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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term break. It doesn't seem possible that we are already half way through the academic year!

On Monday 4th March we introduced our new Value – Acceptance. Hopefully your child/ren have told you a little bit about what they have learnt so far. If they haven't please look at the website to find out more. There is a super little song and a thought-provoking film which are well worth listening to / looking at.

<http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/values-based-education/>



Wren Class read and discussed Elmer as part of the new value of Acceptance this week. We love how Elmer is different from all the elephants and everyone accepts him just as he is, even when he is feeling a little unsure himself. We worked together in teams to create our own Elmers out of milk containers and then looked at all the differences together. In the end, we decided we loved them all for different reasons! We also painted some Elmers which will be up in the classroom soon with the heading "Being different is great!"



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
 Chair of Governors: Mrs M. Talbot



Valentine's Biscuit Sale

This now seems to be a distant memory! Thank you to everyone who baked and to Mrs Pocock, Mrs Collins and Mrs O'Connor who helped to sell the biscuits. Once again it was a great success and raised £138.37.



GR8 AS U R

Last week we introduced the next focus of this initiative, 'Can Do'. This is a message that the children have regularly heard in school throughout the last few years. A positive attitude to new experiences and learning; to realise that mistakes are all part of learning and that it isn't that they can't do it just that they can't do it yet!



Various rewards and incentives have been introduced so please do ask your children what it is all about.



Thank you to Mr Mower

International Business Machines Corporation have donated £1400 to the school to spend on IT equipment. This has been awarded in recognition of the volunteering work that Colin Mower (dad to Elizabeth) has completed in school supporting IT learning in years 5 and 6. A huge thank you to him!

Tag Rugby Competition

On 24.2.19 we entered two teams in the Wymondham Cluster event. I am thrilled to say that we did rather well! The finishing positions for the event were as follows -

Large Schools

1st - Wicklewood B
2nd - Robert Kett A
3rd - Wicklewood A
4th - Barnham Broom
5th - Robert Kett B

6th - Morley B
7th - Morley A
8th - Ashleigh B
9th - Ashleigh A

Both teams played well and did themselves proud! We knew Year 6 had ability, but we were particularly impressed with Year 5 who came third overall. Considering very few of them have played rugby before this is a great achievement. All the children were a credit to the school and parents commented that it was so nice to watch them have fun while playing at such a good standard.

The result meant that Wicklewood B represent our cluster at the South Norfolk event in May. Well done and good luck!



Lapwing and Greenfinch track animals

Lapwing and Greenfinch had a very exciting afternoon on Wednesday 27th February 2019. Mr Butler (Elspeth's dad) who works at the UEA came in to teach us how to track animals in mountainous environments. We heard all about where he had been in the world to do this and the amazing adventures he has had. Then we got to go outside and use the tracking equipment for ourselves – we got to track the sound of our fellow class mates who were wearing trackers. Mr Butler and Elspeth had also set up camera traps on the school playing field over half term so we could see what animal visitors we have had! We got to try out these camera traps for ourselves, pretending to be animals and seeing if we could sneak past. As you can see, we also had some fun using the camera traps with our friends!



World Book Day and West End in Schools

What a variety of costumes! The children (and staff) looked amazing! Thank you to all you imaginative parents for your efforts and for the children embracing their characters with such great enthusiasm.



During the day each class also participated in a workshop with West End in Schools. Kingfisher and Kestrel re-enacted parts of Billionaire Boy; Lapwing, Greenfinch and Swift's book was George's Marvellous Medicine and Robin and Wren enjoyed creating scenes from Stick Man.



Crisp collection

This has been very successful and we have already sent off our first large box of packets! The second will follow soon. We will continue to run this for a few more weeks and then launch a new initiative linked to bottle top collection. More details will follow soon.

Cross Country

Well done to all the children that participated in the Norfolk School Games Cross Country County Final at Holkham Hall on Wednesday.

Anna Ong, Jack Blanch-Jones, Isla Drury, Oscar Leivers, Florrie Martin and Libby Ong represented the school having done incredibly well in the regional heats. A special 'Congratulations' to William Pattison who came third in his event.



Norfolk Music Festival

This week we have participated in the Norfolk Music Festival.



Charlotte played 'I have a dream' by ABBA on a grand piano. Once she and her fellow musicians had been given their certificates (Charlotte's was a Highly Commended Performance Plus), they had a short masterclass which focused on the shaping of music by the adjudicator James Kirby, who plays all over the world and is a well-respected musician and examiner.

Kaelan Taggart was also awarded a Highly Commended Performance Plus for his piano solo. Congratulations to them both.

This evening our drumming group will also be representing the school under the guidance of Steve Bewes. They will be at the CNS performing in the Percussion Ensemble Category. If you would like to cheer them on the evening begins at 6.00p.m. Good luck!

Quiz night – QUEXIT: QUIZ YOUR WAY ROUND EUROPE

Once again this was a very successful evening and has raised approximately £787. A massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Anthoni, and Mr and Mrs Butler who were the 'Quiz Masters'! A huge amount of time and effort is put in to this evening and as a result was very much enjoyed by all. The team have decided that this will be their last stint so if you think you might like to volunteer for the role next year let the Friends know!

Parent Forum Date

This will be on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 9.00a.m in the school hall. Please join us for a cup of tea / coffee and an informal chat.

100 Club Winners

£15 Donna Capleton

£10 Kath Amblin

£5 Simon Bird

A couple of reminders

No dogs on the school site – there are several children who are very nervous around dogs so please can I request that parents with dogs respect their anxiety.

Parking – we still seem to have a few parking issues. Please ensure that you do not park too close to the entrance and exit. Disabled parking – we have two designated parking bays. Please do not pull up or park in these unless you are entitled to.

Coming Up!

15.3.19 Red Nose Day

Once again, we will be fund raising for this. Children are to come in school uniform but may wear something red and / or wear a red nose, glasses or deeley boppers! Please donate to this worthwhile cause by sending your child in with a contribution (£1 minimum) which will be collected at the beginning of the day by the class teacher.

Dates for your diary

SPRING TERM	
1.4.19	Learning reviews 3.30 – 7.00p.m
2.4.19	Learning reviews 3.30 – 5.30p.m
5.4.19	Last day

SUMMER TERM	
23.4.19	New term starts
8-10.5.19	Lapwing residential - Holt Hall
13.5.19	KS2 SATs week Kestrel residential - Peak District
27.5.19	Half term
3-6.6.19	Kingfisher residential - Hilltop
13.6.19	Kingfisher bell ringing
19.6.19	Sports Day (same format as last year)
2.7.19	KS2 dress rehearsal
3.7.19	KS2 play evening
4.7.19	KS2 play evening
24.7.19	Last day

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks