



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. As another enjoyable week of learning comes to a close, we reflect on how well the children have done this term and how well they have coped with all the changes and challenges!

Comic Relief

We had an enjoyable Superhero Day on Friday last week - as a school we managed to raise a total of £877 for Comic Relief – thank you for all your support with this.

FOWLS

Marathon Challenge

The children have been enjoying the Class Marathon Challenge this week – in fact some classes have enjoyed it so much they have found other slots in their timetable to pop out and do the challenge again. Mr Nevins provided comprehensive guidance and tips for all the classes: warming up correctly, pacing themselves, developing concentration to overcome the challenges, respecting other runners and running with a partner. The event is live on Classlist – please contribute £1 to support this FOWLS initiative.

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/814200942> . This is an open link which can be shared on WhatsApp and other social media platforms – please invite donations from friends and family. We are hoping to use the funds raised to help improve our outdoor spaces. Here are some quotes from the children. "I loved doing the marathon challenge, I can't wait to do it again." Oliver (Aquamarine/Kaleidoscope); "It was really good because it got your heart working and you had energy for the rest of the day." – Meera (Pearl) "I love running! Can we run for longer next week?" Niven "That was so tiring! But I can't give up so I just kept going!" Myran (Pink) "I loved running with my buddy. We did it together", said Maryam (Maroon) "It's about running and I love running." Amisha (Yellow)

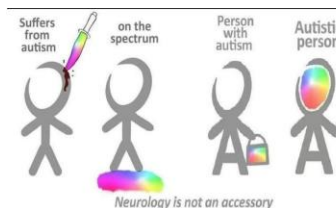
Digital Creativity Festival

Registration for the Digital Creativity Festival has been left open for longer and the submission date for completed projects is now Thursday 22nd April. This is to allow kids more time to work on their projects over the Easter Break. If you haven't registered yet, here is the link: <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/806981232> Winners for all categories will get a BBC Micro:bit, which they can use to create some more amazing STEM projects. See here for inspiration: <https://www.microbit.org/projects/>

Autism Acceptance Day

On Tuesday we will be marking Autism Acceptance Day with a series of lessons across the school helping the children gain a better understanding of autism. This year we won't be dressing up in pink and purple, so please remember school uniform on Tuesday. The following article helps us all to think about the language we use and help us to understand that neurology is not an accessory

[Watch your language when talking about autism](#) . The following chart (click link) helps us to think about how we can be an ally for autistic people [Autism - level Up](#) .



This week's pictures show Pearl Class carrying out their soundproofing experiments; Yellow and Maroon Class taking part in the Marathon Challenge; Amber Class enjoying their DT project and Abdullah and Lucy having fun on Red Nose Day.

LFT Testing Parents

A reminder that Rapid Lateral Flow testing is available to all parents of children at West Lodge. Thank you to those families who are already taking part in this initiative - it is an important additional measure to help us continue to protect our West Lodge community. You can find more information via the following links. [Rapid Lateral Flow Testing for Households & Bubbles of School Pupils and Staff](#) [Find Your Local Home Test Kit Collection Point](#)

Well-being Tip of the Week – Enjoy (guilt-free) Easter Treats!

Eating a little chocolate, especially if it is good quality and contains a high cocoa content, has been scientifically proven to have a range of physical health benefits including improving cognitive function, providing nutrients, reducing cholesterol and the risk of strokes, but most importantly, it lifts the mood! So go on, treat yourself to an Easter egg! "We are the music makers and we are the dreamers of dreams" Willy Wonka

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Jim Dees

