

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Mental Health Awareness Week



The week 13 - 19th May 2024 is **Mental Health Awareness Week** and we would like to invite all children and staff to mark this important message. Mental health is the foundation we all build upon and need whatever our age or stage in our lives, without which life can become increasingly challenging. We would like the staff and children to wear an EXTRA green accessory (socks, hair bands, bracelet etc) in addition to our regular green school uniform on Friday 17th May! Let's see how creative you can be! Promoting physical exercise is not only important for our physical health, but plays a huge part in mental health and stamina. The teachers will be showing a video to the children on

how we all can look after our mental and physical health with lots of useful ideas to try, some of which you may already do with your children at home. Donations are discretionary but if you would like to donate online, please go to https://www.place2be.org.uk/support-us/donate/

"I was like, baby, baby, baby, oh"

A huge congratulations to Mrs Smyth and her husband who are expecting their first baby in September. Mrs Smyth shared the news with her class by hiding the announcement within a spelling, punctuation and grammar task – there are learning opportunities in every moment! We wish her all the best in this exciting next chapter.



Library Volunteers

Do you have some spare time on your hands and would like to help out in school?

We are looking for some people to come in and help us with some library admin - helping us to keep our library tidy, putting away books as well as adding and removing books from our computer system. No previous knowledge required and we would be happy to go through everything if you are kind enough to volunteer!

If you feel you are able to give us some of your time, please contact the office to arrange to speak to Mrs Atkins or Mrs Sibbons.

Spelling Shed

Well done to 4R who continue to dominate the top spot on the leader board this year – what amazing effort. Congratulations to our individual spellers of the week too! Keep up the great work.

Classes

1st Place - 4R

2nd Place - 2C

3rd Place - 2B

Individuals

1st Place - Vlad, Year 4

2nd Place - Ayush, Year 4

3rd Place - Eva, Year 2

(written by Mrs Cowling)

Maths Shed

It has been an exciting battle for the top of the Maths Shed leader board this week for the first one of this half term. **6S** managed to end far ahead of everyone else, but there was a close call between second and third place. Well done to the individual winners! Can you make it the top next week?

Classes

1st Place – **6S**

2nd Place – **4R**

3rd Place – **6B**

Individuals

1st Place – **Arnav**, Year 6

2nd Place – **Henry**, Year 6

3rd Place – Oscar C, Year 6

(written by Mrs Smyth)

Train to Teach Event

The Westgate School, Winchester

Open Morning: 9th May 2024 (9am – 12.30pm)

Find out about the different pathways to train to be a teacher Participate in classroom observations – an opportunity to see a school "in action" Chat to current teachers about their career journey

To book a place please email wtsa@westqate.hants.sch.uk

Spaces are limited, so book early!

https://wtsa.info

Did you Hear the Silence?

If any of you were lucky enough to travel to or through a French-speaking country during the Easter holidays from Maundy Thursday onwards, you might well have been struck by the silence of the church bells!

The thing is, they would have grown wings to fly to the Vatican City in Rome to be blessed by the Pope, before collecting chocolate Easter Eggs to drop in gardens, parks and the countryside on their way back to their church towers. The bells would have rung out again loudly on Easter Sunday morning, encouraging children to hunt for Easter eggs outside!







Isabel S (4D) with her own version of a church bell on its way home from Rome!

(written by Madame Miller)

Reminder

The school will be closed on *Monday 6th May* for the May Day Bank Holiday.

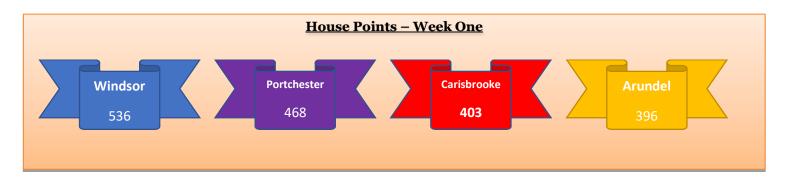
Eliza's Road to the Next Division

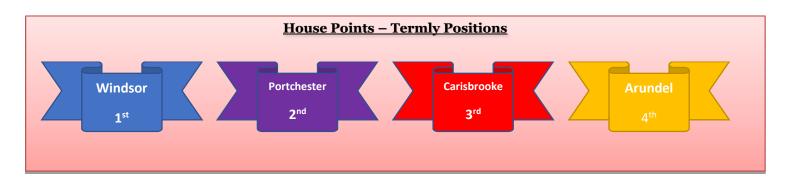
The news is full of the achievements of Eliza in 6S who, along with her sister Sydney and their football team the Queens Park Ladies under 12s, are taking the world by storm! The all-girl team whose unbeaten season against boys' sides has earned them the nickname The Invincibles, just like Arsenal in 2003-4 are making headlines for their amazing run of 18 wins, four draws and no defeats, meaning they've now been promoted to Division Two of the U13s League. Keep up the amazing dedication and commitment Eliza and be sure to name drop us all as part of this journey.











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