

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a very successful few weeks we have been having around the school! Firstly I would like to congratulate all the **Youth Speaks** teams who entered the competition this year. The judges had a very difficult decision to make when choosing the winners but **Safa, Finlie and Gabi** went through to the next round on Saturday. Unfortunately they didn't win but did incredibly well against some tough competition.

Our **football team** played brilliantly against Wembury Primary on Friday and won **13-4**. As they only play together every third Monday after school with Mr Hilling, they have worked hard to come together as a team and its obviously playing off! They have been invited to another friendly after half term, where they will be hoping for a similar result!

Despite their understandable nerves before going on stage at the **Pavilions** on Saturday, the **choir sang beautifully**. They learnt three songs which they sang with choirs from other Plymouth schools and were then able to sit back and enjoy the rest of the 'Musicality' concert. We are hoping to arrange some more public performances for our choir before the end of the year, which I hope many of you will be able to enjoy—they really are worth listening to!

Finally, we introduced the **Field Gun** experience to the school this year and although I hoped some of the children would enjoy it, I could never have predicted just how passionate the children would become. The **team work fantastically** together and were a real credit to the school on Saturday, when they **beat Oakwood 'by miles'** (the children's measure!) but, at the same time, were very generous in their victory.

As we're only half way through the school year I am hopeful that the second half may be even better!

Wishing you all a very enjoyable half term break,

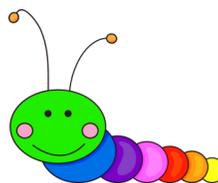


Cup winners	26.01.18	02.02.18
Friendship Trophy	Madison Snopek	Ryan Carter
Courtesy Cup	Tabitha Palmer	Poppy Williams
Perseverance Trophy	William Evans	Tyler Tabb and Lloyd Pinney
Reading Award	Sami Farr and Fara Lavelle	Holly Gray and Maddie Benney
Class Cup	Year 2	Year 3
House Cup	Bovisand	Jennycliff

Hungry Caterpillar News

In the club over the last few weeks we have been making honey flapjack and starting to get our potatoes chitting, ready to be planted after half term. It is great that we are starting to move into Spring when the growing can really begin! Remember we have our Dig It Day! on Monday 12th March and parents, carers, grandparents are all very welcome to join us.

With the newsletter, the new menu has been attached. We are excited about the new menu, make sure you have a look at the new deli options.



Key Dates for 2018

9 Feb End of Term 3

19 Feb Start of Term 4

19 Feb Parents Evening (Y4 only) 3.40pm—7.00pm

21 Feb Parents' Evening (NOT Y4) 3.40pm—7.00pm

22 Feb Parents' Evening 3.40pm—5.30pm

21 Mar Y3/4/5 Performances 2pm and 6pm

29 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4

17 Apr Start of Term 5

11 May Y1 Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May Foundation Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

17 Jul 2.30pm Open Afternoon

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6

Field Gun team who beat Oakwood



Rowing Team



Weekly Cup Winners



Year 5/6 Football who beat Wembury 13-4



Youth Speaks

Congratulations to the Year 6 Youth Speaks team who won their first round heat at school on Wednesday. It was a great effort by the two year 5 teams who are now practising for next year's competition. The three winning team members competed in the second round at Plymouth High School for Girls on Saturday. There was some very tough competition but our team gave an excellent presentation and should be very proud of their efforts. Well done to everyone.



Field Gun Team

Last Saturday, at Plymouth Albion, the Field Gun Team **Widewell Wolves**, took part in a competition against the Oakwood Ogres. The Widewell Wolves have only been working together for 5 months whilst the Oakwood Ogres have been training together for over a year! The weather was cold and rainy but this did not deter the Wolves. At half time, the field gun crews took to the pitch to compete for a rugby ball signed by the Plymouth Albion players. The Widewell Wolves took an early strong lead and left the Oakwood Ogres far behind sinking in the mud. Unable to catch them up, the Ogres finished far behind leaving the **Widewell Wolves the clear winners**.
Written by The Newsletter Club Team.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

We have decided to provide a theme for this year's World Book Day celebration - 'Onesie Upon a Time'. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come to school dressed up in your onesies or as fairy tale characters (a fairy tale onesie would be wonderful).

Of course, you are still welcome to wear your favourite book character costumes.

Girls Shoe

We have a girls size 10 shoe at reception, if your child is missing one please come and collect it.

Chinwag Challenge

Chatterbox Club has been busy this week choosing the next topics for discussion.

What super power would you have and why?
If you could have any present in the world, what would you choose and why

Feel free to send in your own suggestions.

Parentalk

The Primary Years, Wednesdays from 9-11.15am starting 28th February. Come and enjoy some time to talk with other parents, help to get to know your own strengths as a parent and new hear ideas that could be helpful. Tea and coffee available from dropping your child to school at 8.45am, session starting at 9.15am and finishing by 11.15am. This is a new group and will run for 6 weeks.

Please feel free to bring a friend however, this will be a small informal group so if you don't know anyone at the start you will after the first session! Parentalk is a well produced parenting resources that builds confidence and is really helpful if you are on the anxious side of parenting!

All are welcome but it is particularly helpful for those with children 4-10. Speak to Lorna for more details and to book a space.

Year 6 Rowing

Last Tuesday 8 children from year 6 attended the 2018 Indoor Rowing Championship at Plymstock School. They competed against 10 other primary schools in their category. Their support and encouragement to each other was a pleasure to see. Big congratulations to **Ethan Wright**, who came second place out of all the boys in the minor school category. A special well done also to **Jack Green**, who won his individual heat.

Widewell came second in the team event, where all 8 children took part. Team members: Freddie Waters, Jack Green, Patrick Betts, Ethan Wright, Gabi Kirkham, Amelia Miller, Safa Lavelle and Sophia Stewart.

Thanks to Mr Wright for his support during the event, and to Mrs Stewart, who assisted with transport."

Word of the week

5th February—Enquired

SEND—Short breaks family fun days

Sunday 18th February from 1-5pm at Plymouth Life Centre
This is a free event to provide families with disabled children aged 6-18 the opportunity to use the excellent facilities at the Life Centre. This event allows the whole family to take part. For info and to register please call 307008 or email ben.kerswell@plymouth.gov.uk

