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MAGICAL MIMIKA

Last week I was delighted to receive this message, after Mimika Theatre Company's visit to our school:

To all the children and staff at Westgate Primary School

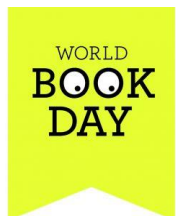
This is a big thank you from Bill and me for the lovely week we spent in your school. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly and all the classes who came into our tent were brilliantly behaved, attentive and asked really interesting questions after the performance. We really do love coming to your school which has a very special atmosphere - it is both friendly and feels like a great place to learn. I do hope we can come back soon when we have new stories to share with you. Have a great year everyone.

From Jenny and Bill - two big fans of Westgate Primary School!

I know from talking to lots of children how much they enjoyed Mimika- from Nursery to Y6. It is an experience that is very difficult to describe, but magical and special. We're all really pleased that Jenny & Bill enjoyed their time with us too. We look forward to welcoming them back for their next show in due course. A report from Y5 about our experiences is included at the end of this newsletter.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

WORLD BOOK DAY AND THE WESTGATE READING CHALLENGE



To mark World Book Day later this term (March 5th) we are running two events to help our children to be inspired by great books and give them the opportunity to share with others their love for a particular book. On 13th February your child will bring home the 2020 Reading Challenge set for their class and on the same day all children will have Book in a Box set as their Learning Log homework. Winners of the Reading Challenge for each class will get a chance to go to Waterstones in Bradford and spend £20 on new books for them to keep. Details to follow.

Mr Hackney

ECO TEAM AND THE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN- HELP WANTED!



Eco Team are looking for one or two parents to join us to be part of a working party as part of our School Travel Plan. You would need to come to meetings that last about 30 minutes, once a half term. You would work with the children to help us promote active travel and identify issues for families that we can try to resolve. If you are interested and able to help us to look after the planet in this way, please contact Eco Team via the school office. Our first meeting will be after half term.



Eco-Schools
Silver Award

We are also delighted to announce that we are now working towards our **Eco-Schools Green Flag** award, having achieved **Eco Schools Silver** status!

START AND END OF THE DAY- THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

We have noticed that some children are starting and ending the day very physically, which is making the playground before and after school very noisy and busy. If you bring your child to school, please remember that you are responsible for their behaviour before school. We expect all children to show kindness and consideration to others at all times at Westgate. Children (particularly Y3-Y6) should not be running and shouting when we have younger children and parents with prams etc trying to make their way through the playground. From today therefore, Mrs Eley will be ringing a morning bell, which is a signal for the children to line up smartly outside their classroom door at 08:50. At the end of school, children should again be supervised at all times and the playground should be clear as soon as possible after 15:30. Thank you for your support and understanding.



WESTGATE WINDFALL

January's winners are:
1st: A Copeland (£140)
2nd: Mr & Mrs Gray (£35)
3rd: C House (£17.50)



We currently have **70** members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Bleasdale in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund, which is used to purchase resources, to fund visitors to school and to subsidise trips for all pupils. This term it has paid for the whole school to see Mimika, subsidised the Y3/4 Roman Experience Day, and part-funded new resource stations for the Early Years outdoor area.

NSPCC- SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE



The NSPCC visited us today to lead assemblies for children about ways to keep themselves safe. This is being followed up by workshops for Y5/6 next week which will help to equip them to protect themselves from grooming and exploitation. These workshops are provided free of charge but they do ask that in order to ensure they can continue to offer this service to school, that we run a sponsored event. Therefore your child will be bringing home a sponsor form for **Buddy's Workout** today. Any monies collected should then be returned to school by Friday 28/02/20. Thank you for your support 😊

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Easy Fundraising has now raised over **£520** with just 48 members! If you shop online and don't already support us in this way, please considering signing up this year- it costs you nothing and is an easy way to raise money for FOW! Next up we have the **Disco on 13/02/20**- thanks to all of your have already returned slips saying that your child(ren) will be coming along and/ or you are able to help on the night. No need to pay now, you just pay on the door. And of course, the big event this term is the **Easter Fair on Saturday 28/03/20**- keep looking out for information about when to bring things in or sign up to help. Our first letter with lots of detail has already been emailed out. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below a reminder of all the dates we have planned so far for next term. They are also to be found on the calendar

when you log on to the VLE.

03/02/20 Booking for Consultation Evening opens 16:00

11/02/20 Safer Internet Day

13/02/20 Y2 Class Assembly 09:00

13/02/20 Y6 Science & Belief trip

13/02/20 FOW Disco Nur- Y1 17:30- 18:30; Y2- Y6 18:45- 19:45

14/02/20 Y5/6 NSPCC 'Speak out, stay safe' workshops

14/02/20 Rec/ Nur Pyjama Day/ Reading Afternoon 14:30

14/02/20 Break Up

24/02/20 Back to school

24/02/20 w/b Fair Trade Fortnight

25/02/20 Nursery Induction 15:45

03/03/20 Y3 Youth Music Prom Concert

03/03/20 Consultation evening 15:45

05/03/20 Consultation evening 17:00

05/03/20 World Book Day

10/03/20 Nursery Stay & Play (pm)

12/03/20 Y1 Class Assembly 09:00

16/03/20 Y3/4 Roman Day

17/03/20 Y5/6 Tag Rugby event

19/03/20 Nursery Stay & Play (am)

24/03/20 Y4 Piano Fantasia Concert

26-27/03/20 D:Side Drugs Education Workshops

26/03/20 Y4 Class Assembly 09:00

27/03/20 Y5 Leeds Lieder Concert

28/03/20 FOW Easter Fair

01/04/20 Easter Concert 14:00

03/04/20 Break up for Easter

20/04/20 Back to School

21/04/20 HLC Orchestral Day (selected Y4-6 pupils)

22/04/20 Big Pedal starts

30/04/20 Class photos

05/05/20 Big Pedal ends

07/05/20 Polling Day/ Training Day (Autism Level 2) school closed to pupils

08/05/20 Bank Holiday

11/05/20 w/b Y6 test week

16/05/20 Otley Show

18&19/05/20 Judo Taster lessons Rec- Y6

21/05/20 Maypole 09:15

22/05/20 Break up

01/06/20 Back to school

04-05/06/20 Y5 Whitby residential

10-12/06/20 Y6 Herd Farm residential

13/06/20 Headingley Youth Music Festival (Choir & Orchestra)

17/06/20 Reception Induction 19:00

18/06/20 Nursery Stay & Play (am)

20/06/20 Otley Carnival

22/06/20 Y3/4 Vikings Jorvik Trip

23/06/20 Nursery Stay & Play (pm)

25/06/20 Sports Day 10:00 Rec/ KS1; **12:30 Nursery**; 13:45 KS2

25/06/20 Nursery Induction

29/06/20 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

30/06/20 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

02/07/20 Y5 Whitby Class Assembly 09:00

06/07/20 Anyone Can Day

08-10/07/20 Y6 PHGS Induction Days

09/07/20 Whole School Induction Day

14/07/20 Talent show 13:45

15/07/20 Leavers' Play/ Party 19:30

17/07/20 Y6 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

17/07/20 Break up

20/07/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils

07/09/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils

08/09/20 Training Day- school closed to pupils

09/09/20 Back to School

Green events are changed or new since last time.

Blue events involve Nursery- if your child does not normally attend on that day, please let Miss Robinson know if your child will attend for this event.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

All of our families should now be set up on SIMS Agora. It is essential that if you are not yet registered, you come into the office where Mrs Bleasdale will go through the steps with you on your device so that you can pay online, as we are now a **cashless school** for almost all payments. Nursery bills are coming home this week, WOOSH bills have already been distributed and music tuition fees are now due for the Spring term. Many thanks for your support.