

Dear Parents and Carers,

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

Yesterday was World Book Day and we marked the event with some literacy activities. One was 'Pass the Book' where chapters from a particular text were read as part of each lesson through the day. These were:

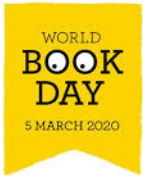
Year 5 – *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

Year 6 – *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

Year 7 – *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah

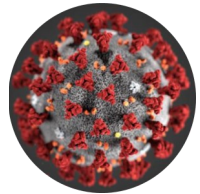
Year 8 – *Welcome to Nowhere* by Elizabeth Laird.

This process supports our daily Drop Everything And Read (DEAR), which allows pupils and staff to connect with reading for pleasure, even if reading is a challenge (and for those of us who are dyslexic, it can be so without resilience). Additionally for World Book Day, all our staff had a label on their lanyards which had the title of a book on it. The challenge for pupils was to collect as many book titles and the associated staff names by the end of the day.



Tickets are now on sale for *Bugsy Malone*, being sold at lunchtime by Mrs Cull. The seating on the night will not be numbered, but we will be asking that there are no gaps when you sit down for the performances. Refreshments will be available in the interval.

You will all be aware of the high-profile outbreak and spread of coronavirus. The Department for Education has been very proactive in regard to how this applies to schools, and a couple of links are available within The Insider. The information is updated almost daily, and we review our actions. The current summary states: *No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.* Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, and a lot has been said about washing hands carefully—a poster (see inside) is next to the wash-hand basins in school. Last week we contained a reminder of the “catch it, bin it, kill it” strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. An informed, considered and measured approach will be key on this, as with other matters.



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for Free Speech

Lord, thank you that we have been given free speech. That we can be heard by you and by others. Thank you that we have the privilege of speaking out for things we believe are right, we pray that we can hear you when you tell us when it is right to speak out. We pray that your guidance in our lives will help us to bless others through our words. **Amen.**

This week's theme was: Free Speech

Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

Ecclesiastes 7:21-22

Whole School Attendance
96.85%

Whole School Target
95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 2/03/2020.

BCJO

MHBA and MPJE

MAB



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Tolerance</p>	<p>Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.</p> <p>Ephesians 4:2</p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>St. Patrick</p>	<p>If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me.</p> <p>St. Patrick</p>

We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>Medical staff who are treating patients with Corovid-19.</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Our finance team.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Bishop Martin of Dudley in his ministry within our diocese.</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Our MP, Rachel Mclean.</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Walkwood's Governors.</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>All people who attend worship today, in whatever form or faith.</p>

Picture of the Week





Week Commencing 09.03.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday - 12.35pm Tallulah (Tallulah)

12:55 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Tuesday - 12:55 – Girl Singers (Bugsy Malone)

Wednesday - 12:35 – Lena Marelli (Show Business)

12:35 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Thursday - 12:35 – Fizzy (Tomorrow)

Friday - 12:55 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Acting Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Room 10)

Tuesday – Lena, ventriloquist, singer, Oscar De Velt, Marbini (Pg15-16)

Wednesday – Bugsy, Blousey, Waitress, English reporter (Pg8-10)

Thursday – Bugsy, Leroy, Fat Sam, Blousey, Bangles, Tillie, Velma, Tallulah, (Pg49-52)

Friday – Louella, Dandy Dan, Butler, Bronx Charlie, Doodle (Pg11-12)

Afterschool Rehearsal (3:30-5.00pm in Hall)

Tuesday and Thursday for the whole cast

Remember to start bringing in your costumes in a bag with your name on and a hanger. Take them to Mrs Belson in the tech block. Deadline Friday 13th March.

Look out on the Insider every Friday for details of the afterschool rehearsals for the following week and who is involved!!

Walkwood
Church of England Middle School



Bugsy Malone



Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm

All tickets £5

Coronavirus: action plan

A guide to what you can expect across the UK

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of Health &
Social Care

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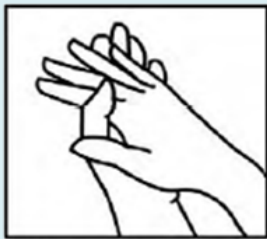
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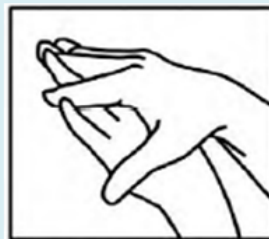
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The 6 Steps of Hand Washing



Palm to palm



The back of the hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers



Next Friday, 13 March is a 'sportswear' day, when we shall invite pupils and staff to donate £ 1 to Sports Relief. Please no crop tops, swimwear or makeup. Thank you.



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

adroit

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.

Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?

Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



Top Readers for 5th February 2020 — 5th March 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lottie Duke (Year 8 ALWA) - who has read 508,457 words

Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (Year 5 MPJE) - who has read 1,141,445 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull

"Show your wonderful love. Your mighty arm protects those who run to you for safety."

Psalm 17: 7



Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term Part 2, 2020



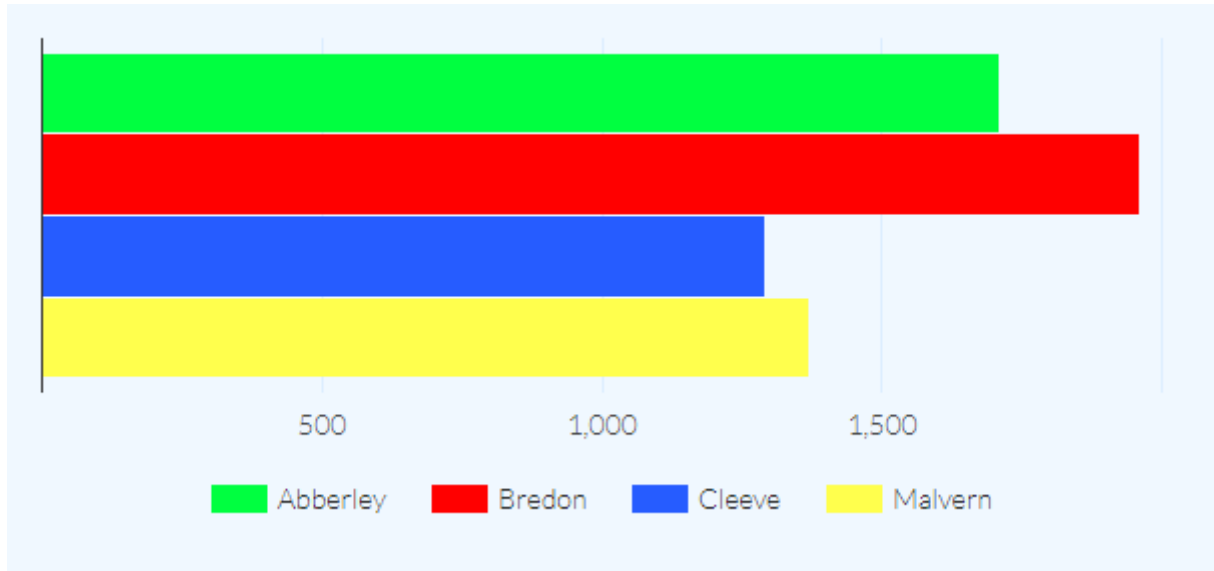
	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)		
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm Year 5,6,7 Netball Training 3.30- 4.45 pm (KRE) Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30 - 5.00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club - Room 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors - Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm KS2 Science Club - Lab 2 3.30 - 4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30 - 5.30pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30– 4.30pm Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30 - 5,00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Harry Laming (AOPR) (31)
2. 🟡 Sophie Davies (AOPR) (24)
3. 🟠 Usman Ali (BHMA) (23)
3. 🟡 Ethan Barratt (MPJE) (23)
3. 🟠 Ethan Skinner (MPJE) (23)
3. 🟡 Callum Tedstone (BHMA) (23)
3. 🟠 Charlie Green (AOPR) (23)
3. 🟡 Maddison Hill (BLWO) (23)
9. 🟡 Amelia Cockette (AOPR) (22)
9. 🟡 Georgia Avery-Sherwood (AOPR) (22)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 31st March	Bugsy Malone Production
	Wednesday 1st April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Thursday 2nd April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term
	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Days
	Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term	
Friday 18 December	End of Term	
2 0 2 1	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half Term
	Thursday 1 April	End of Term
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term