



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Wednesday 30 March – Y5 trip to Xplore, Wrexham

Thursday 31 March – FoW Easter egg hunt

Friday 1 April – Whole school PE assessment day (all children need to come in PE kits)

Friday 1 April – Break up for Spring break

Wednesday 20 April – Back to school

Friday 22 April – Green class visit to Stockport Air Raid Museum

Monday 25 April – Year 5 start swimming lessons

Wednesday 27 April – Orange class visit from audiologist

Monday 2 May – Bank holiday

Thursday 5 May – Purple class assembly

Monday 9 May – Year 6 SATS week

Thursday 26 May – Queen's platinum jubilee party (details tbc)

Thursday 26 May – Gold class Assembly (subject to change)

Friday 27 May – Break up for half term

Monday 6 June – Back to school

Wednesday 15 June – New Reception starters parents' meeting

Thursday 16 June – Year 5 to Alsager School activity day

Thursday 16 June – Turquoise class assembly

Monday 20 June – Diversity week

Tuesday 21 June – Green and Orange class performances (afternoon and evening)

Thursday 23 June – Dr Robot coming in (STEM)

Friday 24 June – Shavington Academy in to lead Year 5 drama workshop

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June – Shavington transition days (Y6)

Wednesday 29 June – Red class assembly

Thursday 30 June – Sports Day

Thursday 7 July – Whole school transition day

Friday 8 July – Annual written reports sent home

A message from Mr Cutts

We use our celebration assemblies to reinforce the Weston Secrets of Success. As a school we talk about what the attributes of successful people are and what they look like on a day to day basis, using real examples from the children. We talk about how success doesn't come naturally and that everyone has to work hard on the Secrets of Success. The great thing is that anyone can be successful.

What is success?

Success isn't just about money.

It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself.

Successful people feel good about:

- how hard they have tried
- who they are
- what they spend their time doing
- the choices they have made in their lives.

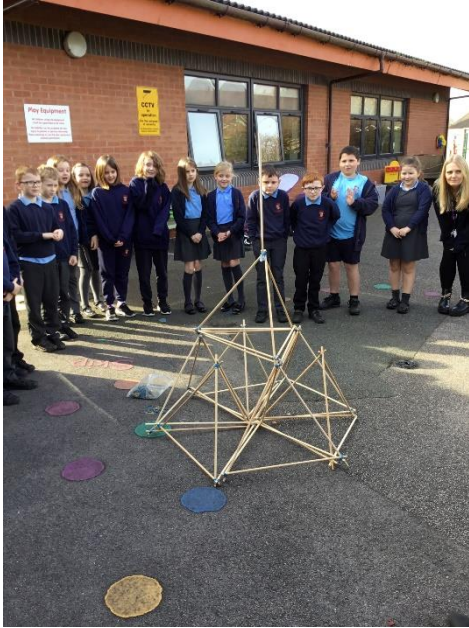
Every week we celebrate a Star of the Week from every class, together with other achievements from within and outside of school, but the staff take every opportunity to promote, reinforce and reward the Secrets of Success throughout the school day, including through awarding the children with dojo points. Ask your child about the Secrets of Success and what they have earned dojos for recently - maybe for 'Don't Give Up', by demonstrating resilience when grappling with tricky work or a challenging friendship situation; maybe for 'Understanding Others' by demonstrating compassion and politeness and listening to



the views of others; maybe for 'Try New Things' by taking part in an activity, trying a new food or otherwise going outside their comfort zone.

British Science Week

We had an excellent week last week taking part in lots of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities for British Science Week. The children enjoyed lots of experiences from science experiments, to visitors from various STEM fields to a whole school visit to a planetarium. These enrichment activities enhance the children's learning and form some of the many highlights of the school year.



The week culminated in 'dress like a scientist'. The children wore a range of outfits to represent people in STEM industries, including people in their family. Some children chose to dress as people who pushed the field forward through their pioneering achievements. This included pioneers such as Mae Jemison, the first black

female astronaut and Philip Emeagwali, a prize winning Nigerian computer scientist.



Wind in the Willows

The Year Five children put on two wonderful performances of The Wind in the Willows this week for an audience of parents and relatives. They have worked incredibly hard with their teachers over the last few weeks to rehearse and polish the performance in which they all played either Mole, Ratty or Toad. They were absolutely brilliant and their choral singing was phenomenal. We worked out that this was their first live performance at school since they sang in a Christingle at the church in December of Year 2. Mrs Loveland pointed out that the lyrics from one of the songs were particularly poignant as we pass the 2 year anniversary of the first Covid-related school 'closure' – 'there's nothing quite like friends together' is particularly true when you consider the mass segregation that has dominated the last 2 years. School should provide opportunities like this for children to shine together and be a cohesive and successful team.



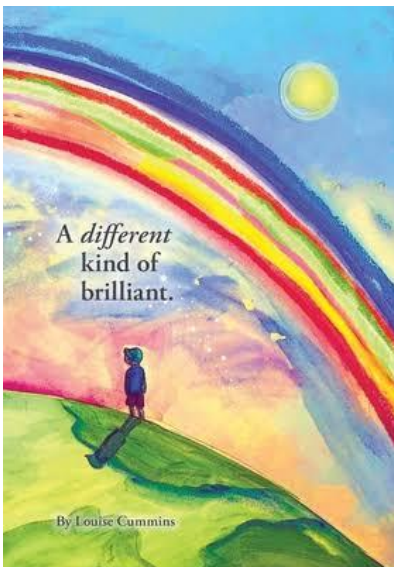
World Down Syndrome Day

This week we observed World Down Syndrome day by wearing odd socks, selling gingerbread sock biscuits and taking part in a loose change challenge (winning class announced next week). Thank you very much for supporting us in raising money for Cheshire Down Syndrome. We also had an assembly from Yvonne who works at the charity. She taught us all about Down Syndrome and the significance of the 'sock' as a symbol to represent the condition. We all spent some time reflecting on Inclusion and what it looks like – removing barriers for those who have them.



Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our Safeguarding Ambassadors are spending the day today at the Junior Safeguarding Conference, together with children in similar roles at other local primary schools. They will learn lots that they can bring back to share with the rest of the school but they will also have lots of opportunities to collaborate with other people and share the excellent safeguarding work that they have completed at Weston this year.



Diversity Update

We spend time in school learning about neurodiversity and the idea that people can experience, interact and interpret the world in different ways and that this is normal. Some of our younger children have been learning about autism through the book 'A Different Kind of Brilliant'. This book helped the children understand what autism is and learn how many successful people have used their uniquely wired brains to change the world for the better.

It also helped the children to better understand and support autistic classmates or siblings and also promoted discussion and understanding about celebrating differences.

Friends of Weston

Look out for information regarding some Friends of Weston Easter activities next week including an Easter Egg hunt. Lots for the children to look forward to!

Road Safety

With lots of traffic at the start and end of the school day, there are lots of potential risks. Please do keep a close eye on your children if you are walking to and from the White Lion. We have had reports of one or two near misses involving children and traffic recently.



Stars of the Week

Here are most of the stars of the week from the last 2 weeks. They embraced the Secrets of Success in a number of different ways and their teachers told the whole school how they had been successful, in Celebration Assembly.

A Night For Faye

Parents and Carers will recall me writing about one of our children, Faye, who was diagnosed with leukaemia 18 months ago. Friends of the family have organised a charity night 'A Night for Faye' to raise funds for Alderhey Hospital who have taken great care of Faye and continue to do so, as well as supporting the family through this difficult time.

The evening will be at Shavington Social Club on Saturday 11th of June from 7:30pm and is billed as a family friendly night. The entertainment will include Britain's Got Talent's Martin Gregory Lambert and a disco. Tickets are priced at £7 per adult and £4 per child.



Organiser Steph Simcox is also looking for help with obtaining raffle/auction prizes for the evening and would be grateful for anything that parents or businesses are able to donate. Prizes can be dropped off at Shavington Social Club or Steph can be contacted directly on 07795442816 to discuss/arrange collection.

ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:

14 March – Space Day Menu

14 March – Wind in the Willows (Year 5)



17 March – Important Medical Information and Chicken Pox Request

18 March – Stockport air Raid Shelters Trip (Green Class)

18 March – World Down Syndrome Day

21 March – Local Cricket

22 March – Year 5 Swimming Lessons

23 March – Covid Update

24 March – Love Music Trust (Orange Class)



Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Thomas Cutts