WNA NEWSLETTER

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Ben's Blog

Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you for returning the children relatively rested and full of smiles post half term. It's been a really canny week in school and the children have presented as more focused, happier and lighter in mood. Rest is so important for all of us.

Our half term has a history focus over the next 7 weeks and below you can see the lines of inquiry for the classes in school. We have discussed the importance of not forgetting specific elements of our geography such as map reading and recognition of countries and bodies of water as a strong geographic knowledge will support the children's historical studies. We are fortunate to have a wealth of local history to inspire us from the Roman Temple of Antenociticus to the Commenwealth War Graves in St.John's Cemetrey as well as the Anglo Saxon Living museum at Jarrow Hall to a wide range of Ancient Greek artfefacts at the Great North Museum.

If you have any resources that you would be willing to share relevant to any of the historical inquiries below then please let us know. This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and next Wednesday we will mark Armistice Day as a school. We have made a donation to the British Legion that will mean we can provide all of the children with a free poppy and bracelet.

Have a great weekend. Ben

Our Historical Inquiries...

Year 1 How have explorers changed the world?

Year 2 What is a Monarch?

Year 3 What changed in Britain after the Anglo Saxon invasion?

Year 4 Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?

Year 5 What is the legacy of the Ancient Greek Civilisation?

Year 6 What is the impact of conflict on people and the planet?









Diary Dates

09.11.26- 11.11.26- Parental Consultations.

16.11.26- Anti-Bullying Week

18.11.26- Ways to Wellbeing parent session (Depression)

21.11.26- Open Day

02.12.26- Ways to Wellbeing parent session (Wellbeing and Self Care)

Parental Consultations

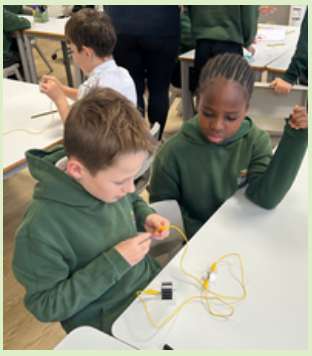
Parental consultations are next Monday,Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Class teachers have appointment lists for you to sign up. Apologies for the issues when trying to make appointments on Arbor, there was an issue that despite trying all ways to fix, we were just unable to work around this time.

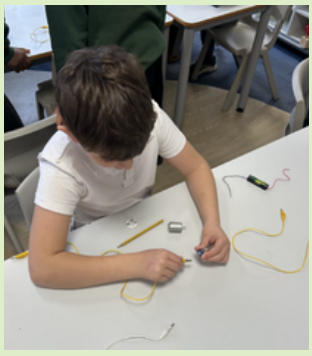
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Today, Reception and Nursery have visited Saltwell Park. They have been learning about Remembrance Day, and are going to visit the Field of Remembrance within the park.
Year 6 walked to St John's Cemetery to look at the Commonwealth War Graves, to link with their topic on the First World War.

Year 5

This week in Y5 the children looked at circuits to support their DT battery powered racing brushes challenge. They were extremely quick to create circuits as well as improve the power within them which allowed them to understand the amount of power they will need to make their final product and hopefully win the big race.






Nature Park News

We have loved welcoming the children back this week and it has been lovely to see lots of smiles and happy faces. The children have been hard at work this week with Nursery spending lots of time tidying the herb garden, raking leaves and digging up weeds. Reception have been learning about Remembrance Day and enjoyed a trip to Saltwell Park to look at the Remembrance Day displays. Year 1 have been historians this week and have been discussing where they would like to explore if they could go back in time. Well done everyone for a brilliant first week back!

Attendance Update

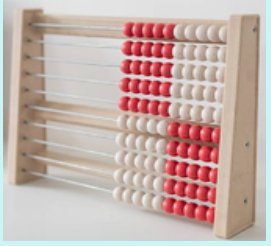
Our current attendance figure for the year so far is:

95.2%

Please help us to keep this figure, or even better, help us to grow it further by making sure your child attends school every day.

Rekenrek 101

This week in school saw the launch of a brand new resource to add to our learning and understanding in Maths. The staff were lucky enough to receive some training on how to use the Rekenrek in the classroom during our training day on Monday and are excited about sharing them with the children.
Grace and Chantelle introduced the children to the 20 frames and they were impressed with how quickly they were able to use them independently. Amy (our Maths lead) was introduced to the resource during a training session at Hawthorn Primary School and could immediately see the impact that this could have on Maths at WNA.



We are happy to be able to offer another opportunity for families to come and look around our school and talk to staff about what we have to offer. Please contact our admin team to book a place.

If you are unable attend on this occasion, but are still interested in finding out more about us, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can offer one to one visits at a time that would be more suitable for you.