



Wormholt News

Friday 22nd October

Head's Chat

What a busy half term we've had!

Well done to the children for behaving so well and learning so much since the beginning of term and thank you to our parents/carers for all the support you give us each day. It really does make a difference.

This newsletter is full of all the wonderful science activities the children have been involved in this week.



I hope you all have a very restful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 1st November.

Year 6 parents - don't forget to do your Secondary Transfer forms before the 31st October!

Stay safe everyone

Anika Hargie

Headteacher



Our Science Week

All the children were scientists this week, carrying out experiments and learning all about scientific concepts and famous scientists! Have a look at what some of the classes have been doing.

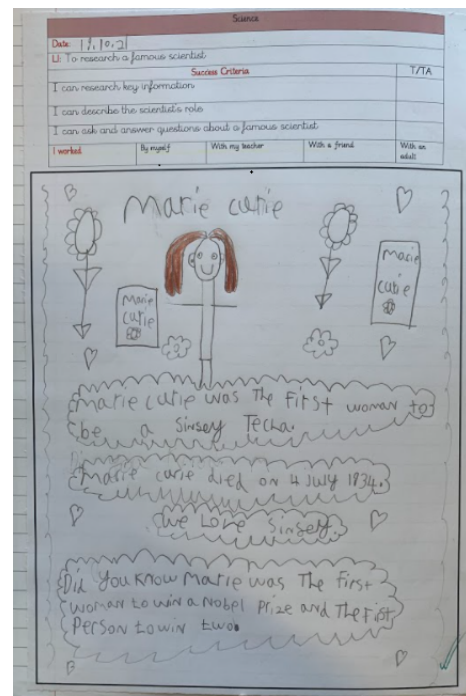
Year 2



Year 3



Year 3 have really enjoyed researching different scientists such as Marie Curie, Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. They have learnt what these scientists discovered, their experiments and the hardships they have faced. They were particularly outraged that Marie Curie was not allowed to study Chemistry in Poland due to her being a woman. They celebrated the fact that she was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the first person to ever win two! Their research led them to carry out their own experiments. They were eager to discover whether certain objects would float or sink when put into water and were very surprised by the orange and tennis ball floating instead of sinking.



Year 4

As part of Science Week, Year 4 has been learning about Investigative Skills. They designed an experiment to gather scientific findings by investigating the chemical reaction that is caused by mixing various sweets with Coca-Cola. They did this by observing the effect that changing one variable has on another. They predicted which sweets would cause the greatest chemical reaction, and discovered that Mentos was the sweet that made the cola react the most!



Year 5

The Year 5s have been doing some investigative research on famous scientists from around the world.



Year 6

Year 6 carried out an exciting experiment with eggs! They have written all about it.

Learning intention: To be able to investigate how the size and surface area of an egg affects its strength.

We started this investigation by inviting a number of pupils to come to the front and hold an egg in the palm of their hand and try to crush the egg using just one hand. No one could break the egg apart from Aisha. The only reason Aisha broke the egg was that she applied pressure using her knuckle and this increased the pressure on the shell over a very small surface area. Anyone who held it in the palm of their hand could not break it. We then decided to extend this experiment by seeing if two boxes of eggs could take the weight of a person. Pupils needed to carefully step onto the boxes one foot at a time with their foot flat and distribute the weight evenly across the two egg boxes. We had a few breakages but that was largely where pupils were not stepping onto the boxes carefully enough. We refined the process until anyone in the room could stand on the boxes with not a single egg breaking. This culminated with Mr Hoskins and Mr Hopwood standing on the egg boxes with no breakages. The reason the eggs can withstand so much weight is largely down to the shape of the egg as well as the calcium carbonate structure. The eggs can withstand a lot of pressure as long as the pressure is evenly

distributed. If pressure is concentrated in a small surface area, the shell can be penetrated with relative ease.



School Uniform Recycling

We are pleased to announce the next date for our school uniform recycling stand. On this day, you will be able to swap one item of recycled school uniform with one item that you are donating. Alternatively, you could buy any of the recycled school uniform for 50p per item. All donated items are washed before being offered during the next sale. Come and see us on;

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

2.30pm to 3.15pm In the front playground, under the shelter.



International Stammering Awareness Day

Friday 22 October 2021 is International Stammering Awareness Day – an annual event to raise awareness of stammering. The Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Team in Central London Community Healthcare support children who stammer. They offer assessment, advice and intervention. Here is some further information about stammering that they have sent us.

Facts about stammering:

- Did you know that stammering affects 8% of children between the ages of 2 – 5 years old. That's 1 in every 12 children!
- In the UK, up to 3% of adults stammer – around 1.5 million people.
- Around 60% of people who stammer have a family member who stammers.
- Stammering isn't caused by nerves. It's mainly a neurological and often hereditary condition.
- Learning to talk is like learning to walk – it doesn't always go smoothly!
- Many children will stop stammering naturally or with the help of speech therapy.
- What is clear is that parents do not cause stammering. But the way you respond to our child's stammer can make a real difference.

For more information:

British Stammering Association: <https://stamma.org>

British Stammering Association Facebook Support Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stammeringbsa/>

UK Network for Parents of Children who Stammer:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215401565577790/>

Michael Palin Centre for Stammering: <https://actionforstammeringchildren.org/michael-palin-centre/>

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Referral to Speech and Language Therapy:

Children can be referred to the School Aged Dysfluency Service by their GP. If a referral is required, please ask your GP to complete a referral form and email it to CLCHT.chirp@nhs.net. Referrals will be accepted from any GP in H&F, Westminster or K&C. GPs in other boroughs should refer to their local services. Referral form and information can be found here:

<https://www.clch.nhs.uk/services/speech-andlanguage-therapy-childre>

Your journey to school

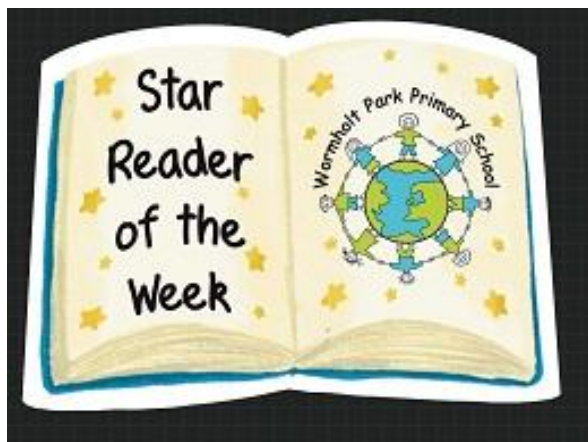
STARS is TfL's accreditation scheme for London schools . STARS inspires young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. STARS supports pupils' wellbeing, helps to reduce congestion at the school gates and improve road safety and air quality. We are proud of all the children who walk, cycle or scoot to our school everyday. Because of your continued commitment we are

Gold accredited with TFL - Well done !



However, we have noticed at the end of the day that a number of bicycles and scooters are being left on the school premises - some have been there for weeks! Please remember to collect your bicycle or scooter at the end of the day so that you can keep travelling to school actively, responsibly and safely.

Readers of the Week



This week, the Readers of the Week are:

James from Harare and **Daisie** from Ankara

Well done, both of you.



Year 6 - Secondary Transfer

Reminder - Secondary School Applications - Closing date: 31.10.2021.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE!

Attendance

I wonder who will win the overall attendance competition this term and get extra playtime?

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Tripoli - 100% (first class this term!)
2nd	Havana and La Paz (both 97%)

Well done to these classes



Black History Month

There is a community event on Friday 29th October at the White City Community Centre - do go along!





Happy Birthday to these children who celebrate their birthdays this week and in half term!

Nursery: Sirine

Year 1: Betsy

Year 2: Hanan and Abd

Year 3: Eliza

Year 4: Rute and Hafsa

Year 5: Fouziah

A Couple of Reminders

Uniform - Please put your child's name on all their school uniform. The lost property boxes are getting really full again.

Lunches - Parents MUST notify the school office if their child changes lunch pattern - thank you!

Useful Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Half Term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Friday 17th December – Last day of Term (half day for pupils)