



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter  
16th February 2024



### **Updates this week:**

Can you believe it, we are now half way through the school year! Thank you all for your support you have given with the changes we have implemented, homework, reading and starting to build our school community. Please do keep feeding back to us - positive or things to work on, we really welcome your input.

Over the past few weeks the staff have been having a good sort out in school to make further to the learning environment. The children have noticed the changes and are very enthusiastic about them. We still have a way to go with our vision but we have some fantastic new resources on order to further enhance learning for all children in school. We will be holding another in school session soon to allow you the opportunity to work with your child and to have a look around and see the new resources in action.

There are some projects outside of our financial reach at the moment. If you or anyone you know might be able to help us with a project to look at replacing the grass (mud!) with some alternative covering such as astro turf through either physical help or sponsorship, then please do let me know.

We are exceptionally proud of all of the children at Wimbish. They have worked incredibly hard to adapt to the changes, work hard, be super enthusiastic and show a real kindness. We may be a small school, but we definitely have a big vision and people within our community with even bigger hearts. Thank you all and have a great half term, whatever you are up to.

Nichola Pickford

Executive Headteacher

**Parents/Carers Consultation**

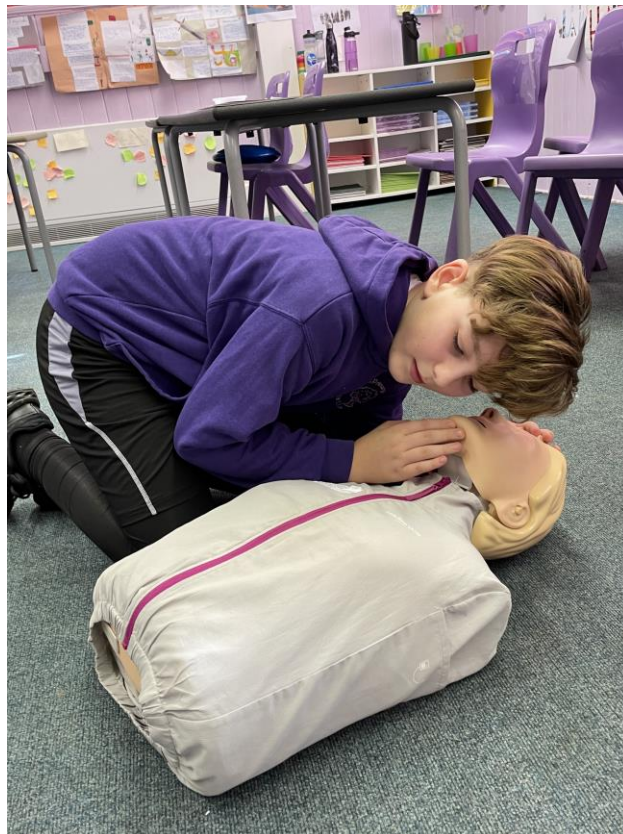
Meetings will be held on Thursday 7th March in the school hall. Bookings will go live on the MCAS app on Monday 26th February at 8am. If you have children in more than one class, please do not book back to back appointments. If one teacher is over running this could impact the time you are seen. If you have any difficulties accessing the bookings, please let the office know.

### **Y5/6 Experiences**

On Tuesday the Mini Playleaders training for Birch Class was sadly cancelled due to the trainers being unwell. This is currently being rescheduled.

On Friday, Birch Class had a morning of Mini Medics training, learning important life saving skills and basic first aid. Although slightly nervous at the start, they got right into it and had a fantastic time bandaging each other and learning how to do the recovery position. We are very proud of how they got on and although we hope they won't have to ever use the skills they learnt today, they are equipped to help out in an emergency.

On Tuesday 5th March, Year 6 will be taken by coach to The Meadow Primary School (the other school, we work at) to spend the day working with Meadow Y6 on a team building day, run by Prestige Sport. This will help the children start to get to know each other before they go on the joint residential trip in May. Wimbish will be hosting another Y6 mixing day after Easter, where we will hold a Forest School day. The visits will happen within the school day, and therefore no permissions will be required. Further details about what to wear and bring will be sent out in due course.









## Learning this week

### **Oak Class:**

Wow what a week of learning in Oak.... We have looked at the Chinese zodiac and celebrated the year of the Dragon by making our own moving dragon's.

Tuesday saw us learning about Pancake Day around the world and what it means, this led to some amazing shopping lists the children decided to write if they were able to make and top their own pancakes. It also helped us explore bar charts in Maths.

As we near the end of this half term I would like to celebrate all the children's hard work in following our daily routines and always persevering even when they find the learning tricky. I am so impressed with their attitudes to learning and celebrating one another's successes. Thank you Oak class!

In forest school on Wednesday the children created leaf prints using clay and different types of leaves, they were then painted.

### **Oak homework:**

Homework, year 1 and 2 please continue with the Maths books, I know many of you have gone above and beyond with the amount of work you have done, super!

Also a reminder about reading at home, please make sure you date and sign each time your child reads, this will be useful for next term when I introduce star reader, which will take into account the amount of reading at home.

### **Willow Class:**

This week we have been busy in Willow. We have started our independent write, recreating our own versions of the 'Great Kapok Tree' story, and basing it upon other parts of our Earth's biomes and the problems they face. Completing our research for this has been very interesting, and we all had a lot of fun using the iPads to conduct this research.

Willow have been keeping things practical in maths this week. They have been challenged to find items around the classroom with specific perimeters; I can now tell you that one of the perimeters was the top of Miss Thirkell's desk!

We have also learnt a new skill in geography- reading and finding 4 figure grid references on a map. We worked hard to create our own maps of South America and used our new skill to find the capitals of all 12 countries in South America.

Finally, we have learnt how to become artists this week, as we have started to plan and sketch our final piece in art, which is based upon Henri Rousseau's painting 'Surprised Tiger in a Storm'. Using inspirational pieces from a variety of artists, Willow have worked incredibly hard to create their own variation of this artwork.

### **Willow homework:**

Year 3- Red book pages 8 and White book pages 14-15 in pencil. Year 4- Red book pages 8 and White book pages 14 in pencil. I encourage workings and these can be done in your new homework books. The red study books have questions in too that you may wish to answer.

### **Birch Class:**

This week, in English, we have written our end of unit narrative poetry based on The Highwayman called the Highwaywoman. The Highwaywoman is based on the character called Kissin' Kate Barlow in our class reader: Holes by Louis Sachar. The class have worked so hard on planning and using the ideas from last week's sentence stacking to help them write their own narrative poem and have enjoyed doing so!

Effective examples are as follows:

The Highwaywoman-brave, revengeful and fearless- exuberantly marched towards her horse- powerful, muscular and fast.

And the Highwaywoman was hunting, hunting, hunting. The Highwaywoman was hunting under the blazing hot sun.

(Edward)

Charles Walker- agitated and scared- was keeping a watchful eye.

Trout Walker- joyful and carefree- was sniggering about this trip.

Charles's monocle reflected the beam of the moon like a torch guiding the way,

Trout's gold tooth twinkled like a star telling The Highwaywoman where they were.

And the Highwaywoman was following-following-following.

The Highwaywoman was following them and waiting for the perfect time.

(Chayce)

The Year 6s have also worked really hard and showed perseverance and resilience when completing their practice SATs papers and their results and identified areas to work on will be shared at the upcoming Parents Evening on the 7th March. We have also completed lots of reading of Holes and we have all been completely hooked on this book!!! It has been lovely to hear their protests when we have finished reading a chapter and need to either go out to break/lunch or home!

On Tuesday, they reviewed games that could be played in the playground and also created their own that they would use when being a Mini Play Leader and have created their own book of games to play with Key Stage 1! Today, they are learning to be Mini Medics- a fun and interactive course which covers a range of topics such as: how to contact emergency services, CPR (Resuscitation), the recovery position and choking management.

Miss Dooley returns after half term but I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Birch class over the last 2 weeks and 2 days and getting to know them better as learners.

Mrs Butcher

**Birch homework:**

Year 5- Red book pages 15-17 and White book pages 18-20 in pencil. Year 6- Red book pages 16-19 and White book pages 18 - 21 in pencil. I encourage workings and these can be done in your new homework books. The red study books have questions in too that you may wish to answer.



1 - Forest School - Leaf prints using clay



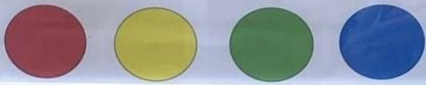




Celebrating our Wimbish Wonders...



**Wimbish Wonders**



**Oak Class:** Isaac, Asena, Flynn, Hudson and Chizaram

**Willow Class:** Rico

**Birch Class:** Marcel and Ayden



*2 - Red and Green team were joint winners with 28 points.*

## Upcoming Dates



Friday 16th February - Birch Class, Mini Medics Training in school.

Monday 19th February - break up for half term

Monday 26th February - back to school

Tuesday 5th March - Y6 to Meadow Primary, joint team building day

Thursday 7th March - Birch & Willow class, Science Workshop in school

Thursday 7th March - World book day - Details to follow, no costumes needed.



Thursday 7th March - Parent/Carers meetings after school (bookable on MCAS from the 26th Feb)

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief - Wear as much or as little red as you wish or school uniform.

Thursday 28th March - break up for Easter

Monday 15th April - back to school