

Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have been participating in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for the week 'My Voice Matters' is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Across the school, we have discussed how to help ourselves when we feel worried about things and where to find help. Classes have completed meditation, mindfulness and discussion-based activities as well as a whole school assembly. Further information and resources can be found at https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/



Arbor Parent Portal / App

Arbor is the pupil information management system that we now use in school. The Parent Portal is the version of Arbor which is accessible to parents and carers on a laptop or computer. The Parent App is the mobile version of the Parent Portal, for use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. This evening,

we will send parents and carers a welcome email which will contain a link to the Parent Portal, your username and instructions about how to create a password. The Arbor app is probably the most convenient way of accessing Arbor and is easily downloaded from the app store or play store on your phone. As we intend to send the majority of messages to parents and carers as of Monday 26th February via the Arbor app rather than text message, setting it up to send you push notifications would mean that you will know when there is a message for you rather than having to remember to log in to the app to check. The app also provides a way of messaging us without cost. We will continue to send you emails for longer letters for events such as educational visits and the weekly newsletter. Parents will continue to be contacted via text for emergency purposes such as a bumped head. The app also allows parents to book children in to wrap around care (available for bookings after half term), sign them up for extra-curricular activities (our clubs for next half term will be available after the half term break) and book appointments for Parent Teacher Consultations (this will be available from **Monday 12th February**). We would like to get as many of our parents and carers using the Arbor app as possible. We hold an email address for our primary contacts. however, we may not have been provided with an email address for your child's other parent or carer and therefore they won't receive a welcome email. If this is the case and your child's other parent or carer wishes to have the app available, please let us know by emailing wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net with the parent or carer's name and email address. If you need help logging into the Parent Portal or setting up the app, please click here or contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

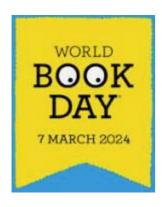
Dodgeball CVL

Our dodgeball team competed in the finals this week, playing against the winners of other local central venue leagues. As always, they did a tremendous job even though some of the referee's decisions weren't always as fair as they could have been. Unfortunately, they were pipped to the post by Hartside Primary. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and especially their team work and team spirit. A huge well done!



Radicalisation

The following link provides useful information about what to do if you are worried that someone close if expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. https://actearly.uk/



World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in the following ways: Extreme Reading Competition – children are invited to enter the extreme reading competition by having a photograph of them taken reading in an unusual place and sending it into school via the school email address by Wednesday 6th March.

Wearing a Costume – children are invited to come to school, if they wish, dressed up as a story book character. We encourage children to create a homemade costume and ask that bought superhero costumes are not worn. This is an optional activity and if children do not wish to take part, they should come to school wearing their school uniform and not non-

uniform.

Bring and Book to Share – children are invited to bring one of their favourite books from home to share with a child from another class on World Book Day.

Sponsored Read – Throughout the month of March, we will be holding a sponsored read competition. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will be sponsored to read as many books as they can and Key Stage 2 children will be sponsored per word (Accelerated Reader can tell us how many words each child has read from the books they have quizzed on). The money raised will be used to continue to replenish the school library and the books available for children to read in school.

Dates for your diary...

School Closes for Half Term	Friday 16 th February
School Opens	Monday 26 th February
Y1-Y6 Cricket Taster Day	Wednesday 6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Class 4 Tennis Festival	Monday 11 th March
Parent Teacher Consultations	Wk Beg: 11 th March
Cross Country Finals	Friday 15 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March

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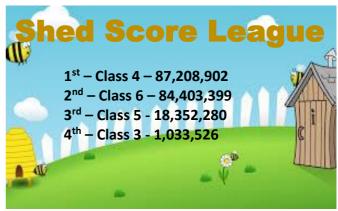
Headteacher

This Week's Winners









Highest Earners

1st – Jack Year 6 2nd – Zach A. Year 6 3rd – Zack B. Year 6

Most Improved

1st - Lily-Rose Year 4 2nd - Beau Year 5 3rd - Bea Year 4

Highest Earners

1st – Harris Year 1 2nd – Ted Year 1 3rd – Freya Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st – Taylor Year 1 2nd – Ted Year 1 3rd – George R. Year 1