



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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World Book Day

Thursday morning was a little surreal on the school gate. As each car pulled up, another character from a book jumped out and skipped into school. It was like a scene from a film set and it



was fun trying to guess all of the characters. It was really difficult for the class teachers to choose a winner for originality and effort in each class. The

children who received prizes were: Webburn – Phoebe and Arwen Lower Dart – Jonah and Tommy Upper Dart – Kaitlin and Polly We were so impressed with all of the costumes that all children had an extended play at lunchtime! A special mention to Mrs Carr for her very creative Very Hungry Caterpillar costume.

Dance

For such a small school, Widcombe has a huge amount of talent. This week I have had the great fortune to watch our children perform in two different dance shows.

The first show, the Primary Body Language, was performed by Upper Dart and their theme was super-heroes. They



decided that members of their families were superheroes, so based their dance around this theme. Widcombe's dance really stood out at the show as it had the most fluidity, expression and emotion. Adults were literally in tears from the stunning performance of our Upper Darters.

The second show which I had the fortune to watch was performed by the Boys' Dance Project – a dance group made up of primary and secondary school children. We were superbly represented with over half of the primary school children coming from Widcombe. The dance was action packed and full of fun. Well done to all of our performers

CAP UK

CAP UK (Child Assault Prevention Project) is a community project that brings parents/carers, school staff and children together to understand how to effectively reduce children's vulnerability to child abuse and build safer communities for children.

CAP UK will be running workshops for pupils on 20,21,22 March. CAP UK will be hosting a Parents' Meeting in school on Thursday 16th March from 2–3.30pm. If you would like to find out more please visit the CAP UK website:

safestrongfree.org.uk/

My Week by ...

Kaitlin & Nancy

We performed Body Language this week. Most people would think it was quite nerve-racking with the audience staring at you, but with all the lights in your eyes you literally couldn't see anything! It was harder on the South Dartmoor stage because we had different areas to go into. We can't wait to see the video, it will be exciting to see us in it because we haven't seen it like that yet. At the end we were a bit out of breath but we felt proud.

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Fern B

Ava

Tori

ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK

Well done to Lower Dart for their excellent attendance this week.

Lower Dart 100%

Webburn 98%

Upper Dart 94%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 6th March

Living Word Library (Lunchtime)

Pokemon Club

Tuesday 7th March

Arts & Crafts Club

Thursday 9th March

Football Club

Year 3/4 & 5/6 Handball Tournament

@ SDCC

Friday 10th March

Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm

Football Match v. Ilsington Primary at

Ilsington @ 3.45pm

Handball Club

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

River Dart Nature Day (R to Year 3)

Handball Tournament Letter

Football Match Letter

Football Match & Handball Tournament

If your child has been selected to play in a Handball Tournament at South Dartmoor next Thursday 9th March and/or in the football match against Ilsington Primary on Friday 10th March, you will find a letter attached with full details.

Handball & Cycle Clubs

Next Friday will be the last Handball Club for this term. We hope to restart cycle clubs after the Easter holidays and will send out more details soon.

Walk to School Day

We will be repeating our very popular Walk to School Day on Wednesday 29th March, please put this date in your diary, more details to follow.

School Funding

With school funding very much in the news at the moment, we would ask you to follow this link to see how Widecombe will be affected by the proposed new funding formula.

<http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/schools?chosenSchool=8782463>

This week by Chewbacca (Charlie)

Why not go on the newsletter page of the school website and have a look at Charlie's interview, whilst dressed as Chewbacca!

Des Stokes

Head of School

Albie's Joke

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Banana, knock knock

Who's there?

Orange. I'm glad I
didn't say banana!

Friends' News

We have two new dates for your diary,

BINGO NIGHT

Friday 17th March at 6.30 pm, all welcome to come and beat Mr Stokes who so far is our champion Bingo player!

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 30th March. This will happen straight after school, we will be supplying snack tea before the film so that the football team can come and join in. This will be a free night for your children although we will be selling boxes of popcorn and drinks if they would like extra. The film will be for all children and there will be more details to follow.

FRIENDS' COMMITTEE

I will be standing down at the end of this month due to many new commitments and I will be handing over to Lu Curnock, Lu has been in this role in previous years and will do a great job. We also have to say goodbye to SJ and Ty, thank you to you both for your hard work.

If you would like to be involved please come and see us, it maybe that you have another member of the family who would like to join, you do not have to be a parent. With so many funding cuts we need as much help as possible.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the bingo.

Sarah Pipe

Chair of Friends of Widecombe School

Forge in the Moor
Open Day
12th March 11am - 4pm

OFFICIAL OPENING BY EVENT RIDER
MARY AND EMILY KING AT 11.30



CRAFTS AND LIVE FOLK MUSIC
THROUGHOUT THE DAY



VISIT WIDECOMBE'S RECENTLY
RENOVATED 300 YEAR OLD
WORKING FORGE AND GALLERY

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK
OR OUR WEBSITE
WWW.FORGEINTHEMOOR.CO.UK

Proceeds from this Open Day will be donated
to the Alzheimer's Society and Widecombe
Primary School