

# The Westbury Whistler

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## Diary Dates

- **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> October** – WOW Day
- **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 Bring Your Folks
- **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October** - School photographer in and last day of term
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - First day of Term 2
- **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> November** - Fireworks Night
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> November** - WOW Day
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET day for staff

## **A New School Year**

A warm welcome to all parents and children as we start a new school year. As always, we hope your children are ready to work hard and achieve great things at Westbury Junior School.

## **Year 6 White Horse Walk**

Earlier this term, Year 6 children and staff bravely scaled the Westbury White Horse. There was a real sense of team work as the children encouraged each other to reach the top and the sponsored walk raised money to help with the cost of coach hire for their residential trip.



## **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**

WJS have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to invite Wiltshire Wildlife Trust into every class for a series of afternoon 'Forest School' activities. This has included lots of hands-on art work and the children have loved it!



## **Operation Christmas Child**

This term, Mrs Francis introduced the 'Operation Christmas Child' campaign to the whole school. We are encouraging children to fill a shoebox with a variety of items and bring it into school so that we can pass it on to a child in need. Thank you for the donations so far!

## Celebrated Children

- Year 3 have celebrated Alfie O, Faith W, Scarlett B, Will G, Jayden K, Josh G, Skye and Melody S
- Year 4 have celebrated Dylan S, Daisee-Marie B, Aleesha P, Josh E, Amber L, Leah A, Kaitlyn L, Alfie B, Riley C, James H, Sophie B and Mitchell
- Year 5 have celebrated George O, Eugene B, Joseph C, Sophie-Louise H, Jake O, Chloe P, Carl B and Ishana P
- Year 6 have celebrated Ethan T, Jay-J B, Jessica M, Sean T, Katie V and Megan

## Our New Website

The Westbury Junior School website is currently undergoing a complete redesign and will be launched again shortly.

## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 enjoyed a fun-filled three days at Hooke Court. They were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed a range of activities including shelter building, fire making, wild cooking and orienteering.



There was even a barn dance and an evening spent around the campfire singing songs and toasting marshmallows!

## Drop-In Parent Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who came into school recently. If you missed this opportunity to talk with your child's class teacher, then do pop into school to arrange a meeting.

## Music Recitals

There are a number of music recitals taking place in All Saints Church in September and October as part of Westbury Arts Festival.

Each year group will be attending a different musical recital this term where they will enjoy a selection of pieces being performed on different instruments. We hope the children enjoy these musical visits!

## Cake Sales

Year 5 and 6 have both held cake sales this term and want to thank parents and children for their support.

As a school, we value the educational worth of school trips but unfortunately the cost of coach hire means these can be expensive. Fundraising events, like cake sales, help us to reduce the cost of our trips.

## European Day of Languages

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, WJS celebrated European Day of Languages with a whole-school focus on Japan.



There was a wide range of activities that took place such as Japanese language lessons, noodle tasting, robot designing and Year 5 even performed a traditional tea ceremony.



## Tug Rugby

A big well done to our Year 6 children who took part in a tag rugby tournament involving other local schools.

## Landfill Visit

Not the most glamorous of locations, Mr Jones took a group of children to the local landfill site to learn a bit more about recycling and where our rubbish ends up.

## Assertiveness Day

We held our annual 'Assertiveness Day' this week to introduce our new Year 3 children (and remind the rest of the school) about assertive behaviours.

## Playground Buddies

With the help of Mrs Francis, the School Council will soon be launching a new initiative to ensure every child has someone to play with at break and lunch times on the playground. Our Playground Buddies will be easily identifiable by their luminous caps and plan to make our school's playground an even happier place!

## Prefects

The first round of prefects were announced on Friday. We are very clear on the requirements to become a prefect so do encourage your child to speak to their class teacher to find out what they need to do.