



Warden House Primary School

Irresistible learning for all...

Newsletter – Thursday 19 October 2023

Headteachers' Message

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of term one already! Time has absolutely flown by and it has been an incredibly busy seven weeks with so much achieved.

It has been great to welcome parents and carers into school over the last week or so to attend 'Parents' Evenings'. We hope that these sessions were useful and provided valuable feedback regarding how your child has progressed during the first few weeks of the school year. If you were unable to attend parents evening, but would still like to catch up with your child's teacher, please do contact them directly to arrange a convenient time.



Early next term, the teachers will send home a new curriculum newsletter. This will give you more details about the learning opportunities planned for the term ahead so that you can best support your child.

Next term is always an extra-busy time in school with lots to look forward to. We have our PTFA fireworks display coming up, Remembrance Day, our whole-school pantomime trip to the Marlowe Theatre, our Christmas performances and nativities, choir visits and so much more.

Thank you for all of your support this term. I wish you and your families a lovely half term break.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

Staffing Updates

As we head towards the end of term, we are sad to be saying goodbye to several members of the team. Leaving us are midday supervisor Mrs. Preece, teaching assistant Mrs. Franks and our Family Liaison officer Mrs. Cotterill.

We would like to sincerely thank all of these staff members for all of their hard work and dedication to Warden House over the years. We wish them all the best for their futures.

We are currently advertising for a new family liaison officer to come and join our team. Please check out [the advert on our school website](#) and share with anyone that you know who may be interested in this important role at the heart of our school community.



#HelloYellow Day

Thank you to everyone who supported 'World Mental Health Day' last week and took part in our #HelloYellow day.

We have so far raised £90 for 'Mind' and 'Young Minds'. Should you wish to donate and help us reach our £100 target, you can do so by clicking the link [here](#) to visit the JustGiving page that has been set up. Thank you for your support.



"Artist of the Term" Home Learning Challenge

Thank you and well done to all of the children who took part in this term's "Artist of the Term – Home Learning Challenge" based on the work of Steve McPherson.

There were some absolutely fantastic entries. The winner and runner up from each key stage was announced in celebration assembly this week with prizes presented alongside certificates for all who took part.

Miss Mann is hoping to display as many entries as possible in school over the coming weeks.

Look out for next term's challenge coming out soon...



Small Change Challenge!

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations as part of our PTFA small change challenge.

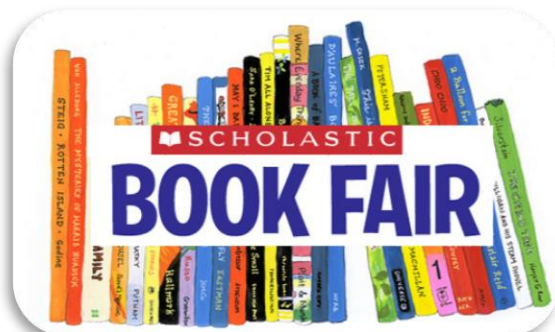
Next term, children should continue to send in any spare change to take part in our inter-class competition and raise money towards our wellbeing garden at the same time. See below for further details and the progress so far!



Scholastic book fair

Thank you to all parents who supported the Scholastic book fair last week.

Thanks also to our librarian Ms. Burnley for all of her hard work in organising and running this for our community.



This term sales totalled £833.52, which gives us a total reward of a fantastic £416.76 for the school to use to purchase new books for our library.

Local Artist Week

This week, we have loved welcoming into school a range of local artists to inspire and teach the children. On Tuesday, we welcomed Rich from "Rich Rhythms" who came in to lead Djembe drumming workshops with the children.

We also welcomed local dance teacher Kayleigh Wilson who came in to teach dancing to some of our younger pupils. Here are some photos taken during some of the sessions...



Uniform Reminder

Don't forget that after half term, we ask that all children wear their winter uniform to school.

All children must bring a warm and waterproof coat to school every day. This **MUST** be clearly named inside.

Further information about uniform can be found on our [school website](#).

Visit from Nova Marshall

On Wednesday this week, Thanet-based artist Nova Marshall visited us. She was initially contacted by our art leader Miss Mann who persuaded her to come in to lead the whole school in the creation of a large-scale art installation on the theme of ecology and recycling. Following her visit, Nova said:

"A couple of weeks ago I was invited to work at Warden House Primary School in Deal to create a whole school art installation on the theme of Deal...in one day! I am always up for a challenge. Yesterday was the BIG day. With lots of planning and organising all 14 classes across the school took part to create this masterpiece."

I love the collaborative process and working alongside the children. At the end of the day one boy from Year 1 came to see the final artwork. His face was full of wonder and said: 'WOW! That is amazing!' He was even more delighted when he found his piece of art in the installation. Shortly afterwards, a mother and daughter came up to me - the mother armed with a large bag of recycling! - Her daughter was so inspired by the day she was going home to create an artwork as part of her Ancient Egyptian homework."

True creativity is about inspiring others and enabling them to follow their own creative path."

Well done to everyone who took part – and thank you especially to Nova for all of her preparation and hard work on the day. We think you will agree the finished piece (below) looks absolutely amazing. This will be displayed in the activity area between the Year 3 and 4 classrooms.

Check out Nova Marshall's Facebook page for further pictures and close-ups...



Secondary School Applications

If your child is currently in Year 6, please do not forget that you must complete your secondary school application by **Tuesday 31 October 2023**.

To do this, we strongly recommend that you do this online by visiting the KCC Website [linked here](#).

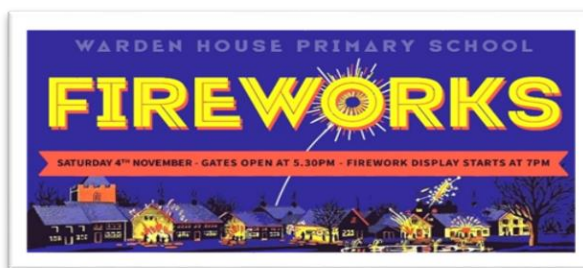


Should you need any help or support with this, please contact us on either Monday or Tuesday at the start of next term.

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.

Tickets are available online via our dedicated online shop. Please [click here](#) to access this and buy your tickets in advance at a discounted rate.



Please come along with your friends and families and join in with the fun!

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 morning during Term 2 and are led by Mr. Hackett and Mr. Atkinson (our headteacher and deputy headteacher).

Contact the office to book a convenient time to come and visit our school and see us in action!

We do not run set open days as we feel it is important that we can share our school during the working day where parents can visit classrooms, meet our staff and children and get a real feel for the school as it normally runs.

Accelerated Reader "Home Connect"

For our children who have moved onto the Accelerated Reader scheme in school, did you know that as parents you can use your child's login to monitoring their progress as they take their reading quizzes?

To access this, visit "[Accelerated Reader Home Connect](#)". Use your child's login details (usually inside your child's reading record). Once logged in, you can view their current points target; how many books they've read, their total percentage score and much more.

There is even an option to setup email alerts every time your child completes a quiz in school. Should you have any questions or cannot find your child's login, please speak to their teacher.

Visit [our AR website](#) page for more information.

Key Dates for Terms 1 and 2 2023-2024

INSET day School closed to all pupils	Friday 20 October 2023
End of Term 1	Thursday 19 October 2023 Please note that Friday 20 October 2023 is an Inset day for staff.
Start of Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023
Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline	Tuesday 31 October 2023
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 School closed to all pupils	Friday 17 November 2023
Whole School Pantomime trip to The Marlowe Theatre	Tuesday 5 December 2023* (Note the later return to school)
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 7 December & Friday 8 December 2023
PTFA Christmas Fayre	Friday 8 December 2023
Year 1 Performance	Monday 11 December 2023
'RockSteady' concert to parents	Monday 11 December 2023
Year 2 Performance	Tuesday 12 December 2023
Christmas dinner	Wednesday 13 December 2023
Class 'Autumn Reports' sent home	Friday 15 December 2023
End of Term 2	15 December 2023 at 2pm

School Dinner Menu

Here is the new school dinner menu from Whole School Meals. **Please note that the jacket potato option is not available on Monday 30 October due to a lack of deliveries during half term.**

<div>whole SCHOOL meals</div> <div>REAL FOOD FOR REAL IMPACT</div>		Menu November 2023 - February 2024		
		Week One	Week Two	Week Three
		30th Oct, 20th Nov, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan	6th Nov, 27th Nov, 8th Jan, 29th Jan	4th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb
		11th December Christmas Week (tbc)		
Monday	Option 1	Cheesy Pasta	Pizza Pinwheel	Home-made Pizza
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Vegetable Pasta Bake
	served with	Garlic Flatbread Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Wedges Baked Beans & Peas	1/2 Jacket Potato Peas & Baked Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Breaded Chicken Steak
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wrap	Veggie Pie & Gravy	*Cheese Puff
	served with	Rice Carrots & Peas	Creamed Potatoes Broccoli & Mixed Veg	Herby Diced Potatoes Mixed Salad
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork
	Option 2	Winter Vegetable & Potato Bake	Quorn Sausage with yorkshire pud	*Veggie Meatloaf & Gravy
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Thursday	Option 1	Burger in a Bun	Bolognese	Meatball Sub
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Bolognese	Meatless Sub
	served with	Wedges Cucumber & Coleslaw	Pasta Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Cucumber & Peas
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
<div><div>VEGETARIAN</div>Suitable for Vegetarians</div>		All items are subject to availability		
<div><div>VEGAN</div>Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians</div>		Bread , Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal		
<div><div>FISH</div>Contains Fish</div>		All vegetarian dishes with * can be made suitable for vegans		
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