately this means that many things cannot go ahead exactly as they would have in previous years.

During the week of the 14th December, we will be having a Joyful Week in every class. We are very grateful to the PTFA who have given each class £25 to spend on special Christmas snacks and treats for the children to eat. Staff have planned lots of creative, Christmassy activities for the children to do. There will, of course, be Christmas lunch and a Christmas party to enjoy too. We will sadly not be able to perform our KS1 Nativities in the hall BUT all classes will upload to Seesaw or Tapestry a mini Christmas performance for families to watch at home.

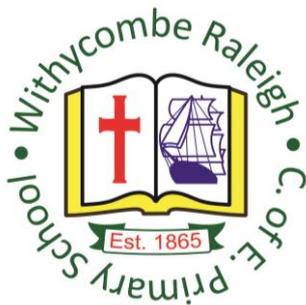
Congratulations to Miss Neesam and her partner Ben who welcomed their beautiful baby girl this week. Baby Phoebe was born on Tuesday 24th November weighing 8lb 8oz. I am sure everyone will join me in sending our very best wishes to the family...we can't wait to meet Phoebe very soon.

You will have no doubt seen on social media that there have been several positive Covid cases in other local schools this week with lots of families isolating at home. Please help us to keep our school as Covid secure as possible by adhering to our guidelines regarding drop off and collections. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are better. When you report your child's absence, please alert us to the specific symptoms that your child has so that we can alert families if there is a symptomatic child in a class bubble. If your child has symptoms associated with Covid-19 then the whole family needs to isolate and the symptomatic members need to book a test. Please see our previous communication about what households need to do when isolating. As always, please contact us if you have any queries.



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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 266397.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. E Jones

Upcoming Events

Week commencing 14th December

Joyful Week

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch - KS1 and Foundation

Thursday 17th December

Christmas Lunch – KS2

Collective Worship

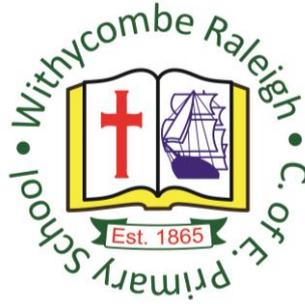
Our theme for Collective Worship this week has been Empathy. We are really pleased that the majority of our children now understand and can confidently receipt our school vision and values.

Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about Advent and preparing for Christmas. I am sure many of the children will be looking forward to opening their Advent calendars each morning. In our school Collective Worship we will think about what Advent means for Christians.



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Safeguarding

Over the next few weeks, up until the Christmas break, teachers will be gently discussing some of the ways that children may come to harm. All conversations will be held at an age-appropriate level and with customary sensitivity.

We all want to keep our children safe - and already this year you may well have discussed subjects like road safety and anti-bullying week. It might well however feel more challenging to speak to your children about staying safe from sexual abuse. The NSPCC advises us that this is in fact an incredibly important conversation to have with children and one that can be held as naturally as a road safety chat.

At school we deliver this piece of key safeguarding education by 'talking PANTS'. This enables children to understand that their body belongs to them and that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.



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We recommend that Talking PANTS is a useful method for parents to use too. You will know when they're ready for a chat and how much detail to go into. Some parents find that these moments helped them to start a conversation: car journeys; going swimming and saying that what is covered is private; or singing along to the PANTS song with Pantosaurus!

Please find information, including both parents' / children's guides for PANTS (and the Pantasaurus song) on the following link.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Sports & Achievements

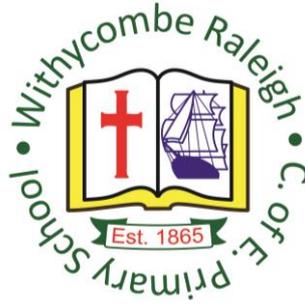
We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email enquiries@wrpschool.org with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavor to include as many of your photos as possible each week.



Rabbit Class had PE on the field

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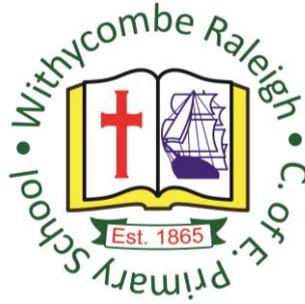
Year Group News



Bumble Bee Class learned all about Diwali last week. They made Diwali lamps.

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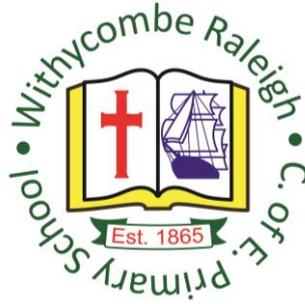
This week year 5 have become archaeologists and have discovered what people in the past ate. The children had to 'excavate' an object that an archaeologist had found in a cesspit. Based on their findings, the children had to decide on whether it was a Viking, Roman or Tudor poo. It turned out to belong to Eric the Viking! The children then created a Viking recipe in the form of a set of instructions, based on their findings.



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Year 5 have had a very busy week!
They have been making Viking
figureheads made of clay. They have
created some very scary designs.

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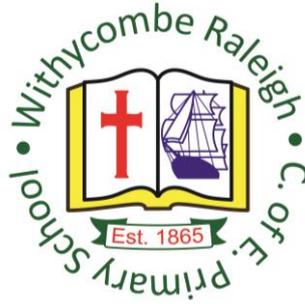


Hazel Class have been coding using the Logotastic app. Last week, they created codes to draw the letters of the alphabet. This week, they learnt how to use repeat to create regular shapes and patterns. We're definitely looking at programmers and games developers of the future!

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