



## Wolf Class Newsletter

### Update

Since our return, Wolf class have continued to amaze me: their determination and commitment towards their SATs has been outstanding and it is fantastic to see Year 5 supporting their peers in Year 6. Year 6 are continuing to lead by example with their prefect roles and by supporting the introduction of our 'Healthy Swap Station' at lunchtimes. It is fantastic to see so many children choosing to swap their snacks for a healthy option. It is also amazing to see the number of children who have been attending Maths and English after-school clubs. We strongly recommend you advise your child to attend these as we are focusing on test style questions in order to prepare your children for SATs. On top of all this, children from Wolf class have represented Whiston Willis in intra-competitions: Year 5 and Year 6 football and Year 5/6 dodgeball. Finally, this week, children from Year 6 successfully passed their Level 2 Bikeability course, where they demonstrated the skills to safely ride on roads.

### English

- The children have been reading *Lost Happy Endings*, written by Carol Ann Duffy. Children have been developing their understanding of different writing skills such as adverbial phrases of place, time and manner and subjunctive form, before they begin to plan and write their own prequel to the story, imagining how the children may have lived before she turned 'evil' in the story. I know the children are looking forward to writing their stories as much as I am looking forward to reading them.

### Maths

- Year 6 have now finished their Algebra unit, which they were initially dreading, however through perseverance, they can now confidently solve difficult algebraic equations, using their understanding of inverse operations to solve missing number problems. Next week, they will develop their understanding of area and perimeter. Year 5 have absolutely nailed decimals! They have been able to make connections with fractions to help them read and write decimals, and add and subtract decimals. Next week, they will begin to use their knowledge of fractions and decimals to help them understand percentages.

### Reading

- Wolf class have loved our guided reading text 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl and have been on the edge of their seats when being read to. Children have continued to ask questions showing their understanding and enthusiasm of the text. Over the past two weeks, children have made inferences, identified connections, retrieved information and summarised chapters and extracts. Children are looking forward to finding out whether their predictions are correct as we expect to finish the story next week.

### Geography

- WOW! Children have shown great knowledge of the USA as we have continued our geography topic. Children have been further developing their knowledge of physical and human features by categorising different USA landmarks – it was fantastic to listen to the children discuss and challenge each other – what do you think, is Mount Rushmore physical or human? Children have also begun to understand how the world is divided in to time zones by imaginary lines called meridians.

### PE

- Over the past two weeks, we have continued our 'Young Olympians' unit, focussing on the correct technique used for shot put. At first, some children struggled with 'the push' but by the end of the lesson all children were able to correctly demonstrate the correct technique.

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website [www.whistonwillis.co.uk](http://www.whistonwillis.co.uk)

### News

#### Healthy Schools

This week, we have introduced our 'Healthy Swap Station' allowing children to swap unhealthy snacks from their packed lunch for healthy snacks. It is great to see so many children swap for healthy options such as cheese and crackers and fruit (watermelon seems to be popular). Please help children make healthy choices by minimising unhealthy snacks at break and lunchtimes.

#### PE Days

Wolf Class PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday – please ensure your child attends school in full Whiston Willis PE kit. They may wear dark pants with their Whiston Willis hoody, jumper or cardigan.

#### Parent App

Reminder - Parents/ carers should have received an email to register for Parentapps – this will be used to share communications with parents – please follow instructions from email to sign up. Some children are saying they have not received information, however it is likely that this has been shared on the app.

#### Robinwood

Numbers have been confirmed with Robinwood – it is now important that payment deadlines are met to ensure your child is able to attend Robinwood next year. There are still a very small number of places left should your child still wish to attend (places will be given on a first come, first serve basis).

### Important Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Police Visit – Need for Rules

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Disco (3.10pm-4.30pm) – Own Clothes Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half-term at 3.10pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day (school closed for children)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens for children.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MrWongWW and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.

**Thank you for your continued support - Mr Wong**

