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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: KS1 classes did fabulous fact-finding about the first people to land on the moon. What a great week to be learning about the moon, with the Super-Blue-Blood Moon so clear in the sky.

Reception have been moving around like dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes, and making dinosaur sounds.

• Well done to the Y2 **Little Riddlers** poetry writing club with Mrs Poyser this week. Their work will be entered into a national competition, with some great prizes for both individuals and schools. Good luck!

Wirksworth Wonders: **Oak class:** Macy & Charlie for their super work in phonics, reading and spelling tricky words and great listening, Joseph for being brilliant in church during our Christingle service;

Hawthorn: Donty for his amazingly confident reading, Kitten for her lovely list poem about things she'd take into space, and Madeline for wonderful use of adjectives in her poem; **Ash:** Ellie for super sentence writing and for applying her sounding-out knowledge, Erin for her beautifully written dinosaur fact and Charlotte for an excellent painting using **Purple Mash.** **Beech:** Joss for his fantastic Neil Armstrong newspaper article, Sophia for her super drawing based on the book *How High is the Sky* and Gracie for her lovely *Starry Night* artwork in the style of Van Gogh; **Sycamore:** Natasha for fantastic work on division in maths, Tegan for her great independent work adding a one-digit number to a two-digit number, and Oliver for working hard in music and dance with a space-themed dance. Well done.

Celebration Assemblies—time change

As a Federation, we love to be able to share the wonderful things the children achieve and enjoy—both in school and out. After half term, our regular Friday Celebration Assemblies will move to mornings, starting at 9.10am. Parents, carers, relations and friends are welcome to join us. If you bring younger children, please take them out of the room if they become noisy, so everyone can hear.

Teachers will attempt to contact parents by text/ParentHub on the day before the assembly if their child is due to receive a Wirksworth Wonder.

If your child achieves, eg, a swimming, gymnastics or music certificate out of school, you might want to share it in assembly—let your teacher know by Thursday so a presentation can be made on Friday.

We have changed the time half way through the year to give those who are unable to come at one end of the day chance to come along, in response to comments on our recent parent/carer survey.

Next week: (ending 9 Feb)

Mon 5: Hawthorn Class swimming.

• **After school:** Girls' Football Club

Tues 6: Safer Internet Day

• Toy Library—9.30-11.30am at WI

Weds 7: After school: Basketball club

Thurs 8: After school: CreativiT Drama

Fri 9: No Celebration Assembly. **Community Wonder Award (WCWA)** assembly. Please think the **Environment** section of your Award Booklet. Return books before Fri—you can also fill in previous sections with activities you've done at home. Please ask your teacher if you need pointers.

• **After school:** French Club

Further ahead:

Tues 13 Feb: Pancake Races— 2pm each school

Fri 16 Feb: Dress Down day—wear what you like for the last day of term and bring a £1 donation.

Thurs 1 Mar: World Book Day

Maypole Project News: We are excited to have been awarded a Heritage Lottery grant to renovate our Maypole. We understand our original pole has been danced around by school children in Wirksworth since right back in the 1890's, although it has been out of use for many years now.

Last year, our **Maypole Movers** dance club run by Claire Butler was extremely popular, and this new funding will provide maypole dance workshops for children in all the Wirksworth schools. There will also be opportunities for anyone in the community to have a go—watch this space for dates.

We are looking for your photos and memories of maypole dancing in Wirksworth over the years, so if you have pictures, stories or video to share (we're sure there are many!), or if you would like to help, please get in touch with the school office or wirksworthmaypole@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Thank you to our retiring Y2 **School Councillors** who worked really well together last term—Kieran, Liam, Anya, Arthur, Olivia, Layla, Jem, William, Erin, Deacon and Amiee. And welcome to this term's Council who will be taking part in some exciting projects to support our schools: Billy, Amy, Charlie, Reece, Thea, Finley, Ruby, Sam & Joseph.

Staff Governor: Natalie Rapkin has joined the Governing Body from the staff team. If you would like to know more about Governors or about being a Parent Governor, please contact the school office.

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