



23 September 2022

Dear Parents,

Working in school is an incredible career. One minute you are explaining the number sequences of decimals to twenty-five Year 5 pupils, the next you are squeezing into waders and exploring rivers and habitats at Rushall Farm! The children really do have a wealth of learning opportunities – academic and life enhancing – and we have only been back in school fourteen days!

TRIPS AND SPORT

The Year 5 & 6 classes have been enhancing their understanding of rivers and the life within by taking their first trip of the year which was to Rushall Farm. There are so many wonderful pictures of these trips that we have added a collage of all three classes at the end of the Newsletter.



The Infant School too have been out and about, a little closer to home, to work on the allotments in the village. They have been reading and writing stories about Superpotato and investigating the physical features of their surrounding area in geography so a trip combining both brought their learning to life. It was a lot of fun.

Sporting fixtures have also got underway. The Infant School received a last-minute invitation to join other Wokingham Schools in a multisport event. These do not come along often for the younger pupils, so Mrs Hodge jumped at the chance to get a team together. Thank you to her for her determination to create these experiences for our pupils and the parents who were able to support the children in attending.



READING MEETING

Reading is a life skill but also a wonderful way to enhance mental well-being. Many of our children are already keen and able readers but we aspire for all our pupils to read fluently for purpose and to love getting lost in a great book.

There is a meeting for Infant Parents on **Thursday 13th October at 2:30pm** which will take you through how we teach phonics to our emerging readers and reading comprehension as children's skills progress.

For our Junior pupils, we encourage the use of Reading Den alongside the teaching of reading at school, details of which can be found [here](#).

There is an assembly for the Junior children about Reading Den next Monday.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Newsletter today is framed by our new School Councillors - all of whom had to present their case for election and win their class votes. The council have already had their first meeting and agreed to host a MacMillan Coffee Morning (see the notice further on), co-ordinate a letter of condolence for the Royal Family, organise the gift collection for the Salvation Army at Christmas and promote the school's Citizenship Award. I wish the council and Miss Trayte who supports them, a productive and successful term of office.

PTA

If you attended the Welcome Meetings over the last two weeks you will have heard me sing the praises of the Parent Teacher Association. Their co-ordination of fundraising and social events for our school families supports many of these wonderful learning opportunities for your children. They have been busy already this term and have three important events lined up for our families to join -

- TLC DAYS 8th and 9th October 2022 across both schools
- DOVES COFFEE MORNING 11th October 2022 at H'Artisan after school drop off until 11:00am

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2nd November 2022 7:30pm at the Junior School

If you need any further details about the events or you want to join this amazing group to support the fundraising efforts please contact your class rep.

I and the whole team look forward to seeing you around school, at events and supporting the PTA. It's a wonderful school family and one I am proud to be a part of.

Kind regards

Elaine L Hughes

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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



School Council

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce our participation in Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising money for cancer-related charities, this year. The School Council representatives have been very excited and keen to get involved in the community, both locally and wider. Macmillan Coffee Morning is a wonderful way to show friendship within our school and help others around us.

This year, the events across both schools will run in the same way:

- * Our event will take place on Friday 30th September.
- * Children from both schools will be invited to bring in one cake for themselves (no nuts allowed at all) along with a donation for Macmillan.
- * School Council representatives will collect the donations at both schools.
- * Photographs of the event will be taken and put on the official School Council page on the website and up in the halls.
- * Both schools will enjoy their cakes at a suitable time during the school day.

Thank you for your support and I can't wait to see your creations!



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Spanish Lunch Club
Robert Piggott CE Infant School
Tuesday 20 Sept
12:00-12:30 Reception (new class)
12:35-13:05 Y1-Y2

Spanish Lunch Club
Robert Piggott CE Junior School
Wednesday 21 Sept
12:00-12:30 Y5-Y6
12:35-13:05 Y3-Y4

Lovely pastel artwork this week at Art Club





Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run

Just two weeks to go until the *Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run* on Sunday 9 October at The Piggott School. It's the tenth anniversary of the event this year and promises to be extra special. There are races for all ages (including a chip-timed, 5K so the children have an opportunity to cheer you on!), fastest street competition and ... new for '22: fastest business/club/society. To register, visit the Twyford Together website at www.twyfordtogether.org.



ACTIVE TRAVEL POETRY COMPETITION

WIN A VISIT FROM A POET TO YOUR SCHOOL

Write a short poem about walking, cycling or scooting

Write in any style you like, as long as it is poetry, not prose

What do you like about walking, cycling or scooting?

How do you feel when you travel this way?

What else could you include in your poem?

Competition open to primary school aged children in Wokingham Borough

Deadline: 28th October 2022

Send your entries to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Please include your name, age and school

The prize is a school visit by poet James Carter

James is an ambassador for National Poetry Day on October 6th

Need inspiration? Check out James' tips on how to write a poem.

ACTIVE TRAVEL POETRY COMPETITION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The promoter is Wokingham Borough Council in conjunction with My Journey Wokingham. The competition is open to primary age school children of residents of Wokingham Borough.

There is no entry fee and no purchase necessary to enter this competition.

By entering this competition, an entrant is indicating his/her agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.

Only one entry will be accepted per person. Multiple entries from the same person on the same social media platform will be disqualified.

Closing date for entry will be 5pm 28 October 2022. After this date no further entries to the competition will be permitted. No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason. The rules of the competition and how to enter are as follows:

- Write a short poem not prose about walking, cycling or scooting
- Open to primary age school children in Wokingham Borough
- Parents/Guardians please email your child/children's entries to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

1. The promoter reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions without notice in the event of a catastrophe, war, civil or military disturbance, act of God or any actual or anticipated breach of any applicable law or regulation or any other event outside of the promoter's control. Any changes to the competition will be notified to entrants as soon as possible by the promoter.

2. The promoter is not responsible for inaccurate prize details supplied to any entrant by any third party connected with this competition.

3. The prize is as follows: a visit to the winner's school by a poet. The prize is as stated and no cash or other alternatives will be offered. The prize is not transferable.

4. Winners will be chosen by the My Journey Team.

5. The winner will be notified by email within 28 days of the closing date. If the winner cannot be contacted or does not claim the prize within 14 days of notification, we reserve the right to withdraw the prize from the winner and pick a replacement winner.