



## School Aims

We aim to stimulate and inspire our children, develop their interests and equip them with lifelong learning skills through the provision of a broad, rich and exciting curriculum which focuses on developing children's love of learning.

### Messages from Mrs Quartson

We are now more than halfway through the first half term of the year and the children are showing their dedication and resilience in so many ways. It is always a joy to be in the classrooms seeing them apply their knowledge and new skills successfully.

We are also looking forward to additional community events such as the Year 4 Sleepover tonight and the International Evening coming up in a couple of weeks. There are many more events planned for the rest of the year too including campouts and sleepovers for other year groups as well as the Year 6 School Journey in the summer term. We are hoping to send out information about how to book a place for the Year 6 School Journey this week along with the payment plan to help spread the cost over the year. Many thanks to the staff who have volunteered to support all the events, including the staff who will be staying tonight for the Year 4 Sleepover – I am sure you are as grateful to them as I am for enabling these very important and worthwhile events to be held.

Please see the list of this year's School Leaders within this newsletter. This group of children will represent their classmates and bring ideas on ways we can improve school life even further. They will meet regularly and take suggestions back to their classes to vote on, which will help staff to ensure the children's voices are being heard.

We are very impressed with the number of children who are regularly reading and practicing their common words (red words), number bonds/times tables and selecting a homelearning item to complete regularly. All these aspects support the children to embed the learning they are doing in school and we are very grateful to you for helping them.

Enjoy a wonderful week ahead! FAMILY DISCUSSION POINT: What job do you think makes the biggest difference in the world and why?

### NEW DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



**Miss Harcourt – Brown**

As many of you know, I joined Watling Park School as Deputy Head for Inclusion in September. I have had a very enjoyable first month here and have been made very welcome. It has been a pleasure to start to get to know you and your children. I have a range of roles in the school, including SENDCo, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Well Being and Behaviour Lead. If you haven't already, please do come and say 'hello' at the start and end of the day. We have Parent Teacher consultations coming up in October, however, if you would like to meet with me or have questions about additional support for your child, please do let me know (either on the gate, or email me via the office) so we can arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working with you and your children.

### Year 1 and 2 - Start of the School Day

The start school day is generally going very smoothly and the children are arriving in class settled and ready to learn. However, so that all Year 1 and 2 children are in class and ready for their first lesson at 9am, we are adjusting the times we will be closing Gates B, C and D.

**Gates B, C and D will all be locked at 8.55am**, so please make sure that your Year 1 or 2 child/ren are in class by this time and that you leave the playground promptly after dropping them off.

If you arrive after this time, you will need to go to Gate A (up to 9.00am) or the office (after 9.00am).

### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

N.B. EVENTS MAY NEED TO BE POSTPONED/CANCELLED/CHANGED.

#### THIS WEEK:

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	6.30pm: <b>Y4 Sleepover</b> – (Bring £5 cash on day)	Yr 4 children
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Census Day</b> (children provided with lunch for free)	All children

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am: <b>Prospective Parent Tour</b>	New parents
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Nasal Flu Vaccinations</b>	Children
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5.00 – 7.00pm: <b>International evening</b>	All parents & children
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>School ends for Half term holiday</b> (normal end of day timings)	All
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Parent Teacher Consultations</b>	All parents
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>Back to school</b> (normal start of day timings)	All
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Bonfire Night - TBC</b>	All parents & children
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Children in Need</b>	All

### 2021-22 School Leaders

Following speeches and voting by classes recently, we are proud to announce this year's School leaders:

<b>Year 1</b>	Alexandrina	Jesse
<b>Year 2</b>	Lara	Tiggy
<b>Year 3</b>	Shane	Amalia
<b>Year 4</b>	Maria	Lewis
<b>Year 5</b>	Leyre	Aron
<b>Year 6</b>	Lia	Lidya

Congratulations to each of you - we look forward to working alongside you to make Watling even better!

### Documents for Parents to Read and Sign

Please find attached to this email, a copy of the

1. Home School Agreement
2. Parent Code of Conduct
3. Acceptable Use Policy

You will recognise these apart from the Parent Code of Conduct, which was suggested following an investigation that was held last term.

Please **electronically sign** these and **email them back to the office** with your **child's name and class in the subject box** so we can clearly identify whom they are from. Please ensure we get them back by **Friday of this week (8<sup>th</sup> October)**. Many thanks.

### LUNCH PAYMENT SYSTEM - SCOPAY/TUCASI

We are very sorry for all the problems you are having with school lunch booking and payments.

We understand that parents are not having balances debited with the cost of a meal when they book.

Some parents cannot get onto the system and we have found out that you cannot book a meal after midnight for the next day. We are now taking lunch registers in classrooms until these issues are resolved.

We are talking to our catering providers, Harrisons, and the BPET Central Team to sort this situation out as soon as possible.

Please be assured it is the same for all schools in the Trust so they are working diligently to address it.

### MacMillan Coffee Meet & Mingle

Thank you to all the parents who attended the MacMillan Meet & Mingle/cake sale. We managed to raise a whopping **£364.03!!!!** Well done and thank you, as we all know the cancer nurses work around the clock to help and nurture cancer patients.

### Illnesses and/or COVID

If you think your child has any of the following symptoms

1. A new, continuous, **dry** cough
2. A high temperature or
3. They have lost their taste or smell

you **MUST** book a PCR test for them. It is not recommended that you use Lateral Flow tests with younger children.

Please email the office ([office@watlingparkschool.org.uk](mailto:office@watlingparkschool.org.uk)) if your child is being/has been tested.

If your child's PCR test is positive, you will be contacted by Test and Trace – via phone, text or email.

You **MUST** follow the guidance they give. They will also ask about close contacts and may call the school for further information.

#### Other illnesses:

**Vomiting and diarrhoea** – Your child **MUST** stay off school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting.

**Cold/chesty cough** – Your child can still attend school if well enough but if your child has temperature with their cold then you will need to book a PCR test for them and alert the school.

**Temperature** – Your child should **not** be attending school if they have a temperature (higher than 38°C) and you will need to book a PCR test and alert the school.

**Chicken pox** – Your child **MUST** stay off school until the spots have crusted over (usually about 4-5 days).

### National insurance and D.O.B

If your situation has changed and you think that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please send your NI number and your D.O.B to the office so we can check with Barnet.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will be alerted through Arbor/by the office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Free School Meal eligibility only starts from the day you are notified so you will still need to pay any outstanding debts up to that date.

Please contact the office to discuss setting up repayment plans if payment cannot be made straight away.

### International Evening

We are excited to invite you to our **International Evening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Main Hall from 5.00 – 7.00pm.** More information will go home soon but we are asking parents to bring in different dishes that represent you and your culture. We would like everyone in our school community to take part as it is a way for us to come together and celebrate the richness of cultures across the school. There will be music and (non-alcoholic) drinks provided. We look forward to seeing you all at 5.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October.



### Harvest Donations

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we will be collecting food donations for Harvest. We would welcome donations of canned or dried food, which will be given to local food banks. This is a time to reflect and think of others in our community who may be in need given the rise in families needing to access food banks regularly.

We will also have an assembly for the children to reflect on the meaning of Harvest during that week. Please note that donations are voluntary but very welcome.

Please send any donations to your child's class or to the school office. Many thanks.

## Attendance and Punctuality

### Attendance:

This Year's Attendance Target:	Last week's attendance:	Comments:	Class with the best attendance:
<b>96.5%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<i>Our attendance rate dropped very steeply over the last 2 weeks. We know there are a number of children with colds but they should be attending school unless they have a temperature/dry continuous cough. If this happens, please ensure you book a PCR test for them.</i>	<b>100% - WELL DONE, Cedar Class!</b> <b>Everyone was at school every day!</b>

### Punctuality:

Class/es where everyone arrived on time:	Comments:
<b>Well done Elm, Oak, Pear, Pine, Hazel, Cedar, Birch, Chestnut, Holly, Sycamore and Elder Classes! 😊</b>	<i>We are pleased that the drop off times are making it easier for parents to drop off on time. 😊 <b><u>Please the changes to drop off times above to ensure staff are in class to start learning by 9.00am.</u></b></i>

## LEARNING OVER THE LAST WEEKS...

### RECEPTION - Oak and Elm Class

This week, we read 'How Dinosaurs Go to School'!

We have talked about who lives in our house, who is in our family and why our family is important.

In Literacy, we drew a picture of our family and who lives with us.

In Maths, we worked on numbers 1-10. We counted out lots of different objects in our environment. We used Numicon to represent the numbers - the children really liked ordering the Numicon.

The children have worked really hard with learning the phonic sounds and writing them - please keep practicing these at home too.

Outside, the children found a slug. They were fascinated with how it moved and wanted to explore them more. We watched a video about slugs and drew them. We also talked about how we must be kind to all animals.

In Topic, we explored dinosaurs, their habitats and the things they used to eat. The children were very engaged with this topic and spent a long time talking about them and looking at pictures.

### YEAR 1 – Pine and Pear Class



Year 1 have continued working on the book 'Dogger' in their English lessons and have moved on to sequencing events and retelling parts of the story.

In their Maths lessons, they have completed the unit on numbers 1 to 10 and have now begun looking at the part-whole model, which is a stepping stone towards addition and subtraction.

In History, they have continued discussing toys, specifically which toys their grandparents and their parents would have played with and how they differ to the toys that they play with in the present.

In Science and Art, we are exploring changes in seasons.



## **YEAR 2 - Hazel and Cedar Class**



In English, we have been exploring and retelling a lovely pirate story called 'Mungo and the Story Pirates'.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting numbers and we will move on to learning to use our number bonds.

In Art, we are learning to use printing to create patterns and are planning on creating some pirate flags using our new skills.

## **YEAR 3 - Willow and Birch Class**



This week, Y3 carried out a Science investigation to find out which surface exerted the most friction. The children found out that the bubble wrap had the most friction and therefore prevented the car from travelling as far as other materials allowed it to.

## **YEAR 4 - Maple and Ash Class**



Over the past two weeks, Year 4 have been working hard to:

- Discover more about Sherlock Holmes and some stories such as the 'The Blue Carbuncle';
- Focus on dialogue in text and role-plays in response to these;
- Continue to focus on place value of 4-digit numbers which also included Roman Numerals;
- Observe and create experiments involving circuits and electricity.

## **YEAR 5 - Chestnut and Holly Class**



The children have written their very own Legend stories based on 'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table'! They spent the week exploring characters and legend language to enhance their work. After they completed their writing, they then edited and improved what they had already done. They have done a magnificent job with their writing and should be incredibly proud.

We also held School Leader speeches where we listened to the children who nominated themselves explain why they would be best suited to the role. The children had done their own research and created their speeches at home. It was fantastic to see all the effort they put into their speeches and every child should be so proud

## **YEAR 6 - Sycamore and Elder Class**



In Year 6, we've been continuing to look at myths based on Ancient Greek Gods.

We've had plenty of fun in our PE lessons too where we have been practicing lots of different jumps and rolls. We are aiming to improve our gymnastic skills as the Ancient Greeks would have done in the Olympics when they first started.



### **STARS OF THE WEEK**



***Many congratulations to...***

TEDDIE	in Oak Class	RAYYAN	in Birch Class
DEJZI	in Elm Class	AARON	in Ash Class
YOUSEF	in Pine Class	NYLAH	in Maple Class
KIYARA	in Pear Class	MIRAH	in Chestnut Class
LAITH	in Cedar Class	PHOEBE-AMELIA	in Holly Class
MAHNOOR	in Hazel Class	YOUCEF z	in Sycamore Class
RANYA	in Willow Class	NADJA	in Elder Class



MIKHAH	in Oak Class	RAZVAN	in Birch Class
DANA	in Elm Class	DANILO	in Ash Class
BEATRICE	in Pine Class	DARIUS	in Maple Class
ELLA	in Pear Class	DAMERAEE	in Chestnut Class
ALEXIS	in Cedar Class	RAIHAN	in Holly Class
LOGAN	in Hazel Class	ALEXANDRA	in Sycamore Class
ALEX	in Willow Class	JAZMYA	in Elder Class

We are so proud of your achievements!