



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

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



Covid 19 – our procedures are staying in place for now!

As outlined in our email to you last week, 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. **Please refrain from sending your child into school if they display symptoms of Covid 19 or test positive for Covid 19.** Please refer to the Parent's handbook for details of our safety measures and we will update you regularly. **You can also contact 119 for advice too.**

Please also keep to the drop off and pick up times– a number of families are consistently arriving late and this is unsettling for the children, disruptive to our staff and for our school routines. If you need support with punctuality, speak to Mrs Thomas or Mrs Williams. Keep to our times please.

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

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)

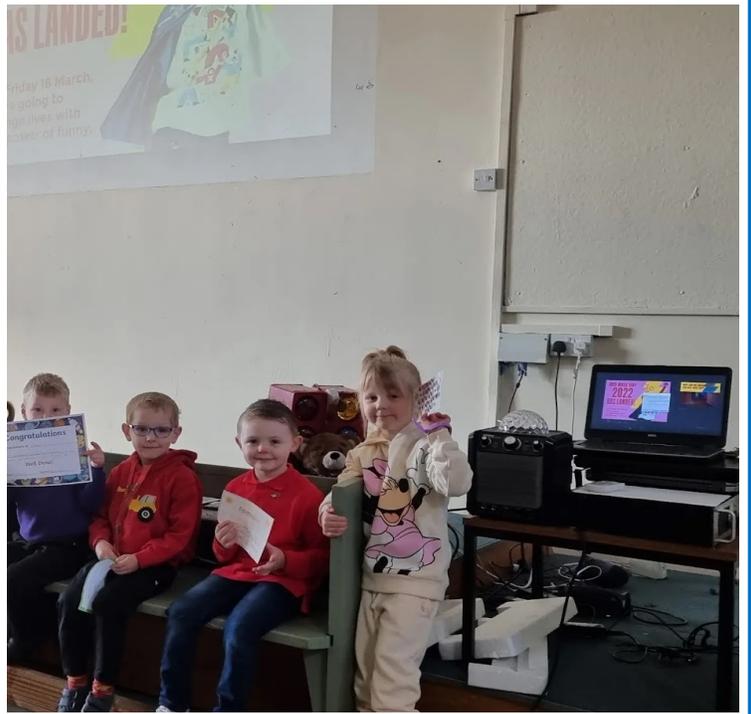


Pupil Congratulations

We are now holding our school assemblies on Friday in our hall again.

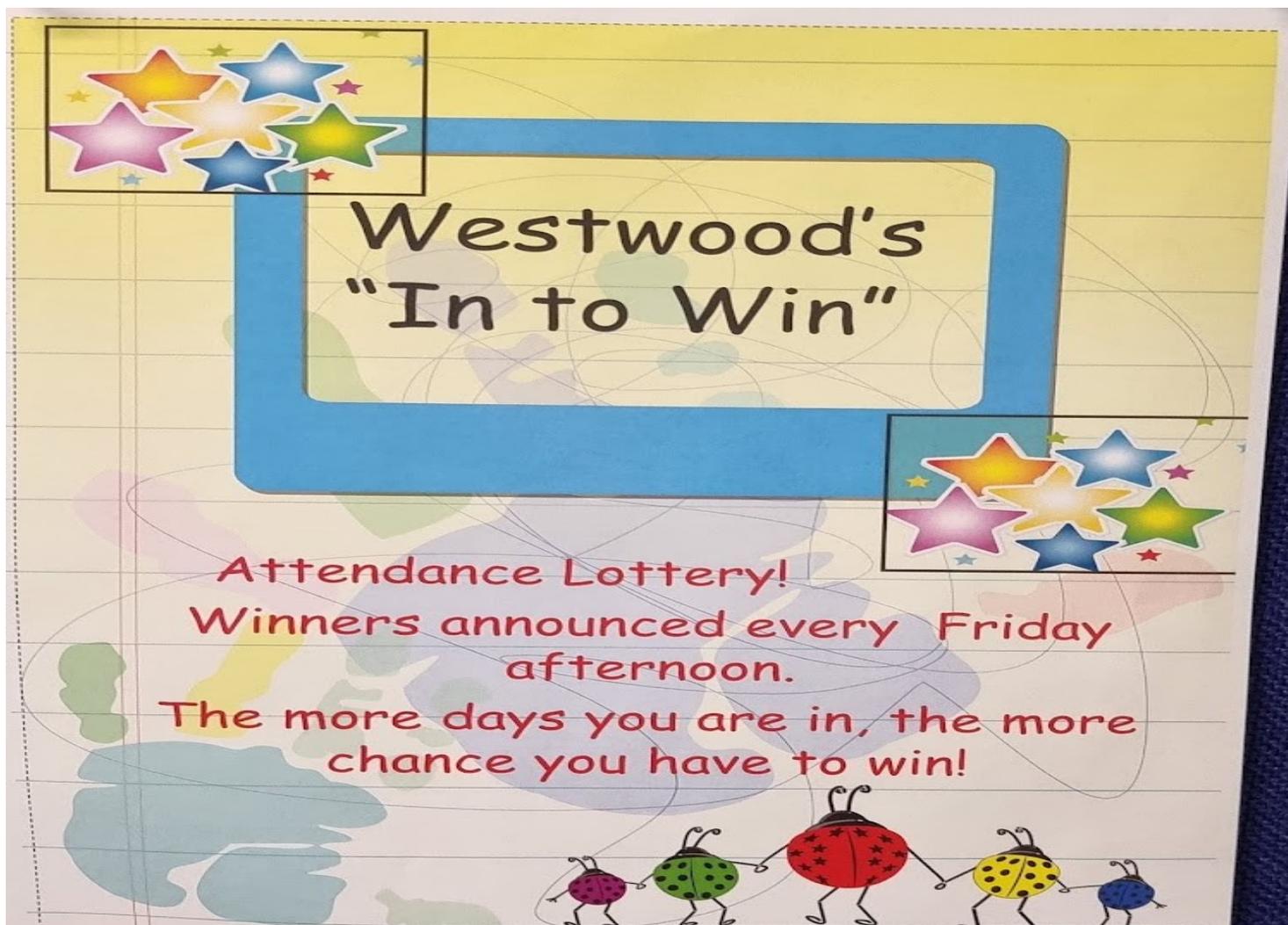
It is wonderful to celebrate with our lovely learners. Please remember to send in any shout outs you would like to share for your child; we like to acknowledge successes outside school too! :)





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 and Miss Clubb have 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 shout out 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, closely followed by Elder Class.

Who will be our final winners of the term...will it be your 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 importantly, 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 after Easter 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/>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-parents/>

Have you got ideas for future learning at Westwood?

The children of Westwood need your help!!

In school, your children have been telling us how they would like their families to be involved in life at Westwood. The children would like your input too!

To be involved with the children's ideas, they would like you to visit their Padlet page and click on the heart of any ideas you think parents would like to be involved in.



No password is required, just your votes. You can vote for as many ideas as you like. The ideas with the highest number of votes are the ones we will aim to incorporate in our school events and curriculum opportunities for future learning.

Please do encourage children to add any further ideas they may have by clicking on the plus symbol in the pink circle while you are on the Padlet. Children are welcome to add their first name or initials.

We are looking forward to your input and to seeing the ideas of your children being developed at school.

Please follow the link: <https://padlet.com/brownl99/mazoskwne1a01w3p>

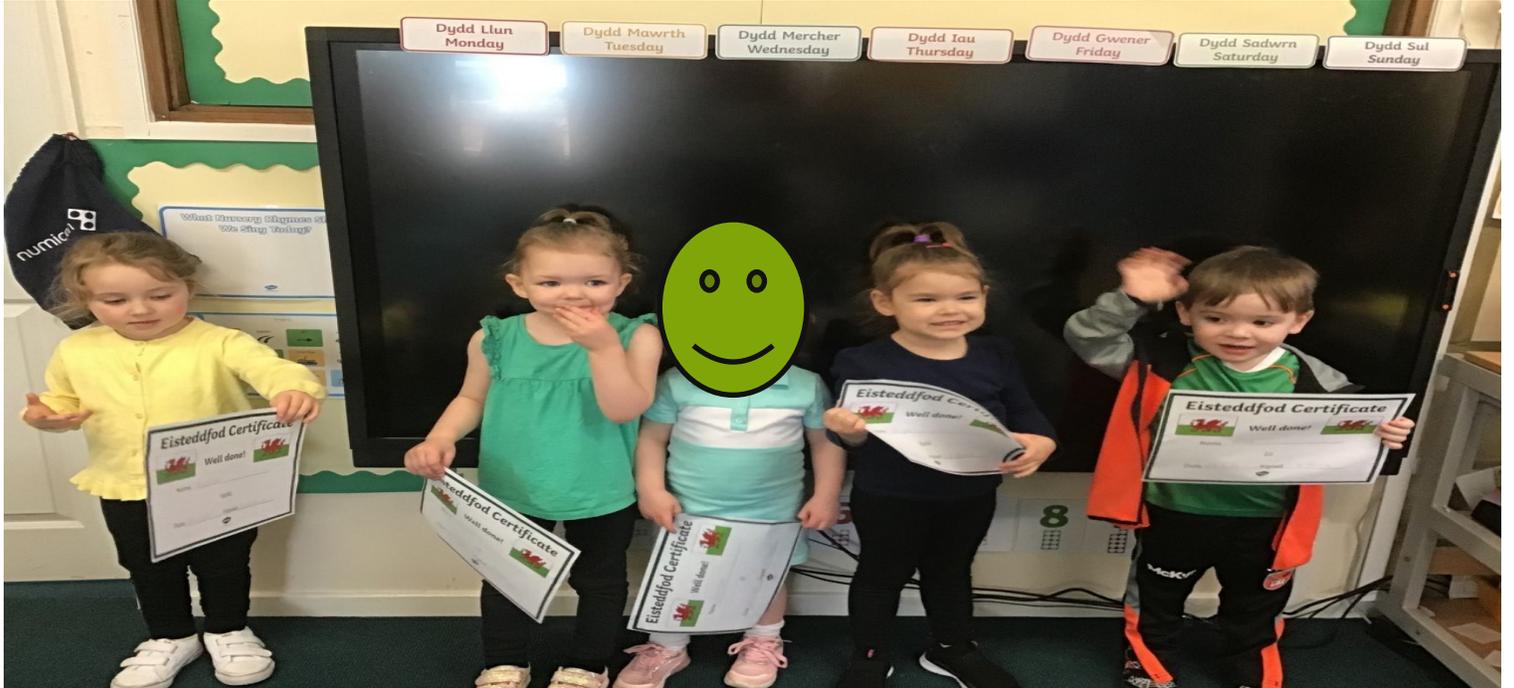
With kind regards and many thanks for your continued support.

Team Westwood

The latest news from our Nursery & Early Entitlement

What an exciting time in our Dosbarth Rowan with Mrs Ryan, Little Acorns with Mrs Quirk and the Early Year's Team! Our little learners have had so much fun this month!!





P.T.F.A News update

Our Dear Wonderful Westwood Families,

We have had a remarkably busy half term and enjoyed organising lots of fundraising activities for you and your children to enjoy. We have also managed to recruit some new members – welcome on board to Ben and Stacey, Mum, and Dad to little Evie in Nursery. Ben has taken on the role of Vice Secretary and Stacey has joined as a committee member. Welcome to both of you and I am sure you will enjoy being part of our wonderful P.T.F.A.

As you may be aware, one of our local shops, Shabby Chic, held a raffle to support our school during the run up to Christmas. The money raised was split between Westwood and Drury school, each receiving £67.00 We are so grateful to our local business owners for their support.

Our Disco Day was extremely popular with lots of moving and shaking happening. Thanks to our resident DJ Oli for supporting our morning disco and DJ PJ for completing our afternoon slot. All the children enjoyed the music and snacks on offer. We do hope that as restrictions are lifted, we will be able to do much more of our normal events. Our Disco Day raised a massive £617.00.



Our extremely popular Mother's Day raffle was drawn last Thursday. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets. All our prizes were all donations so we raised a grand total £260. One of our special Westwood Mum's will be enjoying her afternoon tea at The Beaufort Park Hotel soon, Well done.

Coming UP....

With Easter just around the corner we are busy getting our Easter shop ready for next week. Will be selling the beautiful handmade chicks and baskets filled with a crème egg. Also, this year we have lots of other Easter treats for your children to purchase during next week (while stocks last) during the school day.



Not forgetting the Easter holidays are approaching fast. We are running our Easter Smarties challenge again this year. Your children will come home with a Smarties tube – please enjoy the sweets and then during the Easter holidays we are encouraging your children to do jobs around the house and garden. Filling their tube back up with change and return the (hopefully) filled tube after the Easter holidays.



After Easter as restrictions are due to be lifted, we are hoping to organise a planning meeting for our summer events. Don't forget our Dragon bags run all year round; we are waiting to find out how much our last collection raised so keep on sending in your clothing donations too. The Easter holidays is a great time for a clear out in prep for the summer wardrobe!!

If you would like to get involved in organising some of these events, please contact a current P.T.F.A member or email us contact@westwoodpta.co.uk we will be more than welcome with lots of innovative ideas and creative ways to raise money to support our school.

Many thanks

Westwood P.T.F.A

Community news

What's happening at the Buckley Cross Methodist Church ?

EASTER FUN

*You're
Invited!*

**IT'S TIME TO
CELEBRATE**

BUCKLEY CROSS METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Fun on Wednesday 6th April
straight after school in the Church - till 5pm



**IS
GAMES!**

**EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

This event is for all children and siblings from Westwood Primary School, all we ask is that children are accompanied by either a parent or other responsible adult.

**sausage
& chip
supper**

TALK TO US

01244 548051

andrew.bradley@methodist.org.uk

Dear Westwood Family,

At the Buckley Cross Methodist Church,
we are looking forward to organising a
little afterschool Easter Fun with a
simple supper. (see flyer)

The event will begin straight after-
school (from 3pm) until around 5pm, at
the church. We loved having so many
of you at the Pancake and Mothering
Sunday event, and we look forward to
seeing you on Wednesday 6th April for
Easter fun too.

Blessings to you all,
Reverend Andrew

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 members of our Team who deliver the Kiva programme to our children, and our staff are trained in the philosophy of KiVa; the promotion of respect and kindness.

Our team 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 for sharing your expertise Team Westwood!



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Westwood Primary School

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

Our KiVa Ambassadors



Our House Captains, as you know, are a proactive team who not only organise events and opportunities for our pupils at Westwood but are an important part of our pupil voice at Westwood. Our stakeholder Vision clearly states that we want our school to be a kinder place to be. In their roles as House Captains they are undertaking the roles of KiVa ambassadors, ensuring opportunities for your children to have friends, play, improve friendships and build a positive and respectful team experience inside and outside at Westwood. The children are always thinking of ways of making Westwood a kind and caring environment – that’s the KiVa way – that’s the Westwood way!



House Captains Clubs

Our House Captains have organised lunch time clubs for the juniors to enjoy, based on the pupil voice. The two clubs on offer this term have been Football and Board Game Club. The children are loving the opportunity to play and interact with their peers inside and outside at lunch time. A big thank you to the House captains and the staff who are giving their time up to help run these opportunities.



The Board Game Club has over 30 different board games in their junior library that can also be loaned out to you to play at home too. Please contact the office for more details, via email for the attention of Mrs Sarah Jones, who will be happy to help!



Thank You!



A huge thank you to you all for supporting Red Nose Day. Westwood C.P. raised just under £90!! All the children loved their treat bags prepared and shared by our House Captains to the whole school. All the money raised goes to comic relief and helps UK charities who support children and their families.





To our Dear Westwood Family,

As you are aware, we have been a drop off point for items towards the Ukraine response at school. You as parents have been so generous in the response to the plight of Ukraine. Buckley has really stepped up to help families suffering from displacement in Ukraine.

On Thursday 7th April, Westwood will be holding a 'Peace in Ukraine' day in school. The children can dress in their own clothes and wear something blue/yellow if you have it.



The Year 6 children from our pupil councils will be selling peace / kindness / friendship / hope bracelets / key chains to support the Red Cross Disasters Emergency Committee. Each bracelet / keychain will be a £1 donation.

The house captains will also be holding a cake sale - 20p per cake.

Your donations will be used to reach the people in urgent help, including:

- Providing food, first aid, clean water, shelter support, hygiene parcels and medicines.
- Supporting hospitals and Health care facilities.

This list is endless, and your donations will make such a huge difference. So far, the Red Cross has distributed over 30,000 food and hygiene parcels. With our donations, they can do more.

Our work will support us in our quest to be a **'School of Sanctuary.'**



Westwood is a place of sanctuary for so many of our families. Supporting peace in Ukraine is a small way we can show our support for the refugee's situation in Ukraine and around the world.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Sincerely from

Nia, Ben and the rest of the House Captains at Westwood.

What is a School of Sanctuary?

- A place that fosters a culture of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary, including asylum seeking and refugee families.
- Educates the whole school community about the human right to sanctuary and identifies practical means for schools to demonstrate that commitment.
- Builds empathy and intercultural awareness through promoting the voices and contributions of people seeking sanctuary, encouraging an understanding of the experiences of displaced people and helping to combat stereotypes.

Why become a School of Sanctuary?

Schools play a crucial role in helping young people to make sense of the world, to become responsible citizens and to create positive change in their communities.

Schools are often at the forefront of receiving and supporting those forcibly displaced through conflict AND through no fault of their own – for example, nearly a quarter of asylum seekers in the year ending September 2019 were under 18. Young people in the UK need not only to learn about these issues but where possible meet people face-to-face who have lived experience of displacement in order to understand both their local communities and the wider world better. Up to press, in Ukraine, over 3.6 million people have been displaced and are refugees.

Westwood is committed to becoming a School of Sanctuary. Our work to date, has included communities and you as our stakeholders. Our latest curriculum work in Key stage 2, explored **‘Little Amal’** and the plight of refugee children. Our **‘Peace in Ukraine’** day allows our children to explore the need for peace in our world, it is our children’s world we need to protect. We are also planning events in Refugee week, from Monday 20th June, with a launch assembly on 17th June, with the Flintshire City of Sanctuary Team. Watch this space on how you can support our school community to become not only ethically informed citizens, but a school of sanctuary that allows us to:

- Build a school culture that reduces intolerance, hate speech and bullying
- Build an inclusive and supportive school community
- Increase pupil voice and promoting active & engaged citizenship
- Engage families and strengthening the school’s role in the local community
- Promote well-being & community cohesion by building empathetic school environments

Thank you for your ongoing awareness and support—Team Westwood & our House Captains

Pupil Projects in the Community

Year 6 —Community Mosaic Project

A huge thank you to Mel and the Refurbs Café in Buckley for an amazing mosaic workshop for Year 6.

Our marvellous 'Mosaicists' had the best time with Mel and it was wonderful to see the ideas and the creativity flow. We are looking forward to visiting the community mosaic project soon.

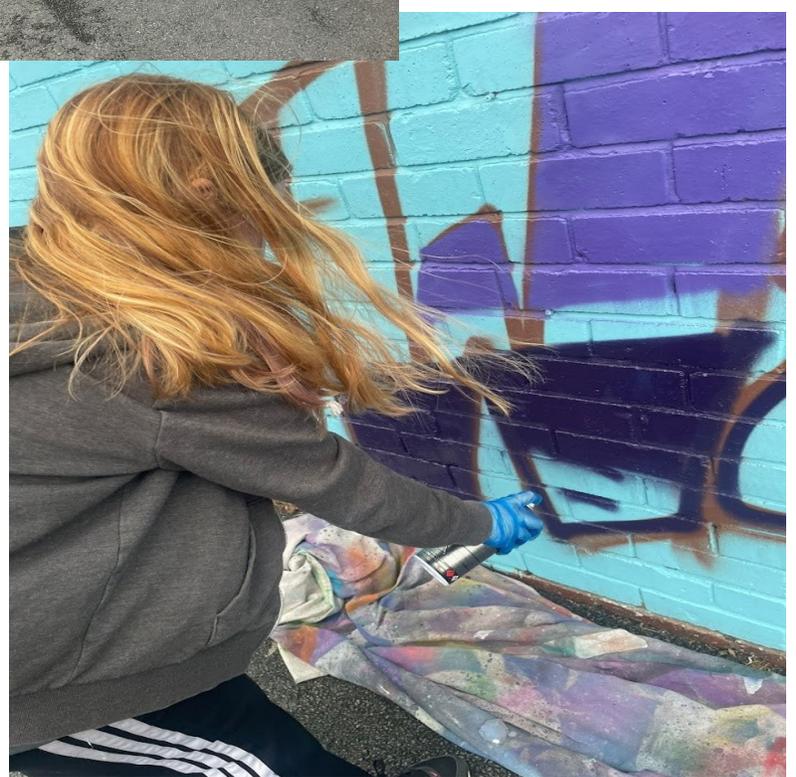
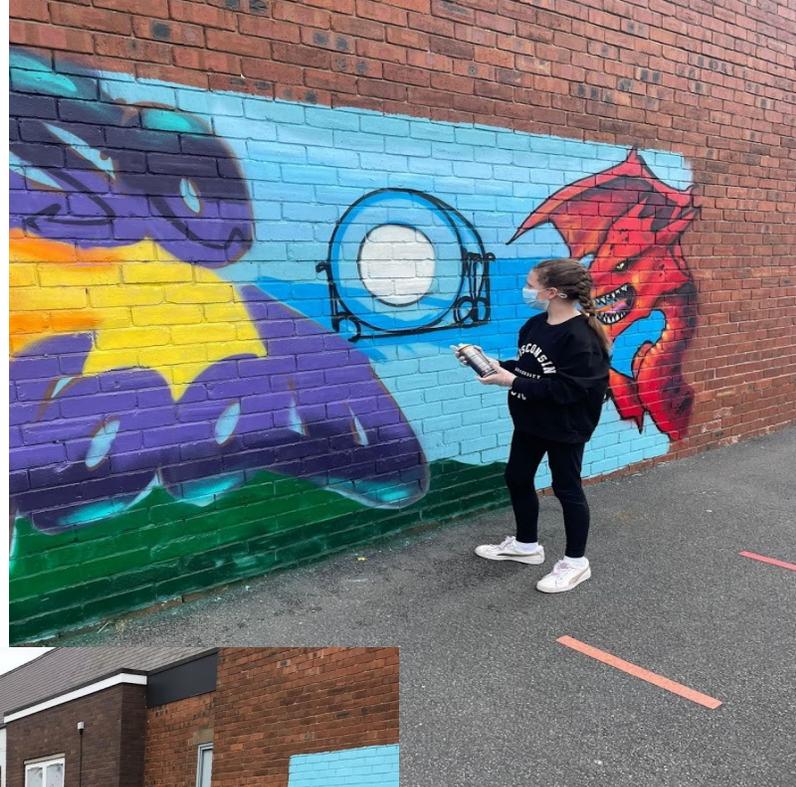




Criw Cymraeg & the Graffiti Project

As part of the Welsh Consortium Grants, Westwood pupils from Criw Cymraeg have been invited to work with a graffiti artist to create an unique piece of art work to welcome our community to Westwood. The children had the best time coming up with Buckley landmarks special to our school location and the art looks amazing as a result! Diolch yn fawr iawn Andy the artist and Miss Jones for organising the best opportunity! We hope you like it!!





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 for next term! Please answer using the link below - Thank you. Team Westwood :)

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

Look out for these opportunities for parents and family members onsite

- * Wellies in the Woods—Year 1 & 2
- * Come & Cook—Reception

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!! We will always sign post you to online opportunities too!

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



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Online Course

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](https://www.adultlearning.wales)

The National Community College

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

Parlez vous Francais Westwood? Qui!!

As you will know, our children (and staff) are committed to learning French as part of Modern Foreign Languages in the New Curriculum. The whole school impressed—enthusiastic and confident learners, in a range of different year groups in many scenarios. Formidable enfants!!

Check out our French page on our website- [http://](http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/french-at-westwood/121846)

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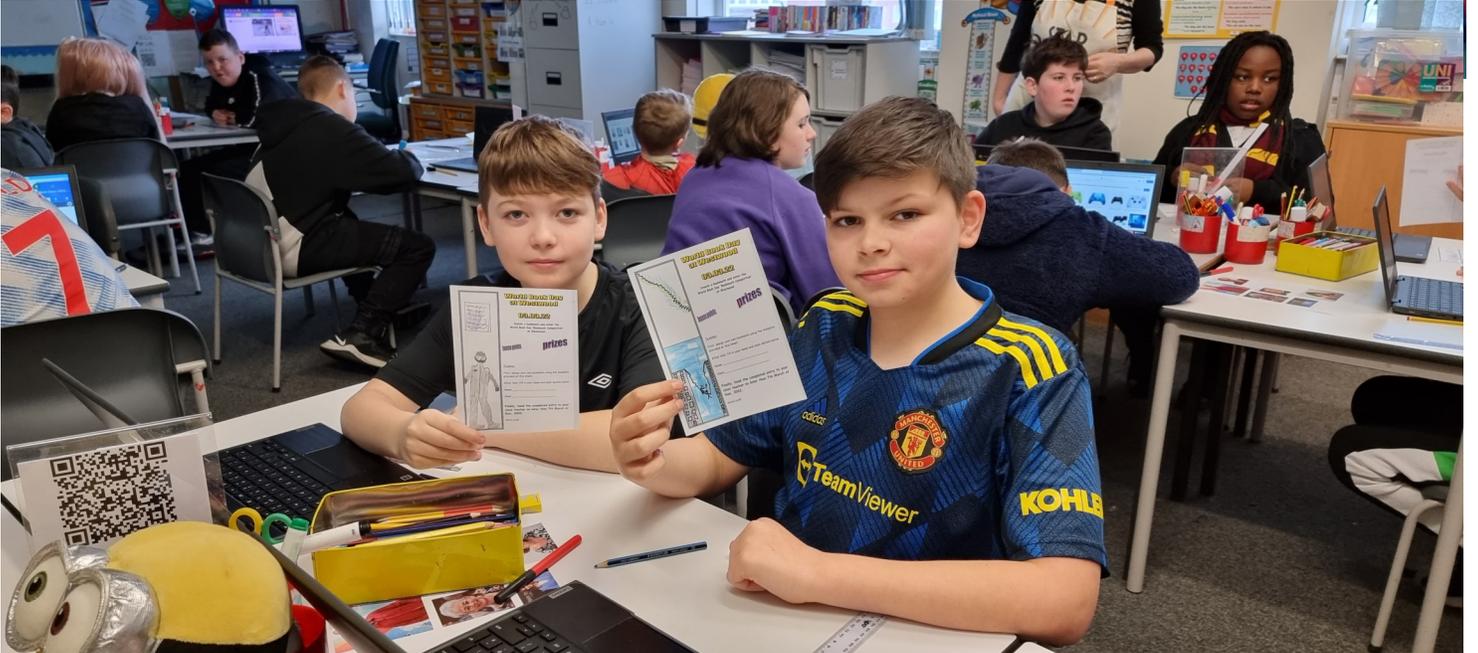


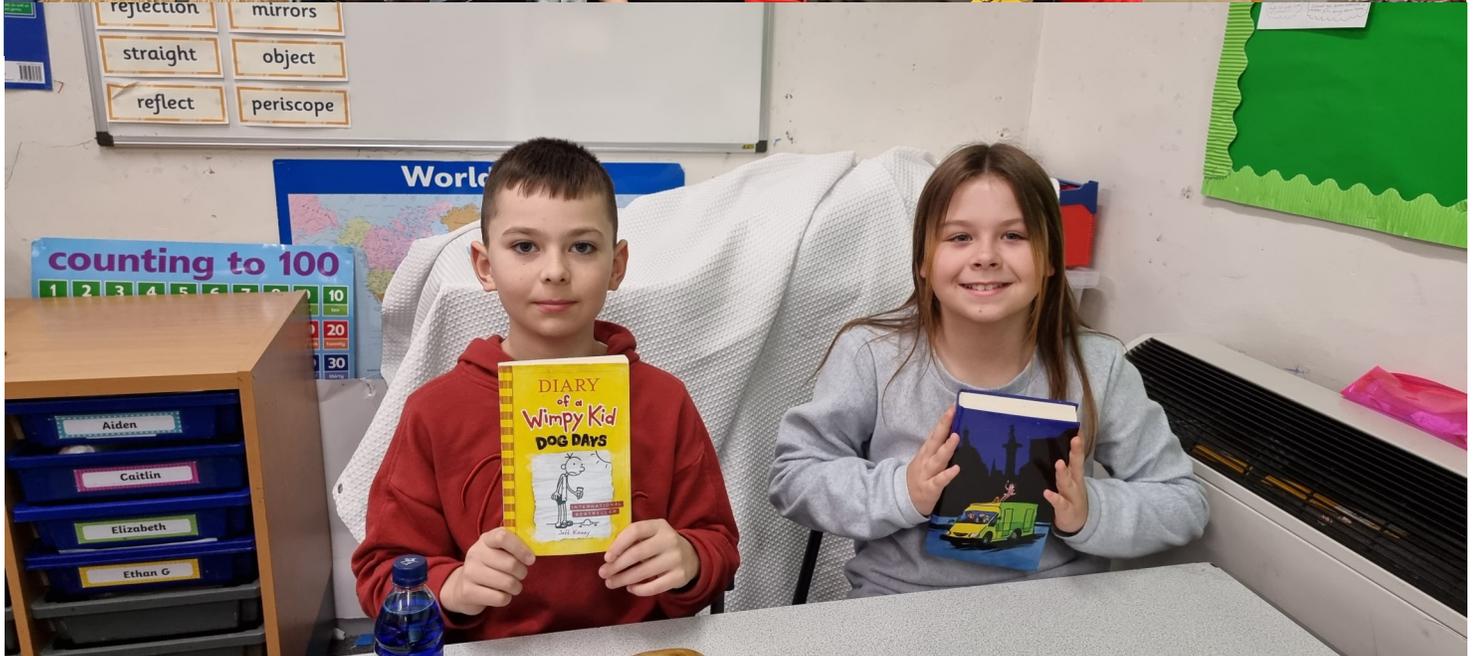
World Book Day @ Westwood

One of the highlights of the school calendar– loved by the children and staff, where we all take part in bookish activities and dressed to impress as our favourite book characters. From Encanto to Super heroes; Harry Potter to Mine Craft!! The costumes were amazing and we had the best day! Thank you, as always, for your amazing support on World Book Day. Check out the gallery on our website!









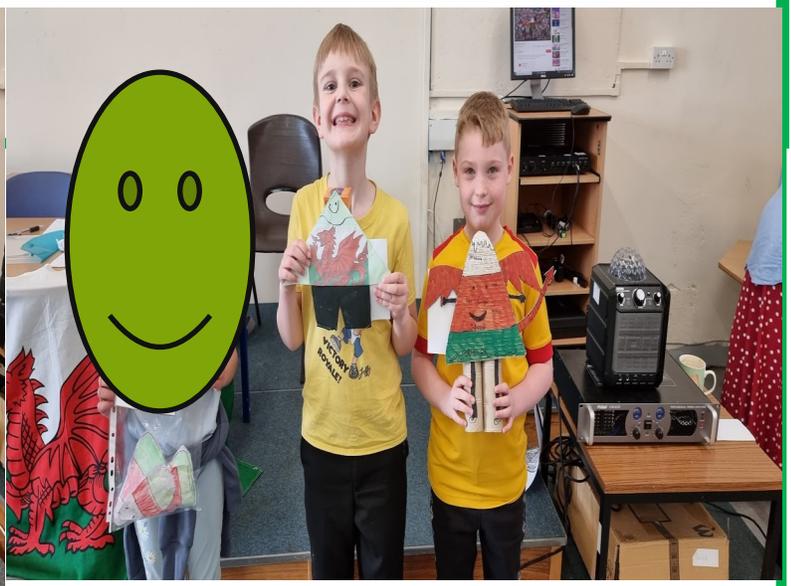
Eisteddfod March 2022



Last month we held our Eisteddfod across all three areas of school, much to the delight and excitement of the children!

So many skills and talents on show from writing to dancing; recitations and singing. The pupil and parent competitions were outstanding! We had a very special judge, Llinos from Maes Garmon, who joined our judges to award the best presented house—Gelert; Foundation phase winners—Kyffin; and the Junior Eisteddfod winners- Llewelyn! Special congratulation to Jenson who won the Year 6 Eisteddfod chair for writing. Llongyfarchiadau pawb!! Here are some of the highlights and check out the Eisteddfod album on our website, on Twitter and on Instagram too!









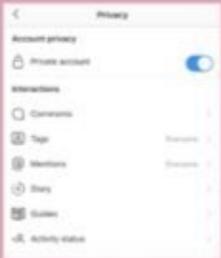
Social Media Settings



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)**

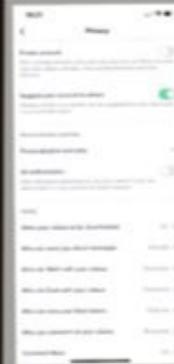
COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY: allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

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)**

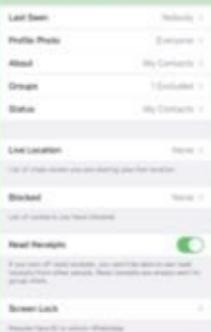
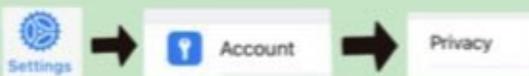
SAFETY: TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts **(recommended: friends)**

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

Warning! Huggy Wuggy—Please read carefully

It has come to our attention that a new character is being accessed by school children across the UK. Many schools are issuing an urgent warnings to parents and carers as young pupils have been watching videos featuring a character called 'Huggy Wuggy' from a horror game and then mimicking the clips.



Some schools have said children have been accessing the upsetting videos, which feature a razor-toothed monster from the video game Poppy Playtime, through YouTube and TikTok.

One clip shows the creepy 'Huggy Wuggy' singing about "hugging and killing" and asking viewers to "take their last breath". Some young children in schools have been copying the character. This is very upsetting!!!

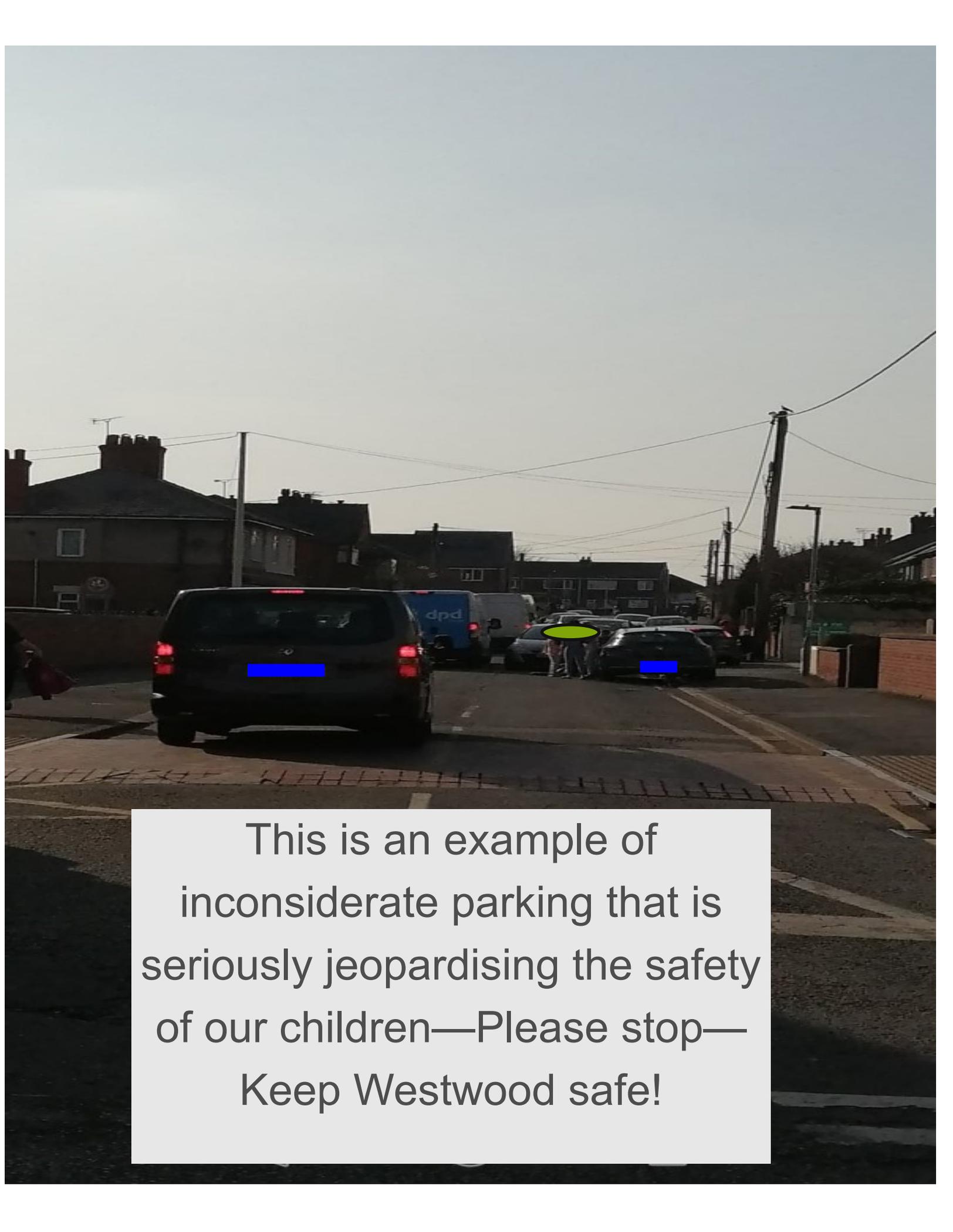
Please be vigilant – if your child accesses Youtube or Tik Tok, please be alert; ensure you can check their content and avoid such distressing media. Thank you.

Serious Traffic Concerns

Despite numerous requests for considerate parking away from the school site and requests to use the car parks, we are still experiencing inconsiderate parking and risks to our children's safety.

- . Please use the car parks
- . Please park away from the school site
- . Please keep the pavements clear for pedestrians
- . Please keep the junctions and school gates clear of cars.

I do not wish to report the accident of a child...but I fear this will happen unless the few of our school community do not change their car parking and travelling habits.

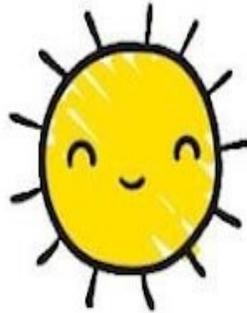


This is an example of inconsiderate parking that is seriously jeopardising the safety of our children—Please stop—Keep Westwood safe!

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.

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

Encourage journaling and diaries.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.



Establish a self-care routine.



Recognize toxic stress events.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

Dear Westwood Family, A family member of a Year 1 pupil has approached us to highlight a fundraiser for a 5 year old member of their family, who has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of Childhood Cancer, High Risk, Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, which comes with a 50% survival rate.

Please go to the link and support if you can- thanks :)



Emma
Robinson

We're raising £200,000 to raise funds to travel to America with Isabelle for what could be life saving treatment, currently not available in the UK.

Dates for your diary!

Thursday 7th April — Peace for Ukraine Day

Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 25th April— School reopens for the Summer term

Class photographs— Friday 6th May

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

Remember at this time to:

- Wear your mask
- Wash your hands
- Keep 2 metres distance
- Keep an eye for updates in your emails!



And FinallyCongratulations to Mrs Brown

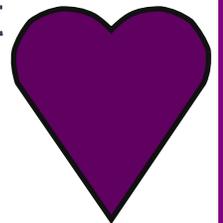


Mrs Lynne Brown, class teacher in Dosbarth Birch - Year 6, has been successfully appointed by our Governors as our permanent Deputy Head Teacher at Westwood.

Mrs Brown has been undertaking the Deputy Head role in an acting capacity for the past 18 months.

I am sure you will congratulate and support Mrs Brown with her position at Westwood, and look forward to working in partnership with her to develop the new curriculum for our children and the best possible opportunities at Westwood.

Well done Mrs B!



Stay safe and have a Happy Easter, our
Westwood Family!