

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 8th February – Friday 12th February 2016

Important Dates:

- ★ Monday 22nd February – Fire Safety Visit for Year 1 (2 classes)
- ★ Wednesday 24th February – Literacy Workshop for Nursery Parents (9:15am & 12:30pm)
- ★ Wednesday 24th February – Sneak a Peak Session (1-2pm)
- ★ Thursday 25th February – Fire Safety Visit for Year 5 (all 3 classes)
- ★ Monday 29th February – Year 5 Trip to the Globe Theatre (9am-4:15pm)
- ★ Monday 29th February – Literacy Workshop for Reception Parents (9:15-10am in the Small Hall)
- ★ Tuesday 1st March – Fire Safety Visit Year 1 (1 class)

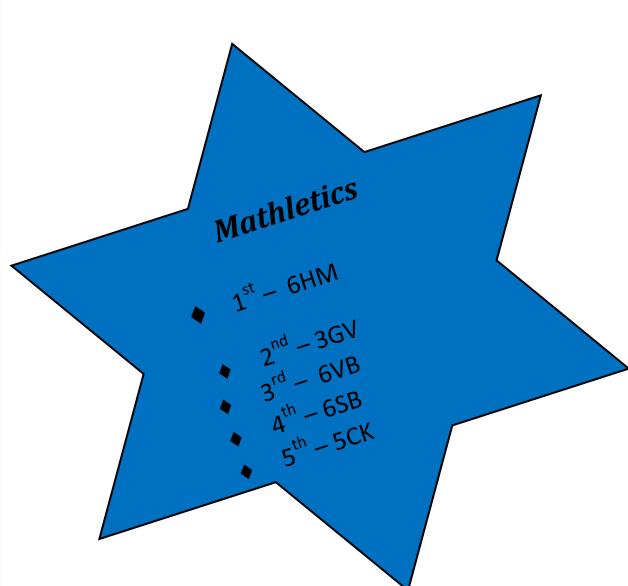
Wexham's Amazing Awards and Achievements Wall of Fame!

Spellodrome

- ♠ Year 6 – Adib, Edwin, Aaron
- ♠ Year 5 – Anesa, Ysabella, Niharika
- ♠ Year 4 – Muhammad, Dhilan, Bogdan
- ♠ Year 3 – Arani, Karly, Eiman
- ♠ Year 2 – Sehr, Isra, Raheem

Top Attendance

- 1st Morocco – 99.3%
- 2nd Hedgehog, Canada & Chile – 98%
- 3rd Mozambique – 97.9%



Stars of the Week

Hedgehog RSB
Badger REL
Squirrels RKW
Fiji 1RV
Tonga 1FLB
Australia 1MS
Mexico 2CC
Jamaica 2LK
Canada 2MO
Chile 3SF
Peru 3GV

Yuvraj
Xinuo
Sumayah
Aerron
Maria
Amirah
Talhah
Zayna
Pedro
Kylah
Jessica

Ecuador 3TG
Morocco 4AM
Tanzania 4KG
Mozambique 4MO
Italy 5AP
France 5CK
Hungary 5LH
Nepal 6SB
Thailand 6VB
China 6HM

Julia
Amna
Hania
Ahmad H.
Holly
Balaaj
Shahbaz
Aparna
Lily
Rayyan

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another successful half term at Wexham, have a lovely half term and please make sure you keep the children reading, and engaging with Mathletics and Spellodrome. We look forward to seeing you after the holiday, hopefully we'll have some sunshine by then!

Author Visit – Ruth Galloway visits Wexham Court Primary School

Ruth Galloway is an award winning author and illustrator, who has worked on a wide range of children's picture books. Her books have been translated into many languages, read on children's television programmes, and are enjoyed by children all over the world.

Ruth says: *"I illustrate my picture books in acrylic paints, creating bold, brightly coloured images that bring my characters to life and are full of humour and energy."*



On Tuesday 9th February **Nursery** children were so excited to meet Ruth Galloway. They have been reading her books in preparation including Fidgety Fish, Tickly Octopus and Smiley Shark. The children really enjoyed hearing Ruth read some of her stories to them and there were plenty of laughs and giggles.



Reception children were equally excited at their visit to the author as they had been learning about her and the stories she had written. Reception children had learnt a few of Ruth's poems and were very proud to perform them to her. They also had the opportunity to hear Ruth Galloway read part of a story she had written.



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Ruth Galloway's visit was in conjunction with a visit to Years 3-6 from author, **Dan Freedman**, author of the popular Jamie Johnson books. Dan held an assembly for the children in Years 3 – 6, where he told them about his inspiration as a writer; how he didn't enjoy reading as a child and his work as a sports journalist. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the famous international footballers he has met including Ronaldo and Messi! In the afternoon, 60 children from Year Five and Six were lucky enough to take part in a writing workshop. Since Dan's visit Year 3 have been using his Jamie Johnson Skills From Brazil story to help them understand play scripts. They have been writing their own play scripts using the story as an inspiration.



Library Opening Times

The Library is open on Friday afternoons from 3.15 -3.45pm for families to come and choose books for the weekend together.



E-Safety Workshop



A new poll released by Netmums revealed shocking statistics on internet use by children. The survey of 825 children aged between seven and 16 and 1,127 adults showed that 16.7% of parents allowed children three years old or younger to go online. However, the most alarming statistics showed how exposed and vulnerable children are online.

1. 42.1% of children admit they have seen indecent videos online.

2. One in 12 have exchanged inappropriate messages with other people, while one in 25 have sent indecent photos of themselves.

3. 25% of children get away with pretending to be older to get an account online.

4. One in 20 children admitted arranging a secret meeting with someone they met online.

5. Almost three in 10 parents (29%) let their children use the internet without any restrictions or supervision.

We cannot get away from the fact that our children need to use the internet, but there are many things we can do to protect them from harm. Thank you so much to all the parents who attended, I hope the workshops were a valuable source of information for you.

Shrove Tuesday



Reception also enjoyed Shrove Tuesday on Wednesday by making pancakes. We now know what ingredients to use and helped mix them together. *"Miss Thompson was brilliant at flipping the pancakes."* said Aziz (RSB). We especially enjoyed eating them



afterwards!

Year 5 Mosque Trip

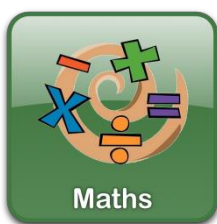


On Tuesday 9th February the children went to the Slough Jamia Mosque on Stoke Poges Lane. As part of our RE syllabus, the children listened to a



member of the mosque who spoke

to them about the faith and helped them to understand Islamic practises through examining Islamic artefacts. The trip was a great success and we wrote letters of thanks to the staff. The staff made a real effort to welcome the children; they provided fruit and snacks as well as a carousel of 7 activities for the children to enjoy. The children really enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot to support their knowledge of Islam.



Maths Parent Workshops

It was great to see so many parents, over the past 3 weeks, at our Mathematics workshops for Year 1, 2 and 3. The MATHS MASTERY approach requires pupils to learn about number in greater depth than before. The pupils will learn a variety of ways to solve a problem and only when they have mastered an area, will they move on.

Parents experienced some fun maths games, activities and talk tasks as well as learning new ways to support their child at home. Many of them bought Maths packs, which contain resources, games and idea sheets, to further support maths learning at home.

Here are some comments parents made;

'It was very helpful to understand how maths is being taught.....CPA makes sense!'

'It was very helpful. I like the way the teachers explained about addition and subtraction.'

'I didn't know my child would be expected to use such grown-up vocabulary already'

Thank you to those parents who previously filled in the maths pack interest form. Maths packs are now available to purchase, from the maths team, at a cost of £5. Please specify which year pack your child needs.

Mrs Johal and Mrs Ward

School Radio



Children at Wexham took turns at presenting on the radio on Thursday 11th February, as Miss Mehat organised for a school radio company to come in and do a demonstration. The School hopes to have a school radio up and running soon, so please make sure you watch out for our podcast

times.



Parent View



Parents please visit the Parent View link on our school website. Here you can leave a comment regarding the school. We are always keen to hear how we can further develop as well as to receive positive recognition for all the things we do really well. You will be able to log on to Parent View through the link on our website – once you have set up an account. The parent view website is available here <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Safeguarding

In pursuit of excellence, I organise various audits and reviews throughout the term such as the Finance audit last year which awarded Wexham a green rating, the only one in Slough. Local Authority reviews happen often and we have been rated as consistently good by the Local Authority. During the last week of the Autumn term, I organised for the school to have a safeguarding review during one of the busiest and least structured weeks of the year. I am so delighted to report that the review was highly successful with the school being recognised for its exceptionally good practice.

Read, Write Inc

A big congratulations to Wexham Court Primary as they have been awarded the Read Write Inc badge of excellence for the outstanding teaching and learning in phonics. A big well done as this award is very rare.

Valentine's Day at the Wexham Canteen



In the spirit of Valentine's Day the children have decorated the canteen. They have had so much fun making the hearts and Thanks to Lisa and all of the staff for making each occasion so special for the children.

Vegetables at Wexham

If any parents are interested in helping us plant and grow vegetables in the polytunnels or school garden please contact the office who will pass the names to our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Rooley.

Half Term

School closes for half term on Friday 12th February at the **normal time**. Children will **not** be finishing early. Get Active will be running as normal. School will re-open at the normal time on **Monday 22nd February**.

Finally, Happy Chinese New Year!

Regards

Miss Mehat and the team