



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

Welcome to the wonderful world of Westwood – we hope you like what you see & read!

Hello Parents & Carers, welcome to the October Monthly Newsletter. The newsletter will offer you an invaluable insight into the world of Westwood, keep you updated and will support the website and Twitter as a way of sharing information and improving communication.

Well, yet again it has been another busy month! On the 1st of October, the whole school celebrated Harvest at the Buckley Cross Methodist Church. Year 4, Year 3 and Year 2 classes presented a wonderful service to send out a clear message that caring is sharing. All your generous donations, over 700 items, were collected by Flintshire Food bank – thank you for giving to this worthy cause.

On Friday 12th October, the whole school supported the Macmillan event by raising money for this fantastic charity. As part of their topic in R.E., the Year 5 children ran the afternoon superbly manning their stalls and providing all our wonderful supporters with cake, refreshments, games and more cake to raise lots of money. The hall was packed as you braved the elements to be part of the afternoon and the feedback and comments you sharing were fantastic! We raised over £313. Gwaith da pawb – you are amazing– thank you!

On Tuesday 16th October, we hosted a consortium training evening event for teachers from all Buckley & Mynydd Isa primary schools to improve their systems with marking and feedback for pupils. We are hoping that some of the new strategies will not only enhance standards of pupil progress even further, that it will positively contribute to improving the workload & wellbeing of staff– a school priority!

There was amazing feedback on Monday 22nd October from parents and carers on our open parent's evening! Your children have worked so well during the first few week of the new term, and the comments and positivity have given the staff such a buzz. The children are a credit to you all– thank you for your support in your child's learning journey!

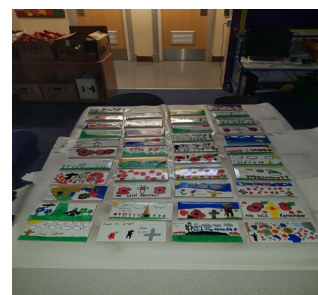
On Tuesday 23rd October, we held our first (of a many) drop in events. This was an opportunity not only to see inside the wonderful world of Westwood, get in your suggestions and ideas, sign up for parents courses, early entitlement provision and Key stage 2 offers of support; there were also many Flintshire services there to offer help, guidance and support from the many lead professionals and organizations in the local area who attended, that could really make a difference to yourselves and your child. If you missed the event, please check you emails for the details of contacts. We will be looking to repeat this event in the Spring term. The children also enjoyed the Halloween Disco ran by our P.T.A. that day too – thank you for your support with this event!

Well what a half term! There is much more to come next month. Happy half term holiday – we will see you back in school on Monday 5th November 2018. Enjoy your break – Mrs W and Team Westwood :)

Community Engagement & News

Remembrance tribute to the Buckley Fallen

On Saturday 20th October, the Royal British Legion held a community event at Costa Coffee in Buckley Precinct. Mrs Alison Mowlem (one of our mums) had organised a superb remembrance artistic tribute to the fallen of Buckley with 114 tiles to be designed with the names of our local heroes. Our children, along with other schools and residents of the area, decorated 74 tiles representing 74 men who fell during the war. The remaining 40 still to be remembered were completed by our pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 this week. What an amazing tribute to the fallen heroes of Buckley! These tiles will be laid at the Remembrance service on Sunday 11th November after the Buckley parade. The Buckley parade meets at 9.30 in the main car park by the precinct, near the Aldi, to collect the tiles. The parade leaves at 10am to march to St Matthew's Church. Westwood pupils should be supported by a family member if they wish to take part in the parade and lay a tile. Following the service, the laying of the wreaths and the tiles, the Buckley Historical Society will be hosting light refreshments in the Community Centre at Jubilee Court. For full story scan the QR code or check out Twitter @WW_Buckley. #lestweforget



To commemorate Remembrance, the House Captains will be selling the Poppy appeal items, including stationery, again after half term. See twitter for more details for what on sale :)



Remember also the 5th of November

So whilst our older pupils were honouring the fallen soldiers of Buckley, our younger pupils in Nursery and Reception have been busy on a project for the North Wales Fire Service, by making a Guy Fawkes for the community event on Monday 5th November. The Guy Fawkes will be collected on the day and will be on parade at the station before the event.

Latest news - The Sharonettes are coming to Westwood. In our commitment to being the school with the community at its heart, we welcome another community group to Westwood Primary - the dance group 'The Sharonettes!' The popular dance group led by Sharon Aird have been training in two different venues. So it is great to have them here under one roof in their home town of Buckley. Come along on Thursday 8th November from 5pm to 8.30pm and see the group in action, to join the Sharonettes or just to find out more!

Polite reminder:

There have been quite a few earlier than usual collections of pupils before home time. Unless the reason for collections relate to appointments or important arrangements, which a written note or letter confirming this is shown, then we must stress that pupils are only to be collected at home time as it is very disruptive to the day and the learning of the children. Thank you :)

Macmillan Event on Friday 12th October



For more photos, please see the
website:
www.westwoodprimary.co.uk

Macmillan Event on Friday 12th October 2018

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents, staff, carers, governors, pupils and friends of Westwood for their amazing support for our annual Macmillan charity event. There were cakes and smiles galore...even the weather couldn't dampen our spirits as you braved the elements to be part of the afternoon. The children in Year 5 & 6 ran the afternoon brilliantly as the event was part of their pupil voice R.E. work, with the other classes throughout the school holding their cakes sales during the day. It really was a whole school effort! We raised just over £313.00! Well Team Westwood!



Our new House Captains & Vice - House Captains

This month the children in Key Stage 2 voted for their pupil representatives for House Captain and Vice-House Captain positions for Gelert, Llewellyn and Kyffin. Our House Captains and Vice House Captains will play an important role in school, assist the staff in many ways, and will help to run many events in school including Eisteddfod, Competitions and Sports Days.

Congratulations to our year 5 & 6 children who were voted for - you have a great responsibility in your positions; you are role models to the pupils and are representatives of our amazing school too!



Friday 9th November is International Day :)

On Friday 9th November, we are holding our annual international day at Westwood. Each class will study a different part of the world, can dress up for the day and involve themselves in learning about different cultures and customs during this exciting day. The Junior pupils will bring home a learning log to complete over the half term to further enhance their experiences. Here are the countries your children will be exploring so you can help your child learn a little about the cultures, custom and the countries of study:

- Class 1 & Class 2 — France
- Class 3 & Class 4 — Mexico
- Class 5, Class 6 & Class 7 — Italy
- Class 8 & 9 — India



Important Reminder

All Yr 6 that
the closing
date for
secondary
school
applications is
November



Attendance with Atti

Well done to the following classes for their weekly winning class attendance in October .

Week ending 5th October — Class 5 with 100%

Week ending 12th October — Class 6 with 95.7%

Week ending 19th October — Class 6 with 98.7%

Week ending 26th October — Class 5 with 98.8%



Save the Dates!

Chatterbox starts on Tuesday 6th November 2018 @ 1.30 for six weekly sessions

Pre school basic is on every Wednesday for the next 5 weeks after half term.

International Day is on Friday 9th November 2018

Stay & Play Family Fun Session on Friday 9th November 2018 — 9.30am to 11.00am

Remembrance service at St Matthew's Church on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 10.30pm - all welcome

Individual School photographs on Monday 12th November 2018

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Friday 16th November Mrs Ryan begins her maternity leave from Nursery - Mrs McCormack will take charge as the Nursery Teacher

INTO FILM TRIP for Key Stage 2 on Monday 19th November 2018

Dangerpoint trip for Year 1 & 2 on Thursday 22nd November 2018

More information will follow on these events. Also, remember to check the school calendar on the website!