



West Ashtead Primary School

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Yesterday we opened our doors for a Governor Visit. Five of our Governors spent the morning in school visiting every classroom, looking at books, talking to children and our subject leaders. I know that they thoroughly enjoyed visiting and are gaining a good understanding of West Ashtead.

Curriculum

I have seen some excellent creative writing over the last few weeks from Florence and Charlie (Swans), Ted and Elliot (5D), Freya, Regan and Jacob (4H). Liam (4H) showed me a great recount. I have also looked at our history topic books across the school with a Deputy Head of an outstanding school. The quality and quantity of work was good with children showing a range of historical skills. There was good coverage and clear sequence and progression in the children's learning. As a school we have also monitored our maths books looking for consistency across the year groups. Again there was good coverage and progression across the school. All the books that I have seen have maintained the good presentation that we emphasised at the beginning of the year. The children are very proud of their work and it shows! 4H and Robins have shown their many talents in their class assemblies. Well done to everyone for knowing their lines and positions so well.

Year 3 had a marvellous Friday last week. They made popcorn fish with sweet potato wedges and ketchup. The children were fully immersed in all the preparation and cooking. The smell was very tempting and I am sure the children enjoyed eating the fruits of their labours. They also planted sweetcorn and tomatoes to help them understand the links between farming and food. These sessions have been planned for all year groups as part of our commitment to providing a rich and enjoyable curriculum.

The Art Exhibition allowed all our children to experience the thrill of seeing their work mounted and on display. The professional organiser commented on the quality of our artwork and that our commitment to delivering high quality art across the school was very clear. Thank you for supporting this event.

Sport

Unfortunately yesterday's football was cancelled but Mrs Hosken has organised football, netball, dodgeball, hockey, rugby and cross country competitions and events for after half term.

Extra-Curricular

Rosie in Year 6 writes "Last week a bunch of people from Y5 and Y6 were invited to sing at ACS Cobham International School. We arrived early to rehearse and eat smoked salmon sandwiches. As the parents arrived the excitement grew. Our audience awaited. We performed Rule the World, The Lion King and Let it Go with huge enthusiasm and lots of smiles. I felt so proud to represent West Ashtead." I would like to add that this was a great experience for our children to sing in a fully furnished theatre. Mrs Barber and Mrs Price worked very hard to ensure that our children were able to perform so well. The concert was professionally filmed and we are looking forward to seeing the footage soon.

Resilience Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshop. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and I am glad to hear that strategies shared have been put into practice by yourselves.

Online Safety

From Online Gaming to Online Gambling: Recognising the Signs

The digital world that we live in can be a minefield for families and parents/carers. The way in which children 'game' now is completely different to how modern day parents and carers would have experienced. The 'monetization' of gaming is at the forefront of research and there are increasing concerns surrounding online gaming and the subsequent links this has with underage gambling. Follow the link to download National Online Safety's handy guide.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/from-online-gaming-to-online-gambling-recognising-the-signs?utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=WUW-Online-Gaming-to-Online-Gambling

I hope you all have a great half term.

Best wishes
Ruth Hall
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Details of up-coming events are kept updated on our CALENDAR

Please do regularly check it for any changes and new events