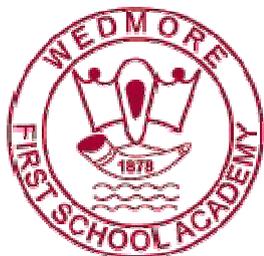


# Wedmore First School Academy Newsletter

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## Worker of the Week

<b>Fox</b>	Emmee
<b>Rabbit</b>	Audrey
<b>Hedgehog</b>	Poppy G
<b>Skylark</b>	Chloe
<b>Owl</b>	Jacob

## Citizenship Award

<b>Fox</b>	William, Aurelia, Albert
<b>Rabbit</b>	Gracey, Jack B, Lily
<b>Hedgehog</b>	Woody, Lily H, Joe, Tia
<b>Skylark</b>	Amber, Josh, Grace W
<b>Owl</b>	Fergus, Elizabeth

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Remembrance Service (Years 1-4) – Monday 12 November 9.15am
- ◆ Rabbit & Fox trip to We The Curious – Tuesday 13 November

## Headteacher's Awards

- ◆ Fergus, Maia, Millaray, Alfie, Ethan and Gracey for their number bonds work;
- ◆ Ethan for his reading;
- ◆ Albert, Ruby, Poppy and Johnny for their writing.

### Remembrance Service – Years 1 – 4 only

We hope that many of you will be able to join us on Monday morning for our service at St Mary's Church to mark the centenary of the end of WW1. The children practised in church yesterday afternoon and it will be a poignant and memorable service. We are lucky enough to have standard bearers joining us and will be making a collection at the end of the service for The Royal British Legion. As is usual for our church services, please remember to drop your child directly at the church from 8.45am for registration at 9.00am. If your child attends Breakfast club or comes to school on the bus they will be walked down to the church by members of staff. The children will walk back to school after the service. If any parents are able to help with walking the children back from the church please see your child's class teacher.

### Children in Need

The School Council met with Miss Mawdsley this week to discuss ideas for our usual fundraising effort towards this worthy cause. The children want to wear pyjamas or Pudsey related clothing as mufti clothes. As the Daily Mile is proving so successful, it was suggested that monetary donations should be laid out on our circuit to see what distance the coins cover so please send in a donation to cover all aspects during the school day. We have a number of small cuddly Pudsey bears and keyrings in school. All children will be entered into a lucky dip raffle with the chance to win one of these. The draw will take place in our Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon. The day will hopefully finish with an Ice cream sale (for which extra money will be needed if you wish to buy one) as ice creams always go down so well with the children in the middle of November!



### Owl/Skylark/Hedgehog visits to Nothe Fort

As part of their World War activity week before half term, Hedgehog, Skylark and Owl classes visited Nothe Fort, Weymouth to experience life as evacuees during WW2. They arrived at school for an extra early departure, dressed in their wonderful evacuee costumes, complete with gas mask boxes. Activities included role play in a 1940's shop, schoolroom and family home as well as an actual air raid in an Anderson shelter with 'bombs' falling all around them. The evacuee experience at Nothe Fort is run by volunteers who give up their time to help children gain an insight into what life was like during WW2. They do an excellent job; the visit brought what the children have been learning about in class 'alive' for them and they all said how much they had enjoyed the day. Thank you to everyone who helped on the trip and to parents/carers for helping to provide suitable costumes for the children to wear; it adds to the experience for the children even the bus driver commented on how good they looked! The volunteers at the Fort said how impressed they were with their behaviour and the knowledge that the children had; we were very proud of them.

Rabbit and Fox classes are out on their visit next Tuesday to We the Curious @ Bristol including a visit to the planetarium; we are sure they will have a fun day and learn lots more about Space.

### PTA Xmas Craft Fair

Thank you to everybody who has donated a bottle today in return for wearing mufti in order to support our hard working PTA as they prepare for our annual Craft Fair on Friday 23rd November. This is always a lovely evening and social event and one of the key fundraising events of the year; do please come along and support the PTA's efforts; the money raised directly benefits the children. If you are able to help on the afternoon/evening of the Fair and have not yet offered your services, please do get in touch with either Emily Burstow or the school office. Even just being able to help for an hour will be greatly appreciated; many hands make light work!

### Lunchtime Staff Urgently Needed

#### Can you spare some time to help us?

We urgently need lunchtime supervisors/playleaders to join our team on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Duties include supervising the children whilst they eat their lunch and during their play afterwards. We start the lunch session at 12noon and finish at 1.30pm.

These are paid positions and term time only. The hourly rate is currently £8.55.

If you are able to help us and you can commit one or two or all three days, please come and talk to Val in the office or ring the school on 01934 712643. Thank You.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join the Governing Body. Please do consider taking on this role or suggesting someone who you feel will do it well. If you have any questions, please email the Clerk at [leavey@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:leavey@educ.somerset.gov.uk) or call into the school office.

### Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind parents/carers that your child's snack should be a healthy snack. This can be a piece of fruit or chopped vegetables/fruit. In line with the school's commitment to promote a healthy diet we do not allow cakes, biscuits or sugary snacks. Water bottles should contain water and not sugary squash. The school and nursery are a 'nut free' zone as we have children with severe allergies.

### Isle of Wedmore Remembers Exhibition 2018

The children's work from the Art Explosion Day on Friday 26 October is being displayed in Wedmore Village Hall as part of their Isle of Wedmore Remembers exhibition. The Cheddar Valley Gazette would like to feature the children of Wedmore First School Academy alongside their artwork, a photographer will be at the exhibition on Friday 9 November at 3.50pm. If you are able to attend, please do come along.

The exhibition is taking part as follows:

Friday 9th November 10.30am - 8pm

Saturday 10th November 10.30am - 8pm

Sunday 11th November 11.30am - 4pm

This is a wonderful exhibition featuring our artwork and also work from children at Hugh Sexey Middle School, as well as a collection of historical artefacts from the period, and there are also activities for the children to take part in.

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please can we remind all parents if your child experiences sickness and/or diarrhoea, our school policy is for you to keep them away from school for 48 hours from the last occurrence. This is to prevent the bug from spreading further.

### Extreme Weather Conditions Contacts

We are currently updating our Extreme Weather Conditions and Emergency Procedures. In the case of the school closing, we rely on a few parent volunteers willing to act as emergency information officers to provide updates to parents in their local areas. We need two new contacts – one for Blackford and another for Burnham, Highbridge. If you feel you could help with this vital role please speak to Linda in the school office.

**Admissions – September 2019**

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2019 has begun and the website is now live for parent's/carers.

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is 15th January 2019 and the national offer day is 16th April 2019.

In previous years the Admissions and Entitlements Team have written to every parent/carer of children due to start or transfer school explaining how to apply. Due to budgetary constraints they are no longer doing this and information can be found on the website [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

**Tree Planting**

What better way to make your children feel grounded and rooted in their village than getting involved in local tree planting?

Green Wedmore is planting an avenue of trees as you come into Wedmore from the Blackford end - how wonderful would that be for your children help plant them and then to watch them grow on their way to school and for the rest of their lives?

Thanks to a local farmer for planting on their ground and re-imaging the levels for the trees, Green Wedmore £350 donation and Playing Fields Committee. The trees are 6 footers not whips!

Date: 10am November 17th at the Rec everyone is welcome and you don't need to live in Wedmore.

**PTA Meeting: The George Inn, Wednesday 14th November, 8pm**

Our next meeting is coming up, where we will be discussing our fantastic Curry and Quiz night, and planning the next fundraising activities.

It's always an informal and welcoming set-up and it would be great if you could make it along, if only to see what we are up to!

If you have any queries about it, drop me an email at [jopage76@gmail.com](mailto:jopage76@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there. Wedmore PTA

**Weston-super-Mare beach to be part of filmmaker Danny Boyle's UK event**

In keeping with the WW2 topic Key Stage Two are currently learning about Weston-super-Mare is one of seven beaches in south west to take part in a special event on Armistice Day.

Weston-super-Mare's beach is be part of filmmaker Danny Boyle's UK-wide event, to mark the centenary of the end of World War One.

The award-winning film director is asking people to gather on certain beaches across the UK and Ireland on Armistice Day, November 11, for the Pages of the Sea initiative to remember those who died during the Great War.

A large-scale portrait of a casualty from the conflict - designed by sand artists Sand in Your Eye - will be drawn in the sands of Weston and washed away as the tide comes in.

Members of the public will be asked to join in by creating silhouettes of people in the sand, remembering the millions of lives lost or changed forever by the conflict.

The installation is part of a nation-wide gesture to remember the men and women who left their home shores during the Great War.