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17.11.17

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have a feeling that we are on the countdown to Christmas! The stage is assembled, costumes are being dusted off, we seem to have acquired a fireplace (with flames), and there is a lot of discussion amongst the staff about decoration's day!

However the majority of day to day school life carries on regardless ...

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 7th November, pupils from years 5 and 6 went to Robert Kett Primary for a tag rugby tournament. We were divided into two teams (Wicklewood 1 and 2).

Wicklewood 2 started the tournament with a competitive match, against Morley.

The first team had to wait patiently, on the side-lines, until they got an opportunity to take on Robert Kett. After an exhausting nine minutes the final whistle was blown. We were off to a great start, winning our first match by 8 to 2.

After 3 matches, both teams succeeded in getting to the semi-finals, with Wicklewood 2 only dropping two points along the way and Wicklewood 1 going through with a clean score sheet. Then it was time for the final and our two teams came head to head. It was a closely fought battle with Wicklewood 2 just beating Wicklewood 1.

Overall, it was a successful day and both teams are now through to the next stage of the competition. Well done to all of the players and a big thank you to Arthur Pattison and Mrs Smith for coming with us and supporting both teams.

By Tilly, George and Isobel



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



Forest School

Deborah Marshall is currently training to become a Level 3 Forest School Practitioner. As part of the training she is expected to carry out a six week assessment of Forest School sessions. She is looking for one or two people to volunteer in helping to deliver the sessions, they will not be part of the observations or the training. The sessions will be held on a Tuesday afternoon (13:15 to 15:15) and will start from the 9th January 2018 through to Tuesday 20th February 2018. If you would like to help, please contact either Deborah or Julia Brooks.

We are trying to improve our resources for the Forest School shed. As part of this, and to make sure all children are included, we are trying to build a bank of spare wellies, jumpers, hats, gloves and scarves. If your child has now grown out of these, it would be very much appreciated if you could please donate these for Forest School use.

Cross Country



On the 2nd November several children represented the school at the South Norfolk Cross Country race. The children all ran really well, cheered on by several of the parents. Helen Luus, Oscar Leivers, Libby Ong and Anna Ong will all be representing Wicklewood at the Norfolk County Finals next year.



This is Oscar's account of his run!



There were 80 boys in my age group, so I know I had to do my best. Last year I came 4th in this heat. This year I prepared by having running shoes that fit and a lot of warm layers!

At the halfway point I was running in 8th position which would qualify me to run in the final. I knew I could do better, so I pushed myself and managed to finish in 1st position! Now I am looking forward to the Norfolk Counties Final at Holkham Hall next year.

Reading Cloud

We have lots of children that are, at present, unable to log in to the Reading Cloud because they're slips have not been returned. It is a really useful website and I would encourage you all to participate. Please let me know if you would like your child to have their log in details. If you cannot find your letter please email me.

Healthy Snacks

Please can I remind you that we request children eat healthy snacks during their morning breaks.

Friendship week

On Tuesday all classes participated in a Dance Workshop with 'West End in Schools'. The chosen theme was Friendship, Teamwork and Co-operation. Wren, Robin and Swift created movements to accompany the song 'You've Got a Friend in Me' whilst the older children strutted their stuff to 'I'm a Believer'!



Also during the week the children have chosen their Special Adult and written a letter to them. Do ask your child who they have chosen and encourage them to seek them out if they need to talk about any worries or concerns they have, or if they simply want to have a chat!

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Year 1 Black Knight Historical Workshop

'Mrs Molly, the nanny, dropped in to visit Robin class on Thursday. She brought with her a wide variety of toys and games from the past including a board game that was 5,000 years old! We got to hold and play with lots of toys and Molly told us about how children used to play and how their toys were different from ours. We understand how important imagination was and we dressed up to make up a class story about Pirate Hat, Queen Apple Blossom, the Black Knight and the exploding apples! We had lots of fun on our super learning day.'



Values-Based Education

As previously communicated (email 14.11.17) I want to ensure that the whole school community has an opportunity to offer their opinion about the values that we consider to be important for our children. To help with this I have created a short survey. It will only take a few minutes to complete and will enable you to help us determine the values that we introduce during the next two years. 31 families have responded so far.

The link to the survey is

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DKLWSPX>

Many thanks for your support.

REMINDER: AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND – PLEASE VOTE; ONE FINAL PESTER!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4105>

We are up to 1475 votes but we need lots more...



REMINDER: Christmas Card Competition

Every year we have the opportunity to enter this competition organised by George Freeman, MP, and to date we have had quite a lot of success! The winning design and the two runners up will appear on the front and reverse of his 2017 Christmas Card. The winner also joins him in a tour of Parliament and tea on the terrace of the House of Commons. The runners-up receive a £10 book token.

Extension ...

The design must be drawn on an A4 piece of white paper /card and returned to the school by Monday 20th November 2017. We will then forward them for you.

Coming up

Decoration Day (1.12.17)

Further information to follow.

Nearly New Uniform Bring and Buy Sales

Friends of Wicklewood Primary are trialing a termly 'Nearly New Bring & Buy' sale of school uniform (including PE gear) to raise some much needed funds for the school whilst saving your money! [Our first sale will be on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall after the Carol Concert, and the deadline for donations is Friday 8th December 2017.](#) For more info see the flyer in your book bag or contact dayno81@icloud.com.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Dates for your diary

6.12.17 KS1 Christmas performance (6 o' clock start with children arriving at 5.30 p.m)
7.12.17 KS1 Christmas performance @ 2.00p.m.
12.12.17 Wren Nativity @ 9.30 a.m
13.12.17 Carol Service @ 1.45 p.m (approx.)
14.12.17 Christmas lunch
15.12.17 Greenfinch and Lapwing assembly (Parents welcome)
19.12.17 Last day of term

3.1.18 INSET day
4.1.18 New term starts

Spring half term holiday	12.2.18 – 16.2.18
Easter holiday	29.3.18 – 13.4.18
Summer half term holiday	28.5.18 – 1.6.18
Summer holiday begins	25.7.18

And finally, we say goodbye...

Miss Salisbury has been a valued member of our Wicklewood staff for the last 15 months but has now decided to that it is the right time in her life to experience a new venture. We will be very sad to see her leave but wish her all the very best in her future.

Kind regards,
Miss Brooks