



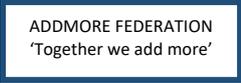
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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

### This Half Term's Value Truthfulness

#### 'Phrases of Faith'



**'With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love' – Ephesians 4:2**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. It has been another busy and rewarding week here at school as; you will no doubt be able to tell from the amount of news we have to share!

This week, the school and I were treated to a fantastic Musical concert, courtesy of our talented musicians in Caradoc and Wrekin class, as well as Mrs Vaughan's Practice Makes Perfect Group. The progress made by our children and their confidence truly shone through during the performance, showcasing their musical talents and commitment to their learning of various instruments. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the joy they brought to our school during Worship yesterday.

As we approach the upcoming Bank Holiday Weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and relaxing break. Please note that the school will be closed on Monday, 6th May, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, 7th May.

Happy Weekend everyone!

With all Best Wishes,

Mrs S. Henney



## Attendance



This week's winners are Wrekin – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week ....</u>
Lawley	96%	99%
Wrekin	98.70%	94.35%
Caradoc	98.21%	96.43%
Stiperstones	97.89%	95.79%
Whole School	97.78%	96.33%

## This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

**Ercall** – Rory who is developing his confidence at singing time, he is great at doing the actions to the songs. Well done Rory!

**Lawley** – Malachi - For fantastic maths this week. Malachi has been using ten frames to represent numbers and he has been able to tell me how many more you need to make 10. He has also been writing corresponding number sentences such as  $7+3 = 10$ . Super maths Malachi.

**Wrekin** – Ferne - For always making great choices and setting a good example to others.

**Caradoc** – William for his amazing creative ideas in English. William has worked hard to created some beautiful descriptions of the citadel setting.

**Stiperstones** – Phoebe S- For giving great feedback to her peers about their English work-thinking carefully about what they had done well and why. Super attitude to learning Phoebe!

## Class News

### Ercall

This week in Nursery the children have been enjoying our Gigantosaurus story, we were even lucky enough to have a visit from a dinosaur!

The children then drew dinosaurs in their topic books, they did so well describing what they had drawn e.g. spikes, long tail, bumps.





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In maths time we have been busy colour matching the dinosaurs to their eggs, we also made a height chart to see who was the tallest and shortest in the class.

In phonics we have been learning the initial sound 'w' recognising the sound in wig, web and wave.

The children have enjoyed looking for dinosaurs and eggs in the soil using tweezers and spoons developing their fine motor skills, we all got very messy playing with the dinosaurs in baked beans, we used this as the lava from the volcano in the story.



We all enjoyed planting sunflower seeds for the children to grow at home, we would love a photo of them when they grow!

I'm sure the children would have told you all about our new garage and cars, we have had great turn taking and sharing.

Well done Nursery for an enjoyable, busy week!



**Best wishes, Miss Hughes, Miss Sanders, Mrs Arblaster & Miss Emily**

**Lawley**

We have had another busy week in Reception, and we have been enjoying getting out in our garden more now that the sun is shining. We want to thank Mrs Rawsthorne this week for running such a wonderful Maths Parent Workshop. The children loved showing off their subitising, composition and cardinality skills. It was wonderful to see such a great turn out and children working in groups having great confidence in their maths. Thank you for joining us.





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The Mastery Number 'home packs' will be coming home for the next 5 weeks on a Thursday along with your child's reading and phonics recap sheet. It would be great if you could practise these a few times a week for 5 minutes to build up your child's confidence and maths skills.

In Art the children have enjoyed designing their animals that they will be sculpting out of clay in the next few weeks. Science has been super exciting this week we have been looking at fossils and where fossils come from. The children had chance to explore some fossils in the classroom and to be palaeontologist in our Role Play Area. Next week will be continuing to make and look at fossils.



In English and Phonics we have been writing adjectives to describe the characters in our topic book 'Gigantosaurus'. The children's writing has been wonderful this week. We are really focusing on perfecting our handwriting and the children have enjoyed doing this in provision in the sand and glitter. In Phonics we are continuing to practise Phase 3 sounds in our Phase 4 lesson to embed these sounded into our writing. We also had a visit this week from a Gigantosaurus and the children were so excited and amazed at our class visitor. The dinosaur was really kind and didn't scare us.



Thanks for another great week Reception

**Mrs Greenway, Mrs Arblaster and Miss Hughes**



### Wrekin

How exciting! This week we came into school to see that the Great Tits, Apple and Strudel, had hatched 9 of their 10 eggs. We have been excitedly watching how Mum and Dad are busily coming back and forth with tasty food for the hungry and noisy chicks. We are now watching Pixie and Puck, the Blue Tits, as they continue to sit on 11 tiny eggs.



Our classroom is a hive of activity at the moment. We are learning about what plants need and have created mini wildflower gardens, alongside a sweet pepper, tomato and strawberry plant! We will also be planting sunflowers and hopefully a magic beanstalk over the coming weeks.



We continued our maths learning into the forest this week, where we explored capacity and volume. Understanding the difference between the two and reading scales in varying intervals.

### **Miss Jones and Mrs Jones**

### Caradoc

This week in English, we have been developing skills to write descriptive paragraphs on the girl entering the citadel in our topic book 'Journey'. This is a wordless book and we have had to build our own vocabulary to create the story. The children have created word banks of noun phrases, adverbs and prepositions to add interest and detail. We have been continuing the castle theme in our design technology where we have started to build our own defensive structures using nets of different 3D shapes.

### Forest school

The year 4 children have explored different types of seeds and dispersal, we explored the grounds to find different examples of seeds and thought about how they were dispersed. We learnt about why seeds need to spread out to avoid competition for nutrients, water and sunlight. We got stuck in and muddy creating our own wild seed bombs which we 'dispersed' in the woods.

The year 3 children were challenged by Miss Archer to create waterproof shelters, they had to work in teams to gather resources, find suitable areas, plan and build. Mrs Ritchings and Miss Archer then had great fun testing how waterproof the shelters were!



**Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings**



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**Stiperstones**

A big well done to Ophelia, Logan, Jamie and Eve who competed in a National Maths Competition today. It took place online as a heat with winning schools going through to another round next month. There were hundreds of other schools online at the same time representing the West Midlands and we will hopefully find out how they got on in the next few weeks. They did really well despite some technical issues with laptops freezing with the volume of traffic to the website!

We had some great fun in science this week when investigating dissolving. We tested different materials to see if they were soluble or insoluble. Once we had found our soluble materials, we then tried to think of quicker ways to make dissolving happen - including different temperatures and stirring and size of granules. We will conclude our results in more details next week. We also defined the vocabulary of solvent, solute substance, solution, soluble and insoluble and should now be able to talk about each one!!

A big thank you to Owen who baked our Stiperstones class some cakes using the eggs that our chickens lay last week.

We are pulling names out of a hat each time we have six eggs to send home with a child. Having eaten some of the eggs myself- I can confirm they are delicious!

**Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans**

***other news ....***

During worship on Thursday, we were treated to performances from some of our talented musicians in school, children shared music from lessons inside and school as well as pieces from Mrs Vaughan's lunchtime Practise makes perfect music club. We have more practising ready for next week. Any children wanting to share their musical talents let Mrs Vaughan know.





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### Morning Drop Off Review

We have taken the decision to review the morning drop-off arrangements at our school, in response to concerns raised by parents. As always, our primary focus is to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils.

To address these concerns effectively, the school gates will now remain closed until 8.40am. Teachers will be present on the playground to greet your children from 8.45am onwards. It is essential to note that pupils are under parental supervision until the handover at 8.45am. We have also taken onboard the comments of parents who have pupils in the main school and Reception. We entirely understand this causes some challenge but suggest dropping your eldest child at the main school first. We will support as smooth a transition as possible by ensuring staff are prompt to receive your eldest child/children at 8.45am on the main school playground.

We do recognise the potential challenges posed by the busy road in front of the school and the possibility of congestion in the car park. Rest assured; these concerns have been taken into consideration when implementing the revised drop-off arrangements.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we will closely monitor the effectiveness of this new system. Should we find any shortcomings or if adjustments are deemed necessary, we will not hesitate to make the appropriate changes, if practicable. Your continued support and understanding are greatly appreciated.

**Mrs Henney**

### Mental Health Week

In school we will be taking part in Mental Health Week during w/c 13th May.

As green is the colour for the mental health association we are asking that instead of uniform on **Friday 17th May** that children come to school wearing something green or comfy. We will be doing a whole school assembly on mental health.

This year's mental health focus is "movement". During the week the children will be taking part in 20-minute exercise classes and we will be doing some dance classes at lunch times. Lucy our school mental health worker will also be popping in to do workshops with the children throughout the week.

Many thanks

**Mrs Greenway and Mrs Rawsthorne School Mental Health Leads.**





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**Careers and Aspirations Week update**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding our first Careers and Aspirations week. We want all children within our school to feel empowered by the world of opportunities that await. We aim to deliver an informative and fun week, introducing children to a broad and balanced range of careers and future job prospects. We are excited to update you about some things we have planned during the week:

**Trips**

Wrekin will be visiting different places of work around Market Drayton on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, starting at the fire station.

Caradoc (Monday 13<sup>th</sup>) and Stiperstones (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>) will be completing career based challenges in the workplace at Aico in Oswestry.

**Workshops**

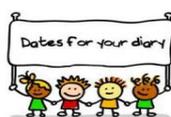
On Wednesday afternoon we will be joined by volunteers and parents, who will share their careers with us through discussions and workshops, if you feel you are able support us further, please email the office.

**Local MP**

On Thursday we will welcome our local MP Helen Morgan into school to learn about her job and role in the local community.

**Mrs Rawsthorne**

**Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024**



**MAY**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Wrekin class visit to BeWILDerwood

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Caradoc visit to AICO, Oswestry

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Children to wear something Green or Comfy

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Stiperstones visit to AICO, Oswestry

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Wrekin visit to Market Drayton

**JUNE**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Tempest Photography in School (Y6 and Whole School Photo and Nursery Group Photo)

**JULY**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Stiperstones visit to Arthog





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**and finally....**

**Spring Bluebell Walk 2024**

Last Sunday Moreton Say and Adderley PTAs organized a Spring Bluebell Walk. Parents, children, and the local community enjoyed either a 1km or 5km walk through natural woodlands with carpets of beautiful bluebells. Once their walk was completed guests could enjoy cakes, bacon baps and a hot drink.

We welcomed 243 people through the gates and made over £1,200!

I would like to thank the incredible members of both PTA's who spent hours and walked miles setting up the routes. On the day committee members (and Grandma's!) staffed the refreshment tent, manned the gate, and spent time out in the woods checking on walkers. This very merry band, although limited in number, were amazing and all worked so hard. Thank you!

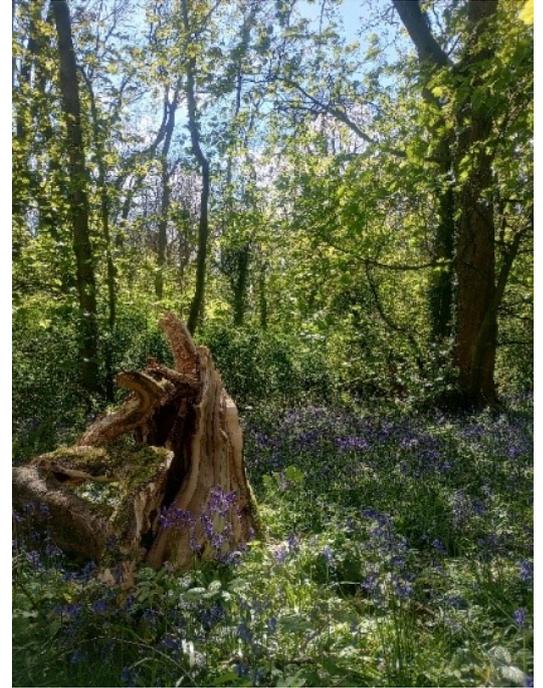
Thanks also go to PTA members who donated cake supplies as well as Calverhall Family Day who let us use their tent and John Gough for the use of the picnic benches; all much appreciated by the tired walkers!

We would also like to thank Johanna and William Heywood Lonsdale, who hosted the day and were so accommodating of our plans. They helped with every step of the organization and we very much appreciated the opportunity to share their wonderful woodlands with the wider community.

Finally thank you to the children, parents and teachers who came out on the day!

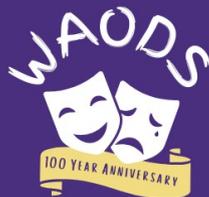
Our next fundraiser is the Market Drayton 10K on May 12<sup>th</sup> where we have 11 runners hoping to complete the course. Please take the time to sponsor the runners...even the one (me.....) who is likely to come last!

**Lucy Bower**  
**PTA Secretary**





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9:30 - The Grove School

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