



Respect

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Independent Learning at WJS

On Monday 12th January, the whole school took part in Westbury Junior School's first afternoon dedicated to promoting independent learning amongst the children. Each year group gave the pupils free rein to plan and carry out a task of their choosing.



The staff were really impressed at the variety of learning that was taking place which included gymnastics, model building, sewing, painting and origami.

We are keen to continue to promote this key skill to prepare the children for life beyond WJS.



Parent Evening

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent parent evening. It was great to see such good attendance and if you did not manage to see your class teacher then do pop in to school to book an appointment at a more convenient time.

Harry Potter Evening

Calling all Harry Potter fans!



On Thursday 5th February, Westbury Library are celebrating the first ever national Harry Potter Book Night.

Suitable for 6-11 year olds, there will be magical stories and games as well as the option of arriving in fancy dress.

To book your place at this event, you can either call in at or telephone the library on 01373 822294

There are posters around the school with more information.

Diary Dates

- **Wed 11th Feb** Author visit from Jack Trelawny
- **Thurs 12th Feb** Whole school disco
- **Fri 13th Feb** Last day of term 3
- **Mon 23rd Feb** First day of term 4
- **Fri 27th Feb** WOW Day
- **2nd-6th March** Book Week
- **Tues 3rd March** Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament
- **Thurs 5th March** World Book Day
- **Tues 10th March** MINT Day
- **Fri 13th March** Mothers' Day Event
- **Fri 20th March** World Poetry Day Celebration
- **Tues 24th March** Year 3 Easter Show
- **Wed 25th March** WOW Day
- **Thu 26th March** Spelling Bee and Residential trip Meeting for Year 5 parents
- **Fri 27th March** Year 5 Easter Show, reports sent home and last day of term 4
- **Mon 13th April** First day of term 5
- **Thurs 23rd April** St. George's Day
- **Wed 29th April** WOW Day

Parents: Please feel free to send in jogging bottoms and a sports top for your child to wear for Games during the colder months

Term 2 Overviews

Check out our school website and read what each year group got up to last term!

www.westbury-jun.wilts.sch.uk

Boom!



WJS Journalism Club launched the new school magazine 'Boom!' last term.

The children wrote a great selection of articles and sold lots of copies that raised over £10 for local charities.

If you missed out on buying a copy last term, please see Mrs Duffy to request one.

Half Term Badminton

If you are aged between 5 – 11 and are stuck for something to do over the February half term then why not have a go at Badminton.

Taking place on Monday 16th February at Matravers School, the cost is £10 a child and will involve fun and games taught by qualified coaches.

You will need to provide a packed lunch and drinks.

To book a place, please email Dominique@wiltssport.org or call 07917030946

E-Safety Policy

We are currently reviewing our e-safety policy and are very interested in parents' views and opinions.

The draft version is currently available to view on the website or you can request a copy from the school office.

Any comments on the policy should be directed to Mrs Platt.

Holocaust Memorial Day

On Tuesday 27th January, Westbury Junior School held a special assembly to commemorate 70 years since the liberation of the concentration camp, Auschwitz.

We had a special guest speaker, Ben Midgley, who did a whole school assembly then spent some time with the Year 6 children in the afternoon. The pupils watched a short film, listened to Ben talk about his experiences and then took part in a question and answer session to help with the understanding of our current topic, 'The Holocaust'.



Author Visit

On Wednesday 11th February, WJS will be welcoming the author Jack Trelawny to the school. He will be talking to the children about being a writer and hopefully inspire us to create some pieces of writing of our own based on his book 'The Crystal pool'.

Our special guest will also be doing a book signing of his latest releases. A form was sent home to order these books but if you want any further information then please speak to Miss Dardecker.

Celebrated Children

In January, we have celebrated the learning of the following children:

- Year 3 celebrated Emmie K-N, Kaitlin S, Luke H, Katie G and Sophie B
- Year 4 celebrated Harley H, Brandon H, Elysia S and Alfie M
- Year 5 celebrated Maddison P, Keeleigh S, Ewa G and Josh D
- Year 6 celebrated Leah B, Kyle B, Tia J-G, Alex T, Lyra M and Luke M

Well Done!