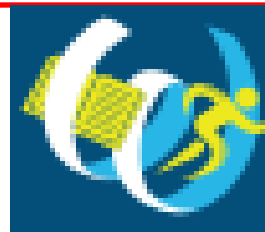




Westcroft School Newsletter



December 2024

Enterprise

Over this term, SSD and SSM have been designing and making products to sell for Enterprise. They have worked hard creating products such as candles, coasters, Christmas decorations and more. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the design and manufacture process and were proud to get the opportunity to sell their products at the December coffee morning and at The Wolverhampton Civic. After all that selling, pupils raised over £200! The money made during enterprise will be used for phase 3 and 4 rewards.



Jeans 4 Jeans day

As a school, we helped to raise money for charity by taking part in Jeans 4 Jeans day. Pupils and staff wore their jeans to school and donated money. In school, pupils had the opportunity to decorate a pair of jeans and came up with some fantastic designs. An incredible £151 was raised for charity. Thank you to all who donated!



Sports

This half term, we have celebrated some fantastic sporting achievements. Our football team has been training hard and attended a tournament. Mrs Gandy was impressed with their efforts and said they played well as a team. A few pupils had the opportunity to attend a swimming gala at Thomas Telford School where 4 pupils came 1st and Westcroft came 2nd overall. Well done!



Reward Activities

This year we have introduced a new rewards system to reward pupils for their excellent behaviour. As a part of this, each class has had the opportunity to earn a class reward. Classes across school have enjoyed rewards such as soft play, trips to the park, volcano making, Halloween parties, dodgeball competitions and films with hot chocolate! Pupils have commented that they are enjoying the new reward system and look forward to earning their class rewards.



Christmas at Westcroft

Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the lead up to Christmas with many exciting activities. On the 12th December, pupils wore their Christmas jumpers to school and raised money for Save the Children. On this day, pupils also enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner which they said was delicious!

On Tuesday 17th December, primary pupils put on a festive Christmas production. It was a delight to see the children sharing a number of Christmas songs and spreading Christmas cheer. A huge well done to all staff and pupils involved in such a wonderful performance.

Post-14 celebrated together by going for a Christmas meal. Last week, they went to The Nickelodeon at Bentley Bridge and enjoyed a Christmas dinner together.



A Message from the Head Teacher

As we approach the end of term, I can feel that everyone will be very excited to break up for the Christmas holiday with hopefully lots of time spent with family and friends.

We certainly have been celebrating the festive season - with lots of seasonal tunes, assemblies, a Christmas dinner and a party where Father Christmas even found time to drop in! The children have loved every minute of it! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their ongoing support and hard work as without doubt all these extra activities come with a lot of additional workload but as always staff put the children's education before their own wellbeing which is a credit to each and every one of them!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to you, the friends and families of Westcroft for your continued support. Equally please know that the school, as always, is here to support pupils and their families so please do not hesitate to contact us should you need to speak to anyone.

Finally, I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Take care, be safe and be happy!



Parental Engagement

During this half term, we have had the opportunity to invite parents/guardians into school to share the pupil's progress over the last term. It was fantastic to see such wonderful support from parents/guardians and the children were very excited to share their learning with you.

Oxford Owl Reading Scheme

As part of our ongoing efforts to encourage and improve reading across our school, we are continuing to use the Oxford Owl website to allow your child to read at home. Your child will have brought home log in cards for Oxford Owl.

Instructions to access the book

- Log into www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- Select "log in" and select the "student" option
- Use the information on the log in card to log into oxford owl.
- Once logged in, you will see a "homework" box where the book has been set.

If you need any help with this please contact Mrs Walker (phonics lead)

Parent Pay System

Arbor Payments

Westcroft have made the successful transition to Arbor for school payments and communication. If you have not done so already, please ensure you have joined Arbor in order to receive important communication from school and make any payments. If you need assistance in doing so, please contact school and we will be happy to support you with this.

Diary Dates

Spring Term

6th January - 14th February

Half term

17th—21st February

Phase 3 Residential

26th—28th February

