



Waverley School and Nursery



'Communication'

Week ending 11th November 2011

We had a special time of reflection today and as we came together to remember those who have been injured or lost their lives in wars and conflicts and to pray for those whose lives continue to be affected today by conflicts around the world. It was a real community affair as Mrs Ellis had made a poppy wreath with her art classes and pupils from Year Six read poetry and prayers for us.

It is also a special time for those of our community who celebrated Eid Ul Adha this week, we enjoyed delicious treats in the staff room to celebrate - thank you to Mrs Irani. In our Key Stage Two assemblies we have enjoyed thinking about the significance of the various festivals. We also reflected on the symbolism and meaning of Diwali before half term. We are a rich and diverse community and we enjoy coming together to celebrate, so with this in mind, could I remind parents about our Christmas Productions. We have our usual three productions from Pre-prep, Reception and Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. The dates are all posted on the calendar on the website and I would suggest putting them into your diaries before the gatherings, events and parties begin to fill it up!

Lastly, congratulations to Elizabeth who joins our Golden Wall this week following her success in the Berkshire Under 11's Chess Team Trial. We are delighted that she has been selected for the team and will be representing Berkshire in Junior Chess tournaments this year – well done Elizabeth! Amy and Ellie have also brought home some lovely rosettes for their efforts in swimming.
(Tammy Howard, Head Designate)

Reminders for Next Week

Tuesday 15th

- Swim No. 4 for Years 1 - 4

Thursday 17th

- Re-take of Individual / Sibling Photographs if requested

Friday 18th

- Children in Need – Spotty Hat Day!
- Author Gwyneth Rees Visit (see additional attachment)

Lost Property

We are dealing with a lot of lost property at the moment and it is consuming large amount of class time looking for items. Could we ask that parents please **label clearly** their child's clothing?

This is particularly important for the winter coats, which should be labelled in the inside collar of the coat, rather than a pocket or label hidden somewhere inside. You will appreciate that as everyone's coat looks the same it is difficult for the children to identify their own if it is not obviously labelled and this can lead to some confusion and distress, particularly for the younger children.

Should an item of clothing turn up in your washing basket that does not belong there, we would be grateful if you could return it to school quickly so that it can be reunited with its owner.

Spotlight on.....Year 2 Trip to the Woods



As part of our Science topic 'Plants and Animals, Year 2 went on a woodland walk. We made drawings and paintings of the animals and trees we observed. We spotted a squirrel, rabbit, water snail, geese (on the golf course) robin, pigeons and magpies. We also found slugs eggs under a log!

There was a variety of trees to draw including a beautiful Weeping Willow and an Oak tree. We are now comparing the trees and animals in the woods and the ones we found on our hunt around the school grounds.

We will be making comparisons between the two habitats, looking at the main differences discussing whether our predictions about what we might see were accurate. .



Children in Need – Friday 18th November



Next Friday we would like to ask all children to 'make a spotty hat and wear it with pride' there will be prizes for the most original! Please bring £1 for Pudsey

Natural Play Area

We have been very grateful in the past for the items which have been donated to the school by the WFA, through generous parental contributions to the WFA events. Over the past few years these have tended towards smaller items and the staff and WFA felt that it may be time for a "project".

We are very fortunate in that we have such a spacious playground with opportunities for many different types of play including large and small equipment, quiet sitting areas and large sports pitches. Many of the items such as the stage, pergola and play tower have been purchased by previous WFA fundraising. We would like to build upon these contributions and work with the ideas of the current pupils and their families to expand our play area and to create more opportunities for imaginative, sensory and natural play. We are also hoping that this will also be a space which can be used creatively by the staff and pupils during their lessons as an outdoor learning environment.

The major fundraising events over the coming year will be to start the transformation of the pergola and tower area in a staged project which we hope will be enjoyed by all of our community, from the Nursery right through to Year Six. We are all very excited about the prospect of a new play area and look forward to working with the children over the coming term to gather their ideas and thoughts.

Waverley Early Years

Nursery

This week the children have had great fun putting their wellies on and stamping around in the mud and puddles.

The toddlers created pictures using shaped sponges for texture and colour recognition and enjoyed looking at their family pictures and creating family trees.

To improve hand / eye co-ordination they spent time playing in the sand, tipping, pouring and controlling equipment.

The Cuddly Cubs went out for a walk and have enjoyed exploring their room with its new layout.

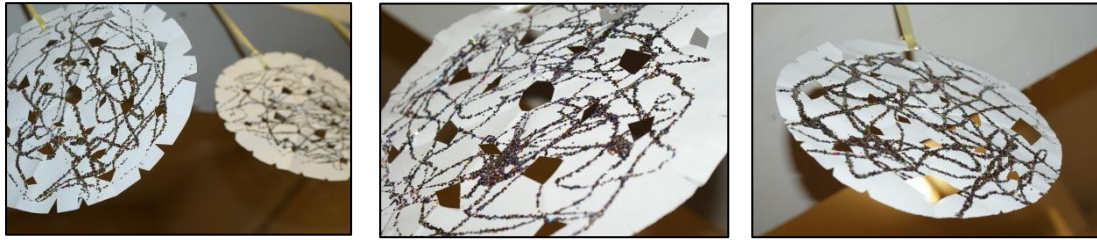
Pre-Prep

This week in Crazy Crocs we have been discussing the days of the week and the changing weather.

Our Letters of the week were V, W and X, the children practiced writing the letters, making the sound and thinking of words that start with the letters.

The children a great fun during a splatter painting activity and enjoyed practicing the songs for their Christmas nativity.

In the Cheeky Chimps room we have been learning how to hold scissors correctly and practicing our cutting skills by making snowflakes out of paper and decorating them with glitter.



These will form part of our Winter Wonderland which we will be creating over the next few weeks.

We have also been thinking about our Christmas play, all the children have been assigned a part and we have started to learn our songs.

Reception

This week in Reception we talked about the dark and made a lamp for Diwali 'Festival of Lights'.

We created firework pictures using chalk and made a 'Roman Candle' firework out of tissue paper and a cardboard tube.

Waverley Friends Association

WFA Starry Night Ball

We are very much looking forward to see everyone tomorrow for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

WFA Email Address

We have our own email address as below; please feel free to email me with any ideas or thoughts you may have for fundraising activities for this academic year's chosen charity 'dreamflight' or if you can help out with events we are running throughout the year.

Kind regards
Caroline Lavelle
wfa@waverleyschool.co.uk

Author Gwyneth Rees Visit

Next Friday the author Gwyneth Rees will be coming to Waverley to speak to the children. We have attached a separate document for your information.

Year 3 – Remembrance Day

As well as the poppy wreath Mrs Ellis made with her art classes, Year 3 made individual poppies; below you can see them proudly wearing them.



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