



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### CHARLOTTE EDWARDS

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to meet the former England cricket captain Charlotte Edwards. She spent the day with us doing cricket skills with Year 4 and Year 5 as well as signing autographs for what seemed like the entire school!



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	26 <sup>th</sup> May
6CH	Eloise
6B	Nate
5W	Sophie and Calum
5B	Tom
4C	Theo and Charlie
4F	Molly and Lucy
3R	Rosie and Harry
3J	Ryan
2CP	Chloe
2RP	Joshua
1N	Whole Class
1P	Natalie and Julia
RW	Connor
RP	Theo and Liam



This half term we are thinking about **'Thankfulness'**

### PLAYGROUND STARS

26<sup>th</sup> MAY - Alfie 1N, Summer 2RP, Sophie 3R and Calum 5W.

### FEEL GOOD FRIDAY CERTIFICATES

The deserving recipients over the last two weeks were:

26<sup>th</sup> MAY - William RW, Leo 3R and Nathan 5B.

9<sup>th</sup> JUNE - Violet RW, Chloe 1N, Helaina 2CP, Yasmin 3R, Oliver 4F, Alice 6B.

### 5B INDIAN LEARNING

Last week, 5B enjoyed learning about India. We looked at the different rivers in the country as well as some of the other features - this work linked in with our Geography topic for this term. We were amazed to discover how many people actually lived in India - 1.3 billion in 2015 - compared to 65 million in the UK!

On Tuesday afternoon, we had fun tasting some Indian food and some of us learnt that chillies are HOT!! Some of us really liked the food - others weren't so sure.



We also listened to some stories from India which fitted in perfect with our Literacy topic of Stories from other cultures. We had been working on a text called The Pearl Diver (which comes from Arabia) before half term and, if you are passing, please drop in and see our pictures we have drawn to illustrate the book.

For many of us, the highlight of the week was the awesome Bhangra dancing we did on Friday afternoon. Although the Indian game of Kabaddi, which we learnt in PE in the day before, came a close second!

We all thoroughly enjoyed our International Week and there are displays of our work in the Hall and in our classroom.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Animal Agents - Summer Reading Challenge in Warwickshire Libraries. Don't forget to head with your children to your local library for the Summer Reading Challenge over the school holidays. This year's national theme is built on an animal detective story. As well as offering free incentives and a final medal and certificate to those who read 6 books over the summer period, libraries will offer supporting craft and puzzle sessions and some libraries will have sessions with Zoolab or take part in a "Whodunit" with storyteller Sue Andrews. Check what is going on in your local library via:  
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/findalibrary> or  
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenslibraries> or tel. 0300 555 8171.

### ATTENDANCE

Parents must telephone the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence to report the reason. A reminder that parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Executive Head Teacher Mrs Oscroft must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Please make sure you include an accompanying letter with your application form, explaining fully your reasons for applying for a leave of absence.

**Have a good weekend!**

Mr T Hewitt  
*Head of School*

### ATHLETICS



Well done the athletics team who, on Friday last week, showed what a great school we are. We received many positive comments from other teachers and parents who were there. Results to follow.

### ROUNDERS

Our rounders team entered into the level 2 tournament at Kineton High School on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. We won our group then finished a very close 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.



A huge well done to an amazing team!

### CHANGES TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Please remember to inform us if you change your email address as we will need to update our system. Thank you.

## YEAR 6 LEARNING

Year 6 have been writing persuasively to explain why teenagers shouldn't smoke. Here is a small extract of Robin's excellent writing:

*Secondly, your peers may argue that although smoking is highly addictive, it makes you look cool. Really? Is it cool to die early, catch diseases and constantly smell of smoke? In addition, the effects of smoking can include: bloodshot eyes; dry, discoloured hair and early aging skin. Research also suggests that a smoker aged 40 is wrinklier than a non-smoker aged sixty to seventy. Smoking also disables some of your senses and ways of healing wounds. Do you really want early ageing and repulsive, repugnant character?*

Well, if that doesn't convince you, I don't know what will! Well written, Robin!



### Celebrating India - International Week 5-9 June 2017

What an AMAZING week we all had! The whole school, pupils and staff, were totally immersed - from the practical, hands-on to the informative cultural learning. Some of the activities the children participated in were: making traditional Indian sweets; creating Mendi patterns; building models of the Taj Mahal and creating different modes of transport; researching and writing about different festivals; comparing school days in India to ours; looking at different religions & faiths; Bollywood and Bhangra dancing.

We have to say a HUGE thank you to: Mr Awasti and colleagues from the Shree Krishna Mandir Hindi Temple in Leamington Spa for coming in to speak to the Years 1 & 2 children about Hinduism and giving a sari demonstration; Mrs Beard (Willow RP and Olivia 2CP) for making sweets with the Reception children; Mrs Dash (Saanvi 1P) for teaching Reception Bollywood dancing; and Shah's Indian Restaurant in Wellesbourne for providing food for the poster competition winners and their lunch with Mrs Oscroft & Mr Hewitt.

In addition, the Bhangra dancing would not have been possible without the contributions we received from our generous parents & carers.

### INSET DAYS IN AUTUMN TERM

Our INSET days in the Autumn Term will be as follows:

**September 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday)**      **October 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**      **October 30<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

We will update you on the 2018 dates before the end of term.

### DIARY DATES

Please be aware that, sometimes, it is necessary to change these dates.

KS2 Certificates Assembly Annexe Assembly & certs (main site hall)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2.45pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June at 9.05am	PTA Summer Fayre	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (after school)  3:30 to 7pm
Year 6 to the Isle of Wight	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Thank You Assembly	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Secondary School Induction days (for current Year 6)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers' Day out	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 Certificates Assembly 1N Class Assembly & certs (main site hall)	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am	Y3 Music Class Assembly	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am
SPORT'S DAYS	KS1 - Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July @ 9:30am KS2 - Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July @ 9:30am	Leavers Service @ church Parents are welcome	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 10am
Teacher Training Day 5	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (and last day of Summer Term)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July @ 9:30am
Year 6 Leavers Production (Year 4 and 5 as the choir)	Tuesday July 11 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Wednesday July 12 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Term Starts for 2017-2018 (Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> is INSET day)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Reports Out and Class Swap Day (with SATs results for Years 2 and 6)	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY 2 and 3	20 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> October (Friday and Monday either side of half term)

Next two menus (see website/twitter (@wellesprimary) for details.

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June: \*\*\*NEW MENU 2\*\*\* Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June: \*\*\*NEW MENU 3\*\*\*