

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary
School**

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News from your Headteacher

On Monday we commemorated Armistice Day all together with children from Year 1 to Year 6 meeting in the hall at 11am. The children have a very good understanding of the importance of Remembrance and the symbolism of the poppy as a way to remember our armed forces personnel. The children showed great respect during the 2 minutes silence, with a visitor in the school commenting on how impressed they were by the children's behaviour during this time. We were very proud of the children's attitude to this event and pleased that they understand how important it is to remember those who fought, or who are currently fighting in wars. It was lovely to see so many of our children (past and present) taking part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Exmouth last weekend also.

Active Travel

We are an active school and promote physical activity whenever we can. We are pleased that so many of our families choose to leave their cars at home and instead walk, cycle or scoot to school. At each of our entrance points we have a bike/scooter store for children to park their vehicles. Please ensure these are stored safely and in a way so that other users may retrieve their vehicle easily. At the Kitchen gate we have added a scooter store next to the bike shed. Please can children use this to store their scooters rather than the bike shed.

There are several scooters and bikes that have been stored for some time. Please ensure any long-term stored vehicles are retrieved over the next few weeks. Bikes or scooters remaining in the stores by 6pm on Friday 20th December will be assumed abandoned, and therefor removed.

On Thursday, children will once again be treated to a pantomime in school! This is always a highlight of the school year for both children and staff. This treat is made possible thanks to the PFTA who fund this so that the whole school can enjoy the experience for free. We couldn't do this without the volunteers who run all the fundraising events throughout the year... so please, if you can, we would be delighted if you could support our PTFA and volunteer at any of their upcoming events especially the Christmas Fair which needs lots of adult helpers!

Thank you!

To Amanda McDonald-Brown who donated the funds to purchase new hop scotch on the Year 3 playground. Amanda has had links with our school for several years as a childminder and is now running FISH after school club. We are very grateful to her for her generous donation.



Collective Worship

On Monday we met together to commemorate Armistice Day. Remembrance has been our theme for the past week during our Collective Worship sessions. The theme fits well with our school value of Respect and the children have shown this brilliantly this week.

Today our assembly was led by Year 3 and was all about Children in Need.

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Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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Contact us

There are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account. The class email addresses are on the website for your information – go to Home Connect, then select your year group.

Alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org, or call us on 01395 263397.

Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the day while they are teaching, so if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office who will help you.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs. E Jones

Safeguarding



We have just had Anti-Bullying Week, coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's theme is **'Choose Respect'**

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect>

"From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.

What will you choose?"

On Tuesday, Mr Scudder held a fantastic, interactive KS2 assembly – children also took part in some class-based activities. These activities are aimed to encourage them to consider what bullying means to us at Withycombe, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Our children have all been reminded about what it means to 'choose respect' above other more negative, hurtful choices.

Bullying can affect children's lives and at worst, it can leave them feeling hopeless. At school we do our best to educate and empower children to do something positive to counter the hurt that bullying causes, including cyber-bullying. We also recognise that it can take an enormous amount of courage to challenge it.

If you are concerned in any way about bullying at school or in the wider community, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school leadership team. We would also appreciate it if you would reinforce the message of 'choosing respect' (over disrespect and bullying) with your child at home.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Be Respectful is also one of our new school rules! Everyone who entered the artwork competition were given prizes in assembly on Friday 15th November, and new posters will now be displayed around the school.

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On Monday 11th November, 9 of our Year 6 boys took part in the Exeter City cup tournament hosted at the Cliff Hill training site.

The boys played 10 games against some superb competitors. They worked incredibly hard as a team and came a **fantastic 3rd place!**

We have to wait and see if we have made the next round... watch this space!

Congratulations, Olly, Max, Zach, Harry, Tom, Arby, Billy, Brad and Travis!



The School Ethos Council visited Exmouth Food Bank for their annual immersion activity morning, helping with food donations for the Exmouth community.

The children made posters, packed food for the homeless, dated tins, and prepared food crates for individuals and families in need.

They learned all about the Food Bank and what it provides, which is much more than just food.

They were even given a snack! It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational trip. Thank you to the Food Bank team for making us so welcome.



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For other families, there's a five-day free trial of Atom available here: <https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>
Links are also on the Home Connect page of our school website.

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Last Sunday Harper in Year 3 placed 2nd at a freestyle dance competition.

Ivy in Year 2, being only her second competition, placed 2nd with her rock and roll pair!

Well done girls – those are fab trophies!



Nicholas from Year 3 Sycamore Class has achieved the 7th Sho Grade at Exmouth Vikings Judo Club! He is very proud of his achievement – well done Nicholas!



Last Saturday Archie and Cody were mascots for Exeter City FC.

Archie met all the footballers in the changing room before the match! The boys stood respectfully with the players for the minute silence before the match, and then were surprised by their friends joining the family to watch the match all together. It was a very special day!



Thank you **so much**

for these generous donations from our Amazon wish list. The children are really excited about their new playground toys and games!

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DIY LANTERN MAKING
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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH 10AM - 2PM SALVATION ARMY HALL EXMOUTH EX8 1PW




The Rotary Club of Exmouth

Youth Competitions:

Nationwide, the Rotary Club hosts a number of annual competitions enabling thousands of young people to test and develop their skills and talents in a range of disciplines. Over the years The Rotary Club of Exmouth has had a number of entries in the various categories - last year one of our Young Writers went forward to the District Final!

This year we would like to encourage young people in the area of Exmouth, Budleigh and Sidmouth to take part in these competitions:



For more information on each competition, please go to:
<https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/competitions/>

There are three age groups in the competitions: ages 7-10, 11-13, and 14-17 (age on 31st August 2024). The Theme this year is:


The Wonder of Water

There are two types of competitions:

1. Those requiring physical attendance and practical participation at a venue, eg Young Musician
2. Competitions involving submission of material to a central venue, e.g. Young Photographer, Young Artist, & Young Writer.

Please contact the Rotary Club of Exmouth if you are interested in taking part in any of the four areas and we will get back to you with further information. You can visit our website here:

<http://exmouth.rotary1175.org?>



Wonka

Exmouth Film Festival Presents "Wonka"

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, EX8 2AB (Cafe on Site)
Date: Saturday, 16th November 2024
Time: 2pm (doors open 1.30pm)

Tickets: Get your tickets here: <https://orda.to/E21-8>
Free for under 3's,
Family tickets from £7. Adult £5. Child under 16 £3.



Exmouth Community College Academy Trust & Rotary Exmouth



Music Concert

Experience a host of talented young musicians perform for your entertainment!

Featuring a selection of bands, ensembles, orchestra, choirs, soloists

Tuesday, 19th Nov

in the Theatre, Green Close from 7pm

Tickets are available from
Key Stage 3 Reception, Green Close &
Garners Home Hardware, The Strand

Tickets: Adult £6, Child (U14) £3

Light refreshments will be available on the night
All monies raised will go to charitable causes

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