



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

To our Dear Westwood Family – I hope you are well, enjoying your half term and are staying safe! We have had a very busy February and inside your Buckley Bugle, we have some lovely items to share with you including pupil events, dates for your diary and news of what's happening at our wonderful school. **Remember our brand new look website has lots of news to share, updates and dates of events too! So keep checking regularly! <http://westwoodprimary.co.uk/>**



Covid 19 – our procedures are staying in place!

All of our Covid and Health & Safety arrangements remain in place to keep our school safe! **That includes wearing a mask on site and keeping your 2 metres distance wherever possible.** **Also keep the pavements and gates clear at all times please. If you have other family members coming to school to collect, please remind them of these requests.** We are doing everything in our capacity to keep us all safe; we ask you to support us as you have. If your child displays any Covid 19 symptoms, we request you take your child for a PCR test. **If your child has been for a P.C.R. test, we request they isolate and to see the negative results before they return.** Under 5's are not recommended for testing but we ask you to be vigilant. **Please refrain from sending your child into school if they display symptoms of Covid 19.** Please refer to the Parent's handbook for details of our safety measures and we will update you regularly. You can contact us via our Covid 19 exclusive email regarding advice, results or testing on **19C5@hwbcymru.net**. You can also **contact 119 for advice too. The Covid 19 situation is changing rapidly, so stay vigilant and please stay safe :) See the back page for the latest guidance!**

Please keep checking your emails and staying in touch with us. If you need anything, contact the office on wmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244 543207. Please stay safe our Westwood Family!

We will welcome you all back on Tuesday 1st March.

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)



Pupil Congratulations

We are now holding our school assemblies again online on Friday until we are able to have assemblies in our hall again. It does mean that I will be posting my assemblies on Instagram until further notice. Do not forget to send in any shout outs you would like to share for your child; we like to acknowledge successes outside school too! :)



N.S.P.C.C. Number Day—Friday 4th February

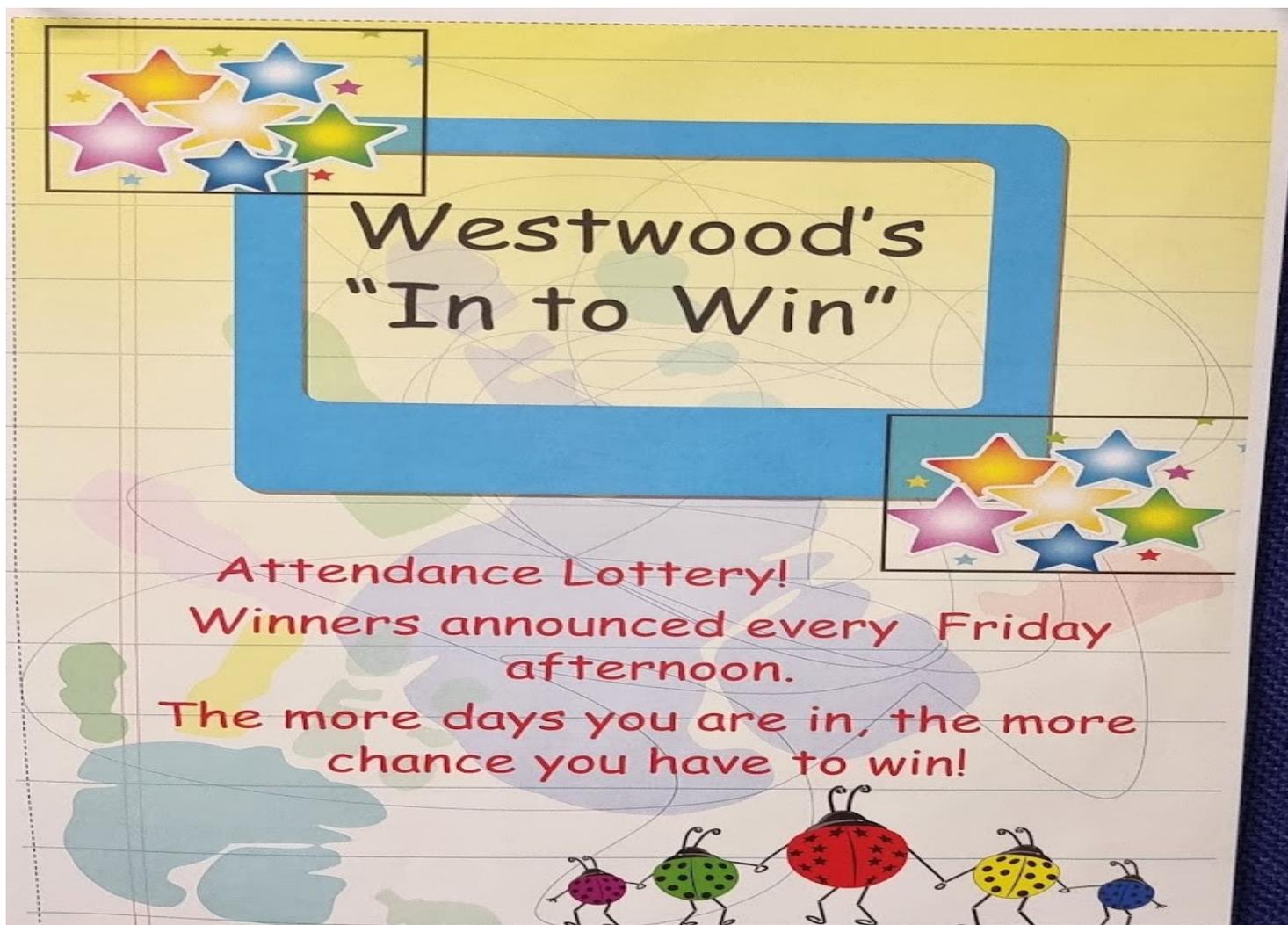
As part of our launch for Maths and Numeracy in the New Curriculum for Wales, we held a fabulous Number day! Our children had a fun packed day of activities and events that were all things maths and numbers.

Our fantastic School Council ran a Treat shop to raise money for the N.S.P.C.C. too. We raised just under £50! Thank you for your support!



Attendance and Punctuality @ Westwood

At Westwood we want to encourage our children to be punctual and attend regularly as we all know that they have the best opportunities for their wellbeing, learning and to continue to make progress if they are in school and on time! As you know we are always striving to improve attendance at Westwood. Mrs Thomas has sent out messages to all parents to encourage good attendance at school, so we hope you will all support this.



We will also have a end of term prize draw, for each full week the children have been in school they will get an entry into the lottery. So the more days they are in, the more chance they have to win.

There will be certificates and prizes for the winners! They will get a shoutout in assembly and an email home to share the news with parents.

Remember we are here to support with attendance and punctuality; if you are needing of support with attendance or punctuality- please just ask! Diolch!

Every week we check our classes attendance and award Atti the Attendance Bear to the class with best % attendance that week. (Covid 19 absences are not counted within these % attendances.)

So Violet have had a pretty impressive attendance record, champions again W/E 4th and 11th February, and they were awarded Atti. BUT Dosbarth Elder were our attendance winners with 95% WE 18th February— so it is huge congratulations to our Elder class!



New Curriculum Design @ Westwood - Have your input!

Dear Westwood Family,

As you will know all schools in Wales are preparing for the new curriculum 2022, and it important for you to be part of this preparation and transition! More mportantly, its ongoing success!

We need your ideas and support! Please read on to find out how you could collaborate on our curriculum design, topic planning and family opportunities as part of our Westwood Family!



On our return in March, we will be asking again for your contributions to our New Curriculum Design and look forward to your ideas and valuable contributions in shaping the learning experiences at Westwood!



Read all about the exciting changes in Wales and how learning will look from September 2022 at Westwood.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-easy-read/>

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Have you got ideas for future learning at Westwood?

Our spring term topic is 'Time Travellers'

We would like your ideas for activities, themes and learning ideas to help your children plan for their new topic. Have a chat to your child - be as creative as you like! It would be great if it could link with our Vision and Mission for school too!



Please click on the link, which will take you to our planning padlet for the time travel topic. Find the red + in the right hand corner. Just pop your ideas on here! Thank you for all the fabulous ideas so far and for your ongoing support!

<https://padlet.com/jaynewilliams90/bhbmz8gcxwb3rr5c7>

The latest news from our Nursery & Early Entitlement

What an exciting time in our Dosbarth Rowan with Mrs Ryan, Mrs Quirk and the Team! Our little learners have had so much fun with their Chinese New Year event!!

Kung Hei Fat Choi

Chinese New Year in Nursery and Little acorns—the children have had access to a range of exciting Chinese New Year activities.



Our home corner has been transformed into a Chinese restaurant and takeaway, complete with menus, chopsticks, traditional Chinese food and Chinese bowls.



We have been developing our fine manipulative skills and learning how to use chopsticks by exploring noodles and transferring them from a wok to a carton.



We have been mark making in red rice.....trying to form the numbers 1,2 and 3 in both English and Chinese.



We used cotton buds to make dots of pink blossom on a Chinese blossom tree.

We have been using our eyes and gentle hands to look at, and touch a range of Chinese artefacts that have displayed on the topic table.

We have made Happy New Year cards for the Year of the tiger.

Finally to finish our mini topic, we celebrated with a delicious Chinese banquet.



Westwood P.T.F.A. February update

Thank you for your amazing support for the Disco day—the children really had fun and it was good to have an event where all the children could participate! We are looking forward to more events in the near future!

Upcoming events coming soon

Dragon bag drop off week – Starting on Tuesday 1st March, please support us by having a clear out during half term and then bring your bagged up used unwanted clothes/shoes/handbags/hats off at school and we will collect them all together and weigh them. It's a great way to clear space and support your school.

Mother's Day raffle – we will be holding a raffle on the run up to Mother's Day, prizes will include lots of Mum focused treats.

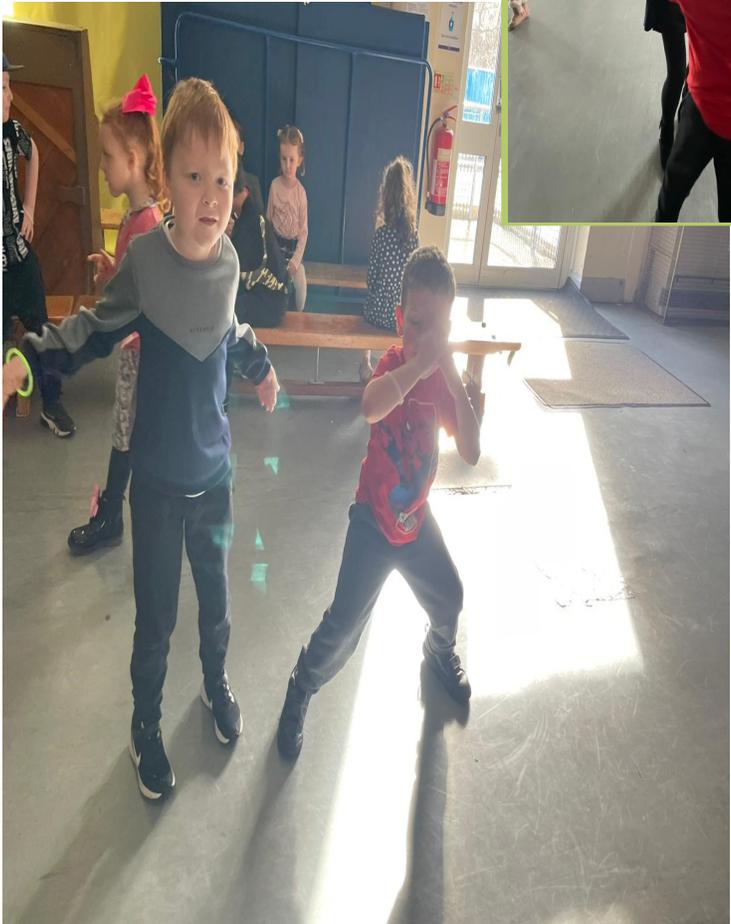
Smarties challenge – due to the massive success of last year's challenge we are going to run it again over the Easter holidays. Your child will come home with a tube of smarties and all we ask is that during the holidays for every task they complete round the house, in the garden, helping the family you support them by filling their tube with change – big or small it doesn't matter.

Easter shop – We are hoping to be able to offer items for sale to the children during the last week of term before Easter, last year we sold out of our hand knitted chicks. Watch this space to what we are going to be offering this year.

So as you can see we are very busy getting all these wonderful activities up and running for your children to enjoy. We hope that you will support our events.

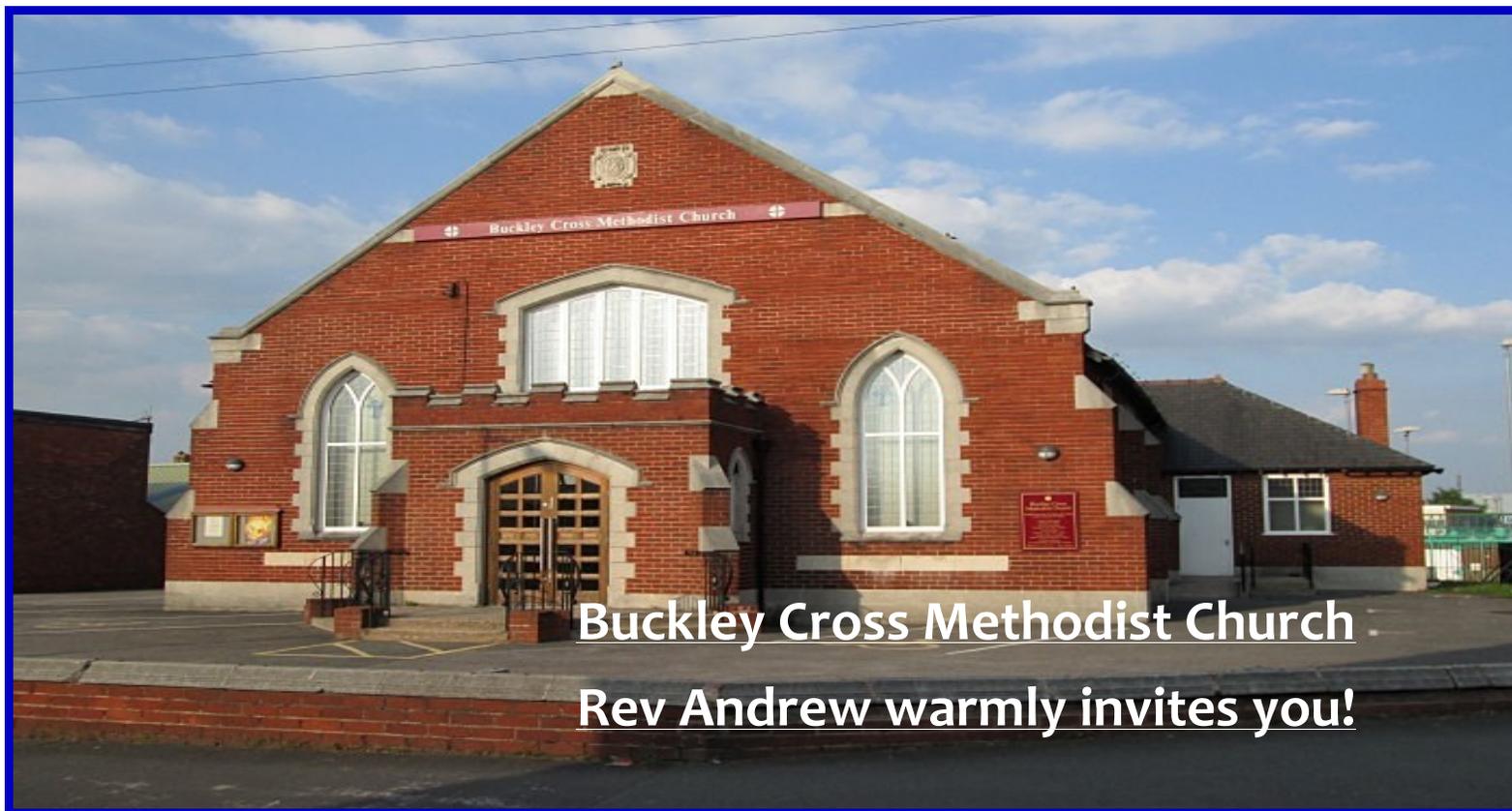
Best Wishes from your P.T.F.A.

Disco Fun!!



Community news

What's happening at the Buckley Cross Methodist Church and Buckley Cross Community Centre?



**Buckley Cross Methodist Church
Rev Andrew warmly invites you!**

Buckley Cross Community Centre

The Buckley Cross Community Centre are opening their Friday coffee morning from 9am to 11.30am (instead of 9:30) every Friday hoping that some of the parents after the school drop off, may fancy a coffee and toast before they begin their day.

As an incentive they are offering the first cup of tea or coffee free for the foreseeable future! What's not to like!! Please support this wonderful community coffee morning!



**BUCKLEY CROSS
METHODIST**

Pancake Party

Free

Free



**MARCH 1ST
STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL
IN THE COMMUNITY HALLS
ACROSS THE ROAD
FREE PANCAKES STICKY TOPPINGS
AND TABLE ACTIVITIES**

Starts @ 3pm

Welcome to our KiVa School!

KiVa is an innovative school-based antibullying program which has been developed using cutting-edge research on bullying and its mechanisms. Westwood has been a KiVa school for the last 6 years and its systems are embedded here.

KiVa is an evidence-based program to prevent bullying and to tackle the cases of bullying effectively. KiVa helps our children to recognise the difference between conflict, unkindness and bullying. We have two senior staff members who deliver the Kiva programme to our children, and our staff are trained in the philosophy of KiVa; the promotion of respect and kindness.

Mrs Anne Mattar and Mrs Alison Hawkins have produced a Stakeholders' presentation guide to KiVa so you too can see how the programme works, familiarise yourself with the **correct terminology** and help your child in the KiVa way. Please scan the QR code below to see the short presentation or click on the weblink below. Thank you to Mrs M and Mrs H for sharing your expertise!



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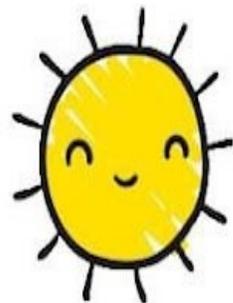
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<http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/kiva/28969>

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.

"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage journaling and diaries.

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.



Establish a self-care routine.



Recognize toxic stress events.

BlessingManifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

Parental Engagement and Support Opportunities at Westwood



At Westwood, we have a long and successful history of providing support for our families and we are collating an exciting range of training and pupil/parent experiences for in the New Year. **We know when supporting your child, we are better together!**

We are asking you what type support or training you would appreciate to help with your child's learning journey at Westwood. How can you contribute and collaborate with us to support your child's learning journey? Develop new skills? Have your say! We would like to hear your ideas to help build our new parent and pupil programmes! Please answer using the link below - Thank you.
Team Westwood :)

<https://forms.office.com/r/wWebth4t9p>

So far this month we have provided for parents:

- Maths for parents in Key stage 2
- * Wellies in the Woods—Nursery & Reception
- * Come & Cook—Year 1 & 2

We will be looking to offer more courses during school time and after school too – Just let us know what you need and we will do the rest!!

Thank you!

We often get asked “How can we help our child with reading and maths?”



Courses in February

Help your child with maths Tuesdays and Thursdays | 2 x 1 hour sessions

Help your child with reading Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4 x 1 hour sessions

Course Overview

These courses will help dads, mums, grandparents and carers help children with their reading and number skills. You will learn lots of handy hints to take away and have fun practising with your child.

The courses include:

- Fun with letters and words
- What, when and where to read?
- What are phonics and how to practise them?
- Fun with shapes
- Rhymes, games and songs
- How does my child learn maths at school?

What Do I Need?

You will need an iPad or a laptop as this is an online course. You will also require Internet access.

Click here for available dates and to sign up:

<https://www.adultlearning.wales/en/courses/course-results?&subject=supporting-families>

Daytime & Evening Courses available!

info@adultlearning.wales | 03300 580845 | adultlearning.wales

The National Community College

Rydym yn annog a chroeso i gyswiliadau a galwadau ffôn yn Gymraeg a buddim yn ymateb i'ch dewis iaith
We encourage and welcome correspondence and phone calls in Welsh and will respond to your language choice



Westwood's Stay & Play is back!!!

Watch this space for more details of our next dates! Keep an eye on your emails to book in!

You won't miss out if you join the Westwood Stay and Play Community on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1007809719563733>

Blended Learning—Your Half Term task

*Mistar Urdd is celebrating the
Urdd's 100th birthday.*



*For the celebrations, he wants his image
to be updated and needs you to help?*

Research: *Find out what Mistar Urdd looks like, what does he represent and what does he enjoy?*

Create: *Use your knowledge, skills and imagination to create a 2D image or 3D model of Mistar Urdd with a new look.*

Will he be sporty, a super hero, a musician, will he wear a cape, a coat or jacket?

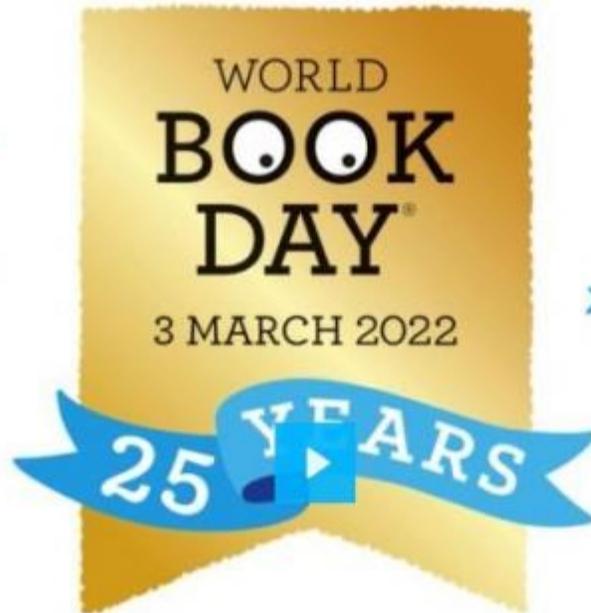
How will you make sure everyone knows Mistar Urdd is Welsh and loves his country?

We want you to show how Mistar Urdd can promote the Welsh language and our diverse cultures in Wales.

Share: Remember to return your completed work to school by Friday 4th March



World Book Day is Thursday 3rd March.



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

At Westwood, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. This year marks World Book Day's 25th anniversary and the message for all children is "You are a reader"! It promises fun, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure all year round.

We will be encouraging all children to dress up as a book character and would love them to bring their favourite book to school on the day.

Red Nose Day is Friday 18th March.



**We're supporting
Red Nose Day
2022**

RED NOSE DAY
FUNNY IS POWER
18 March 2022

Comic Relief is the operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (326568) and Scotland (SC039730) and company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (01806414), registered address 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7TP.

At Westwood, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March.

We will be encouraging all children to come into school in their own clothes, wear something 'Red' (please do not go out to buy something special) or just pop on their 'Red Nose'. The House Captains will be organising a break time event and bring along 50p max to buy red nose treats. All money raised will go to the Comic Relief charity. Thank you for your support!



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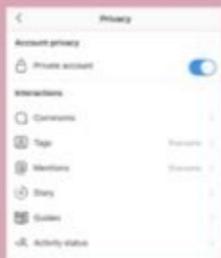
Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



Instagram



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

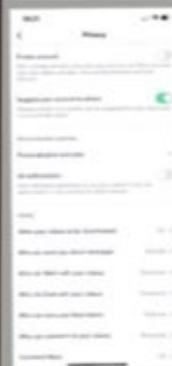
COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY: allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



TikTok



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

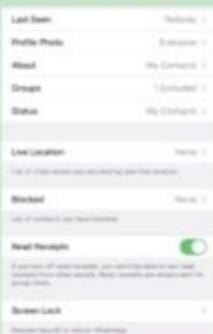
SAFETY: TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts **(recommended: friends)**

COMMENT FILTERS: you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in **(recommended: on)**

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



WhatsApp



PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS: You can change who can see a profile photo and status **(recommended: my contacts)**

GROUPS: allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups **(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)**

BLOCKED: can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



Snapchat



CONTACT: decide who can message you and send you snaps **(recommended: my friends)**

VIEW MY STORY: restrict who can see your story **(recommended: my friends)**

GHOST MODE: if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map **(recommended: on)**

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lloyd, Mum of FL in Year 5 for a fantastic and generous monetary donation for books for our children to read, share and support our P.S.H.E. curriculum and our KiVa anti bullying curriculum offer.

This money will be well spent on age appropriate literature to support our children's wellbeing, social and emotional development in the above curriculum areas.

We are so very lucky to have a Westwood family that supports us in so many ways! Diolch!

Dates for your diary!

Tuesday 1st march- Return to school

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day

Friday 18th March—Red Nose Day

Monday 28th March—Parent's evening (provisional date)

Tuesday 29th March—Parent's evening (provisional date)

Thursday 7th April — School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 25th April— School reopens for the Summer term

Mindful March 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

19 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Do not forget to check out our website calendar for updates!

How the five-day isolation rule works



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Your symptoms begin or you test positive

Self-isolate from day 1 to day 5

Start home testing with lateral flow tests

From day 6 to day 9 you can end self-isolation if you test negative on two consecutive days

Isolation ends as long as you feel well and don't have a temperature

#KeepWalesSafe

* Wear your mask

* Wash your hands

* Keep 2 metres distance

* Please do all you can to keep our school open and our children learning!

* Stay safe our Westwood Family!

