

### Headteacher's Update

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend despite the wind and rain!

#### With Art in Mind

Mental Health Awareness Week is running from 10th-15th May. During the week the children will be exploring a range of issues that can affect mental health, by looking at the work of a range of artists/sculptors and completing art projects. Some of the questions include: How should people view us? How can we cope with feelings of anxiety? How can we cope with negative friendships?




Westlea Primary School **Opening September '21**  
**New! Nursery Class** Age 3-4  
email us [nursery@westlea.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@westlea.swindon.sch.uk) or call 01793 870469  
Please visit [westleaprimery.co.uk](http://westleaprimery.co.uk) for the virtual tour  
Hurry! Limited spaces available - applications are now being taken!

#### Nursery Places for September 21

Nursery places are still available for September 2021. We would love you to share this with anyone who has a child who is eligible to start Nursery this September. Thank you.

#### Mobile Phones

I need to remind all parents and adults that mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the school site. Last week, a couple of adults were observed using their phones which in turn caused unnecessary upset. In school, we have a number of children who can not be photographed and by putting a blanket ban on phones being used, it safeguards these children.



No mobile  
phones

#### Attendance



Every student. Every day.

Attendance this week was 97.3% with 18 Children having a late mark.

## Stars of the Week

**Ash Class** Codi for trying really hard in Phonics and with her reading

**Maple Class** Maysie for amazing reading.

**Elm Class** Siyam for great maths.

**Rowan Class** Anya for putting up her hand and sharing more ideas in class.

**Cherry Class** Amelia for great questioning skills in Science.

**Pine Class** Amelia K for her outstanding attitude towards her learning and supporting others in the classroom.

**Willow Class** Hanna for making excellent contributions to our maths lessons.

**Oak Class** Jack P for writing a fantastic poem in English.

**Sycamore Class** Paige for always trying her best and following instructions carefully.

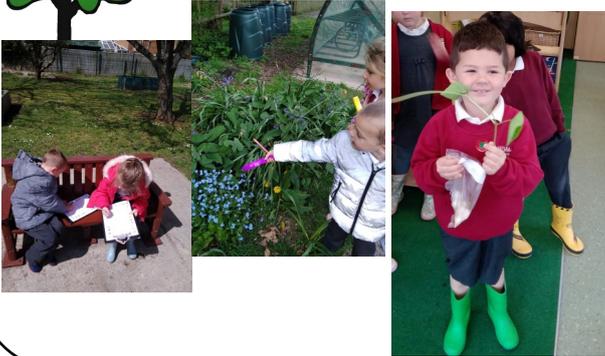
**Hazel Class** Nozomi for having a brilliant first week at Westlea!

**Beech Class** Daisy - her English work is absolutely amazing; she is producing creative writing using a range of varied sentence structures and adventurous vocabulary.

# Class News

## Ash Class

This week in Ash class we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been on bug hunts, we found a bee, an ant, a fly, a snail shell and a worm. We have also been observing our bean plants, some have grown really tall!



In Elm class, we have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly, that has been lots of fun this week. We also found lots of bugs on our hunts around the school grounds and wrote a long list.

## Elm Class



## Cherry Class

We have been taking advantage of the nice weather at the end of this week. We have been chitting our potatoes ready for planting! Let's see what happens over the next few days! In PE we have been practicing our jumping skills. We set up an obstacle course and we had to complete it by jumping with our feet together. It was tricky but we did it! In PSHE this week we have been thinking about all the qualities that make a good friend. We have had a lovely week!



Sycamore class has been busy getting its 'tale' in a twist this week! The Big, Bad Wolf eats porridge, breaks a chair and sleeps in a bed?! That's a very mixed-up fairy tale that we've been busy writing! We haven't been 'cutting any corners' this week with our 2D shape work either - we can name them all now and describe their properties too. Our Science planting has continued with us starting to grow beans and we've also designed our own farm landscapes and prayer mats.

## Sycamore Class



## Willow Class

Did you know that the Big Bad Wolf has been to visit the home of the Three Bears? He has in Willow Class' exciting mixed-up fairy tales! He's been eating things that don't belong to him, sitting on very strange things and sleeping in places a wolf should never lay his head. We hope he makes it back to his own fairy tale before he's caught! In maths we have been using equipment to solve addition problems as well as looking for patterns to help us add and subtract 10 quickly. In Art we have been creating colour wheels and colour addition sentences.



## Maple Class

Maple class have had another busy week. In English we have finished reading 'Lob' and have started to look at the similarities and differences between this story and 'The Butterfly Lion'. In maths we're looking at telling the time. In science we have set up an investigation to see what happens if our plants don't have leaves, roots, water, light and nutrients - at the moment they all look the same. The beans and peas we planted have also started to grow. We have also started to design stamps for the Royal Mail competition.





# IN OTHER NEWS....

## Meaningful May 2021

The Whole School Assembly this week was all about different faiths and celebrations.



Here's May's Daily actions to help you discover more **meaning and purpose in life.**

Meaningful May 2021

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Make a list of what matters most to you and why	2 Do something kind for someone you really care about	3 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	4 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	5 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why
8	8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 Notice the beauty in nature, even if you're stuck indoors	10 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	11 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	14 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture
15	15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	17 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	18 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	19 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	20 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable
22	22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	24 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	25 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	26 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	27 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	28 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others
29	29 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	30 Today do something to care for the natural world	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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