



# Warden House Primary School

Irresistible learning for all...

**Newsletter – Friday 6 October 2023**

## Headteachers' Message

We have certainly enjoyed making the most of the unseasonably warm weather over the last few weeks. There has been a lovely, purposeful feel around the school with some fantastic learning taking place in all classes.

Unfortunately, this lovely weather has been coupled with an increasingly high number of illnesses amongst our staff and pupils. We have had to remind everyone to be extra careful with personal hygiene – going back to some of our Covid rules to try to limit the amount of people getting poorly. This seems to be a pattern in many of the schools in our local area with most managing in increasing number of illnesses within their school communities.

Our expectations around illnesses have not changed. If children are poorly, then they should of course be kept at home – however if the illness is mild and can be managed with medication such as Calpol or similar, then this can be managed by our staff team so that children can continue to come in. Parents would need to hand in medication to the school office and complete a medical form to indicate the required dosage details.

Best wishes

Mr. Hackett

## Learning outdoors

Our Year 2 Tigers and Penguins have enjoyed learning outside this term as part of their science topic "Living Things and Their Habitats".

They have been out exploring our woodland area searching for minibeasts and identifying their microhabitats. We are lucky enough to have a wide range of exciting species to discover living within our school site and this has made it easy for the children to identify a wide range of native species.

They were particularly excited to find a small lizard living under a log. We are not sure who was more surprised, the lizard or the children!



## Small Change Challenge!

Our PTFA are pleased to announce a new "Small Change Challenge" to take place during October and November.

To enter, children should send in any spare change to take part in our inter-class competition and raise money towards our wellbeing garden at the same time.



## Staff emails and team structure

We would like to remind parents and carers that we only expect our staff to check and respond to work emails during office hours. We certainly do not expect our teachers to be checking messages during evenings and weekends. We understand that it is often convenient for parents and carers to send messages during this time, however we ask for your understanding in not expecting an instant reply from our staff.

Should parents or carers have any questions or concerns regarding their child, they should always seek to address these with their child's class teacher in the first instance. If following this you are still not satisfied with the outcome, our team leaders are available to help and support as needed.

**Our team leaders for this year are:**

*Year R – Mrs. Camilleri*

*Year 1 and 2 – Mrs. Marcks*

*Year 3 and 4 – Mrs. Hockley*

*Year 5 and 6 – Mrs. Bowyer*

## Reading book amnesty!

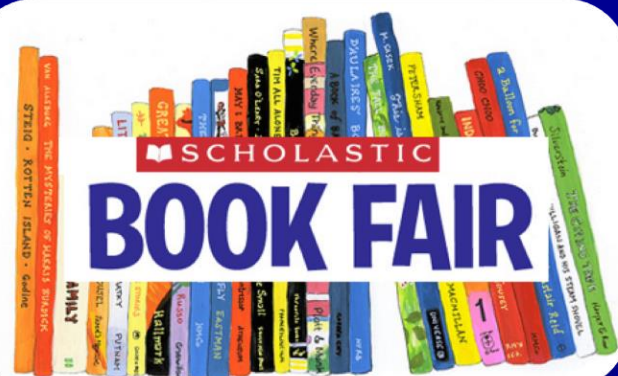
We would like to ask all of our families to have a good look at home to see if they have any school reading books hiding under sofas, in bedrooms or within school bags. We have noticed that an increasing number are not being returned.



Thank you for your support with this matter. Any books found at home can be returned to the school library or school staff with no questions asked!

## Scholastic book fair

The Scholastic book fair will be available in the hall next week after school on Monday – Thursday run by our librarian Ms. Burnley. Do call in after school to see what is on offer. Any purchases made directly benefit the school library.

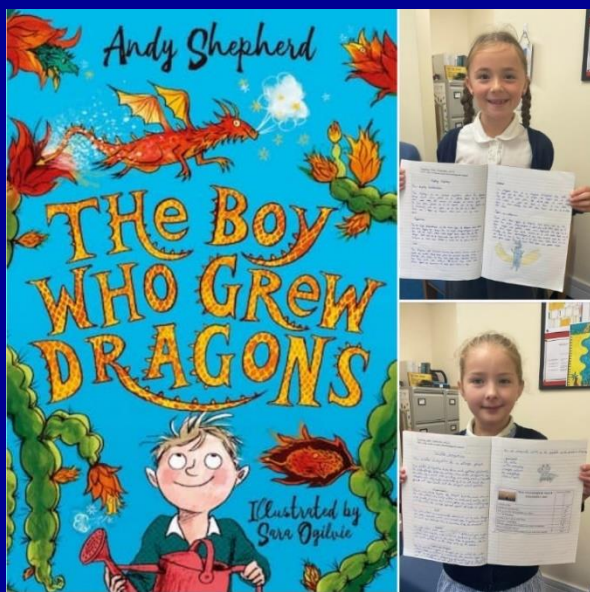




### Awesome writing in Year 4

Our Year 4 pupils have been enjoying reading the story "The Boy Who Grew Dragons" by Andy Shepherd in their English lessons.

Here are two fantastic pieces of writing produced by Darcie and Mia from Zebras Class inspired by their reading. They have been learning to write non-chronological reports based on fictional plant designs. Well done girls!



### Kent Music Roadshow

Our children in Year 1-6 had a real treat this week during their Monday assembly as they were invited to a musical extravaganza from Kent Music who brought their amazing roadshow "Bach to the Future" to visit.

There are so many ways for children to get involved in music at Warden House on top of their regular class music lessons... From our different choir clubs, 'Rock Steady' band lessons, Bold As! brass tuition and individual and group lessons with "All Sorts of Music" there's lots available to inspire and motivate our children.

### Bold As! Brass Tuition

If your child is in Year 5, we still have a limited number of places available for in-school brass tuition this year. Please visit ParentPay to sign up for free! This is an amazing deal and offers children a weekly group music lesson led by a professional brass teacher Mr. Ben Royston along with the free loan of a trumpet or trombone.

### Uniform Reminder

Children are able to continue wearing their summer uniform for the rest of this term. Once we return after the half term break children should begin wearing their winter uniform. Further information is available on our school website.

We would like to urge all parents to ensure that ALL pupil belongings are clearly named. We are finding an increasing amount of lost property around the school over the past few weeks and, without names, it is almost impossible to find the right owners.



## School Tours

Do you or someone you know have a pre-school child due to start school in September 2024? If so, do get in touch to book in to visit Warden House. Tours take place every Tuesday and Thursday mornings led by Mr. Hackett and Mr. Atkinson. Contact the office to book a convenient time to come and visit and see the school in action.



## PTFA Fireworks Display

Warden House Primary School PTFA are proud to host their annual firework display on Saturday 4th November 2023. Gates open at 5:30pm for a 7pm start. Please come along and join in with the fun! Tickets are available online via our dedicated online shop. Please [click here](#) to access this and buy your tickets at a discounted rate.



## Well done Kaydence!

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 pupil Kaydence Lyon who has chosen to donate her hair to The Little Princess Trust charity. Little Princess Trust is a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions.

Should anyone wish to support her following this very generous action, you can donate to the JustGiving page that has been set up by clicking here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-lyon-1694106138238...>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you in advance for your support... and well done Kaydence - we are very proud of you!







## ARTIST OF THE TERM

# Steve McPherson

WORLD CLEAN  
UP DAY  
September 16<sup>th</sup>  
2023

For over 25 years Steve McPherson has collected objects and debris from the beaches of the North Kent Coastline, UK. He noticed the increasing amount of plastic pollution on his beach walks and thought that surely someone should be doing something about it; his next thought was that, that someone should be him.



Worn down by the waves, bleached by the sun and scarred with unknown histories, these finds are collected, scrubbed and collated by type or colour. Colour-blindness causes Steve to mix and mismatch the objects colours incorrectly.

McPherson's work highlights the amount of debris in the oceans.



### THIS TERM'S CHALLENGE:

Can you create your own artwork inspired by Steve McPherson's recycled plastic art?

- ❖ You may decide to collect and collate recycled plastic at home and use this to create a piece of artwork
- ❖ You may go on a walk to the beach and see what plastic you can find to use in your artwork (Please remember this must be done with your adult and all plastic should be thoroughly washed before using)
- ❖ You may use this artwork as inspiration for your own work using shades of the same colour.
- ❖ There will be a prize for the most inspired piece, one prize across reception/KS1 and one prize across KS2.

Please bring in your masterpieces by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. If your work is too big/heavy please send in a photograph to [ashleigh.mann@warden-house.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ashleigh.mann@warden-house.kent.sch.uk)

## Artist of the term

There is still time for children to take part in our "Artist of the Term" challenge. The deadline for entries inspired by artist Steve McPherson is Friday 13 October. Well done to Charlie from Year 2 Tigers class for her fantastic creation.



## Parents' Evenings

Our first parents' evenings of the year are due to take place over the next two weeks. Meetings for parents in Years 1-6 are available next Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 October. Meetings for Year R parents take place the following week.



Please visit our online booking service by [clicking here](#) to book your appointment. In the case of any problems please contact the school office.

## Pupil photographs

Our school photographers, Kittle, came into school this week to take individual and sibling group photos. Children should have brought home a slip from Kittle with details regarding how you can view and order photos.

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Creating memories since 1994

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the school office.

# Key Dates for Terms 1 and 2 2023-2024

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| Harvest Assembly                                   | Friday 6 October 2023   |
| Scholastic Book Fair                               | Tuesday 10 October 2023   |
| #HelloYellow day                                   | Tuesday 10 October 2023   |
| Year 1 – Year 6 Parents evening                    | Tuesday 10 & Thursday 12 October 2023   |
| Creative Arts Day                                  | Tuesday 17 October 2023   |
| EYFS Parents evening                               | Wednesday 18 October 2023 & Thursday 19 October 2023  |
| INSET day  | Friday 20 October 2023  |
| <b>End of Term 1</b>                               | <b>Thursday 19 October 2023</b><br>Please note that Friday 20 October 2023 is an Inset day for staff. |
| <b>Start of Term 2</b>                             | <b>Monday 30 October 2023</b>   |
| PTFA Pumpkin Parade                                | Wednesday 1 November 2023   |
| PTFA Fireworks Display                             | Saturday 4 November 2023  |
| Remembrance Day Assembly                           | Friday 10 November 2023   |
| Children In Need                                   | Thursday 16 November 2023   |
| Final deadline for PTFA small change challenge!    | Thursday 16 November 2023   |
| INSET day  | Friday 17 November 2023   |
| Whole School Pantomime trip to The Marlowe Theatre | Tuesday 5 December 2023*<br>(Note the later return to school)   |
| EYFS Nativity                                      | Thursday 7 and Friday 8 December 2023   |
| PTFA Christmas Fayre                               | Friday 8 December 2023  |
| Year 1 Performance                                 | Monday 11 December 2023   |
| Year 2 Performance                                 | Tuesday 12 December 2023  |
| Christmas dinner                                   | Wednesday 13 December 2023  |
| Class reports                                      | Friday 15 December 2023   |
| <b>End of Term 2</b>                               | <b>15 December 2023 at 2pm</b>  |