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Newsletter No 1 – Friday, 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the new academic year! Already we have welcomed our new EYFS class who are enjoying meeting their new friends and getting to know the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the FWR Westival event on Saturday, 11th September. FWR raised an incredible £3600 – thank you to whole FWR team for such an amazing day.



Next week we will hold the Welcome Meetings for Years 1 – 6 (see letter from earlier this week). All associated presentations will also be emailed out to all families. If you have any queries, please do speak with your child's class teacher at the gate at drop-off or pick-up or speak to a member of SLT (also on the gate each day). If you would like to make an appointment to speak in detail with any member of staff, please do email the School Office (office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk). We will be holding Parents' Evenings in November (16th and 18th).

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You may have already met the new staff members in the course of the last fortnight but I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them all to Western Road:

Mrs Katie Griffiths	Teaching Assistant in EYFS
Miss Tara Fay	Year 6 Class Teacher (Monday – Tuesday)
Mrs Leonora Mannering	Individual Needs Assistant in Year 6
Miss Naomi Knight	Year 6 Class Teacher (Tuesday – Friday)
Mr James Young	Teaching Assistant in Year 6 (mornings) and HLTA (afternoons)

Celebration Assemblies

On Friday, 24th September we will hold our first Celebration Assembly in over 18 months. If your child will receive the Headteacher's certificate and cup, you will be notified by text message on Monday, 20th September. You are welcome to attend the Celebration Assembly on Friday, 24th September but we would ask only one parent or carer attends per child who is receiving the certificate and cup. We would also ask those parents and carers attending the celebration to wear face masks (unless medically exempt). The other Celebration Assembly dates can be found below and will follow the same systems. Thank you for your support in helping the school community to stay safe.

Update from Green United

As part of their work with Green United, The Depot is running a project with a small group of children to make a series of short films about different environmental issues that concern them. The children will work with the Depot's inhouse film maker to produce their films which will then be given a premier and also feature as trailers for other feature films at the Depot. We are thrilled that Liam Tucknott and Oliver Frost have been chosen to work in this small team, alongside other children across Lewes, along with Joseph Mannering and Jacomo Hickingbottom from last year's Year 6. There were a lot of high-quality applications for this project. Please be aware that this will be an annual event and keep an eye out for opportunities to try again next year if you would like to.

A big thank you to our fantastic new Green United Youth Board members, Heath Meiland and Sawyer Furner in Year 5. They will be representing us at meetings with other Youth Board members across Lewes, and we will keep you updated about upcoming Green United projects. A further thank you to Sawyer Furner, Rex Milner and Alex Wallace who have volunteered to promote Western Road's involvement in Green United by volunteering to work on their stand at Planet Party for an hour this Sunday. This free event is happening at the Linklater Pavilion at the Railway Lands from 11am until 4pm. There will be a lot of fun family activities there, as well as refreshments. All are welcome; please follow this link for more information: <https://www.seafuture.org/events/planet-party-hosted-by-the-lewes-climate-hub/>

Blue Peter Experience

Amber in Year 4 had the incredible opportunity to participate in an archeological dig with Blue Peter. She wrote: *'I went to a quarry in Wiltshire with my mummy. In the quarry we were digging up Crinoids and Brittle stars. Blue Peter were filming us washing clay to find fossils. We then showed the presenter, Mwaka Mudenda. The fossils we found were from the middle Jurassic, around 170 million years ago.'*



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News from EYFS (Silver Birch Class)

In Reception we are super proud of how well the Silver Birch class have settled in to school life! We have been making new friends and getting to know all of our teachers. This week we have been learning all about nursery rhymes, mainly focussing on Humpty Dumpty. We have learned the rhyme and added our own actions! We have designed walls that Humpty won't fall from using construction toys, we have made playdoh Humpties and we have practised our cutting skills by making our own broken Humpty jigsaws! We have also had a go at ordering pictures from the rhyme and doing some emergent writing to go with it.



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News from Year 1

As part of Author's Day on Monday, 13th September, Will Mabbett (a local author and parent) visited each class. Year 1 children enjoyed hearing about the stories Will writes and about how to become an author.



News from Year 2 (Cherry Class)

Year 2 have been busy learning their new book 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. Each group performed part of the story and the rest of the class had to guess which part it was! The children did a great job and worked really well in their groups. Next week we will start to rewrite our own versions of the story!



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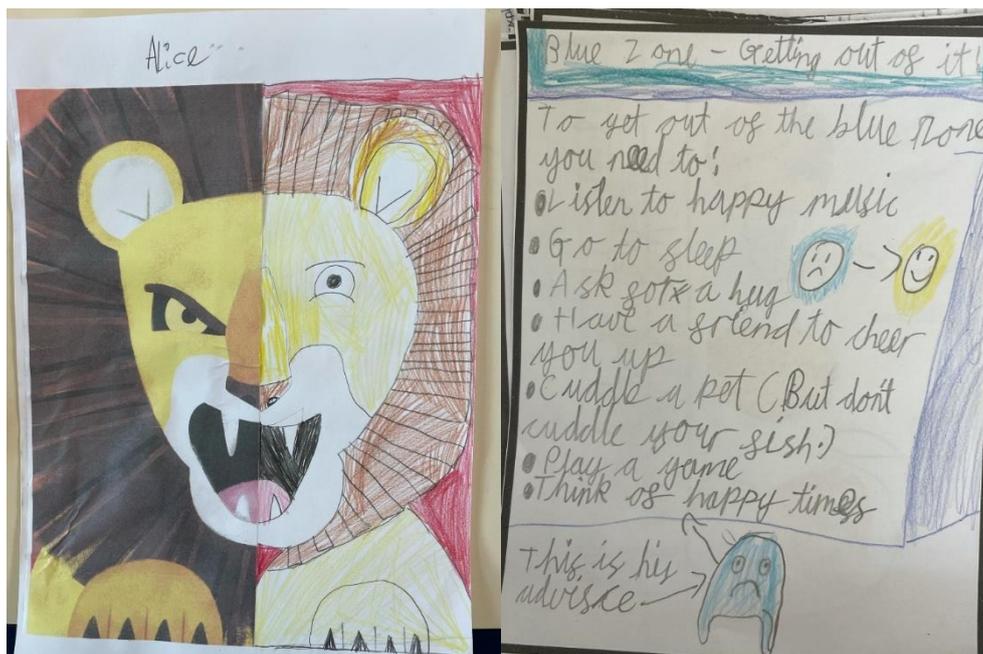
News from Year 3 (Larch Class)

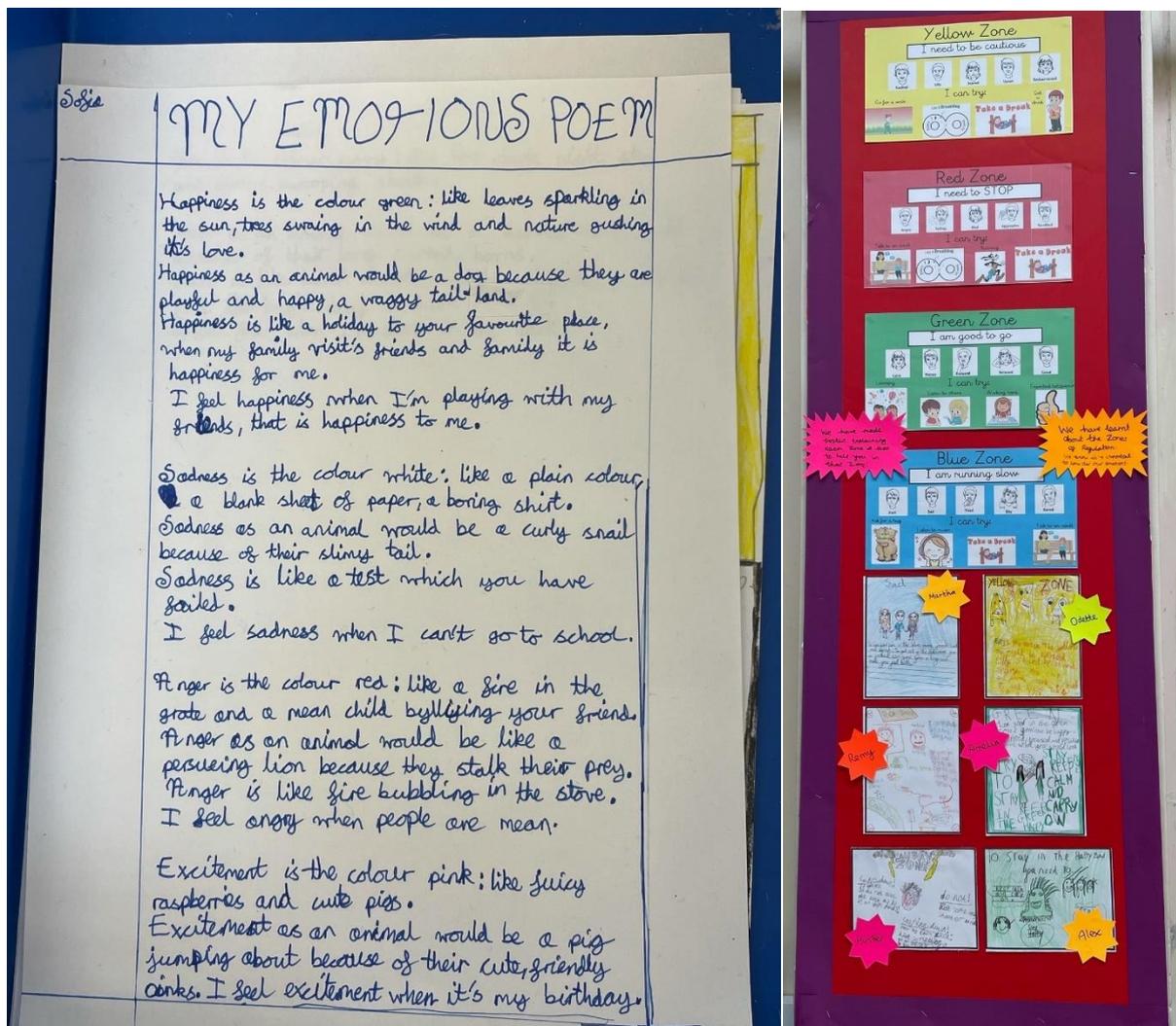
Year 3 have started their learning about Ancient Egypt. This week we researched the life of Ancient Egyptian people and compared this to our lives today. We looked at their food, clothing, schools and jobs!



News from Year 4 (Willow Class)

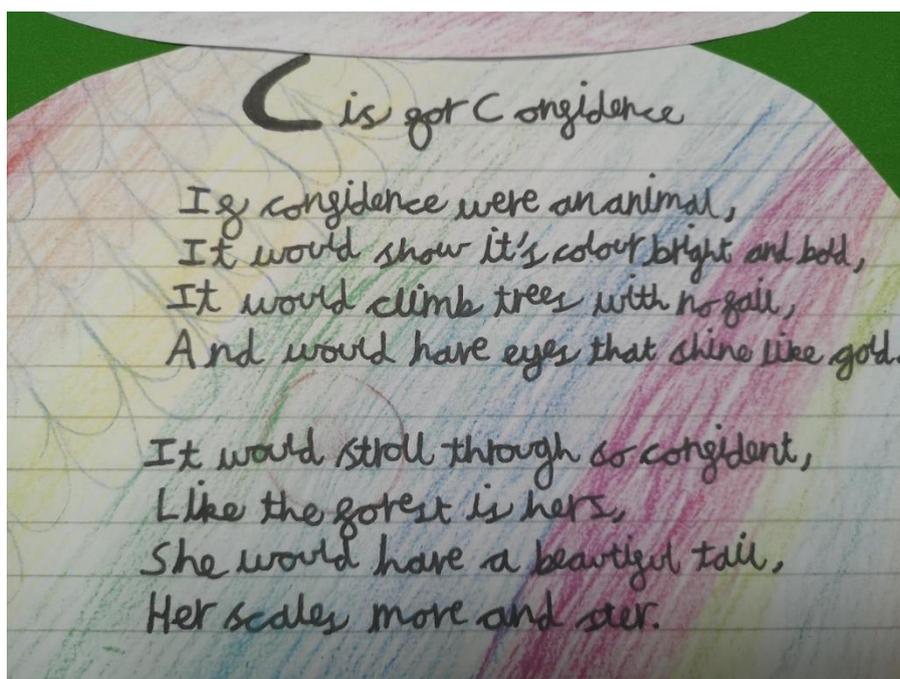
In Year 4, we wrote our own emotion poems based on those from the text. We also learnt about the Zones of Regulation to link in with our emotions learning and created posters to explain what to do in each Zone. We also worked on animal art work linked to Emotional Menagerie, turning an angry lion into a calm and happy lion.





News from Year 5

Year 5 have got off to a flying start with their writing this term. As part of the whole-school focus on 'The Emotional Menagerie', the class came up with their own poems describing various emotions and what they look and feel like, and how we can deal with them. Here is an extract of a poem written by Bea and Alma:



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News from Year 6 (Oak Class)

What an action packed fortnight it has been for Oak Class! We welcomed back our new Year 6 to a fantastic 'Ancient Greek Day'. It was amazing to see the children come in dressed up in their Ancient robes and travel back in time. The day was jam packed with lovely topical events. Throughout the day, the children experienced an array of activities such as: crushing grapes to make 'wine'; making delicious tzatziki and hummus; competing in the Western Road Olympics, as well as learning about the Greek alphabet and making their own pottery designs. We hope the children had as much fun as the teachers! Thank you to all the parents and carers for helping with the lovely costumes!

Bikeability also had a great intake of participants which has been wonderful to see. The children have been showing great progress and enjoying learning how to be safe cycling on the road. Check out the photographs to see them in action!



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Message from Kerry Bedford, school SENCo

Hi,

My name is Kerry Bedford and I am Western Road's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). For those of you that don't know me, I have been teaching at Western Road for 6 years and took on the exciting role of SENCo last September. I coordinate provision for children with additional needs by supporting teachers and parents to provide materials and advice to help with any difficulties that they are having. I work on Wednesday and Thursday and you can contact me either through the School Office to arrange an appointment or by email on senco@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk.

At the next Parents' Evenings in November, I will be offering additional appointments so that you can discuss any new or existing concerns you have. More information will be provided about Parents' Evenings next term.

I am also able to sign post parents to services that may be able to give you further support at home e.g. CLASS+ or the School Nurse Team. Information about this can be found further below.



Reminder - Advice and Support

CLASS+ are a service that supports families and carers of children and young people with ASD, children on the pathway to a diagnosis or children who struggle to regulate their emotions and may need further strategies at home. Please contact CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk, message on their Facebook page or call 01273 336887 for more information.

ISEND Parents and Carers Helpline on 01273481967 who can offer advice and support on a range of areas.

East Sussex School Health Team which is led by registered, qualified nurses. They provide support and advice for a variety of health issues, and can also signpost to other specialist services where appropriate. For more information please go onto <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health-service-east-sussex/> where you can find text, phone and email support information or an online health referral form which is quick and easy to complete.

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News from Friends of Western Road

We hope you've all had an awesome summer break and a big hello to the new children and their parents who are joining Western Road this year! (You've picked a great school!)

Westival

Thank you so much to everyone who came along, it was a fantastic day and really joyful to have the whole school community get together after so long. We raised a whopping £3600! Huge thanks to absolute super woman Anthea Daly for organising the event and who put in huge amounts of work to make it happen! Thank you to the many people who volunteered their time and skills for the day, and those who contributed the yummy bakes.

Big shout outs must go to: Zoe Fisher (caretaker), Bjorn Baillie (music coordinator), all the performers, Sweet Onions, DJs Danny Webb and Natty G, Pete Hellicar (Skate Society), Cloud White (graphic design), Max (Roundhill Cafe vegan bbq), Nick McLaren (The Outdoors Project) and all those who helped set up (especially Amber!) and pack away.

Term 6 Fundraising

Apologies for the sheer amount of WhatsApp messages last term, but without being able to do much fundraising in person it was our only option and a huge thank you for your support! Every time we messaged you about the raffle, you lovely lot bought another few hundred pounds of raffle tickets, meaning we raised just over £1200. Thanks again to all the parents and businesses who donated prizes. We heard the children loved their end of year entertainment too.

Join FWR- we really need more volunteers!

If you've been thinking of volunteering for FWR this year please say 'hi' or drop us an email! We're a lovely bunch, we really work as a team and we're very keen to welcome more members this year. We especially need people willing to take on event organising, and as always we'd welcome more ad hoc volunteers. If you want to give FWR a go, please send us an email or chat to your class FWR members and see if you like it!

The FWR Team x

WesternRoad.friends@outlook.com

Dates for your diaries

Please see below planned dates for upcoming school events. However, please be aware these events are very much in the planning stage and permitting parents and carers into the building may need to be altered depending upon Government guidelines and the school risk assessment nearer the time. For any events happening in school, including the school hall, all parents and carers should wear masks (unless medically exempt). Thank you.

Week commencing 20 th September	Welcome meetings Years 1 - 6 (in classrooms, see previous letter)
Friday, 24 th September	MacMillan Coffee Event (further details to follow)
Friday, 24 th September 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly (school hall)
Friday, 1 st October 2pm	Harvest Festival (school hall, doors open 1.45pm)
Friday, 8 th October 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly (school hall)
Week commencing 11 th October	Art Week (gallery open in school hall on Friday, 15 th October at 2.45pm)
Wednesday, 20 th October	FWR Halloween Discos (further details to follow)
Thursday, 21 st October 2.30pm	Open afternoon (in classrooms, further details to follow)
Friday, 22 nd October	INSET (3) – school closed
Week commencing 25 th October	Half-term
Monday, 1 st November	Term 2 begins
Wednesday, 3 rd November 2.00pm	Phonics workshop (school hall, for EYFS parents and carers)
Monday, 8 th November	Kittles Photography – individual photos
Friday, 12 th November	Children In Need
Friday, 12 th November 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Week commencing 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday, 16 th November	Parents' Evening (no after-school clubs)
Thursday, 18 th November	Parents' Evening (no after-school clubs)
Friday, 26 th November 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Friday, 3 rd December	Artists and Makers' preview evening (Town Hall)
Saturday, 4 th December	Artists and Makers' (Town Hall)
Friday, 10 th December 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday, 13 th December 2.00pm	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Tuesday, 14 th December 9.30am	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Wednesday, 15 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday, 16 th December 2.00pm	Carols Around The Tree
Friday, 17 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday, 4 th January	Term 3 begins, Healthy Living Week
Monday, 21 st February	INSET (4) – school closed
Monday, 27 th May	INSET (5) – school closed

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