

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Martin Woodford Orchestra visited us this week, with Years 5 and 6 enjoying three quarters of an hour of quality teaching and music. Pupils were invited to try and play some wind instruments, and Martin explained how those instruments worked. The musical pieces that the orchestra shared were varied and engaging as many tunes were known to the pupils, who were glad to join in with some singing!



The other event this week has been Open Evening on Thursday which was superbly attended by parents and carers of current year 3 and 4 pupils. In fact, you may have been there too!

The feedback that was shared with me and other staff was overwhelmingly positive. Our pupils acted as guides for families so there was the chance to see the displays and presentations, but also the opportunity to ask pupils about the school itself. I feel it is important that our greatest ambassadors, our pupils, have a distinctive voice. We had about a quarter of our pupils helping in some way or other, which is a testament of their commitment to their place of learning, as well as their loyalty to their staff.

Thank you very much to the many of you who allowed your youngster to participate in the Open Evening, and for acting as a taxi to and from school. your support is really appreciated!

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

From Psalm 67

Each week we give the tutor groups a picture on which to practice inquisitiveness, one of our Fruits of Faith. It allows questions to be raised and possibly answered, as well as giving the chance to spot items that are not immediately obvious. The picture can be topical, or just interesting. We shall now share these at the end of each week on page 2 of The Insider.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A Prayer for Blessings

To you we bow, radiant Lord, the source of all our blessings, and all earthly beauty; gentle protector, strong deliverer, giving life in all its fulness, from first light until the time we lay down to sleep be our confidence, be our joy.

With thanks we pray.

Amen.

This week's theme was:

Blessings

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you; and be gracious to you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Whole School Attendance

96.51 %

Whole School Target

95.6%

30.09.19 - 04.10.19

Year 5 — 97.41%

Year 6 — 96.61%

Year 7 — 96.09%

Year 8 — 95.89%



For the week ahead

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| The Fruit of Faith is: | Friendliness | When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12: 15-17</i> |
| The assembly theme: | St. Thérèse of Lisieux | I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope. <i>Romans 15: 13</i> |

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

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| The weekend | People facing storms and bad weather | Monday | Those who have lost touch with their origins and roots |
| Tuesday | The local food bank and the people it serves | Wednesday | Police and road traffic services |
| Thursday | People whose lives lack aim, purpose and direction | Friday | Pupils and parents who are deciding on their school preferences. |

Picture of the Week





Year 5 'Settling in' Evening

Thursday 24th October 2019 4.00 - 7.00pm



We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school with your child on the above date to meet primarily with their tutor teacher. This will provide you with the chance to see how they have generally settled into Walkwood during the first half term.

On the same evening, if you have a **pressing concern** you would like to discuss with English, Maths or Science teachers, these subject teachers will be available if required. Please, however, bear in mind that some staff members have more than one Year 5 group and a tutor group, and so they will not be able to meet with all parents of the pupils they teach. Therefore, **please book in with your child's tutor teacher as a priority** and then the **core subject teachers only if you have any immediate concerns**. This is not our formal Parents' Evening, this will come later on during the academic year; you will also receive a full school report in February.

As explained in your welcome packs, we use Epraise for parents' evening bookings. There is an app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit www.epraise.co.uk, ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools. If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into Epraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email. If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

The booking system for this Parents' Evening went live on Epraise on the 30th September. Once in Epraise select Community then Parents' Evenings. Click on Year 5 Settling In Evening then book in with the required staff. If booking more than one appointment I would suggest leaving at least five minutes between appointments to allow you time to travel around the school. Do not forget to bring your appointment schedule with you to Parents' Evening. Rooming lists, so you know where to locate staff, will be available on the evening.

As I hope you are all well aware, teachers are always available to discuss any concerns or questions that you might have on a daily basis, whether this is related to educational progress or pastoral issues. Please use the planner as a means of communication, or phone the school and leave a message for the relevant member of staff to contact you when convenient. There is also the option to send an email, which may be done via the 'contact us' tab on our website, or to office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

We hope to see you and your child on the evening of Thursday 24th October.

PS: Tea and coffee will be available along the bottom corridor of the main block, particularly for those who come straight from work!

Applying for middle school

For children who are currently in Year 4 and intend to be in a middle school for Year 5, it is time to apply for a place. This needs to be completed using the online system:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have internet access, call the county admissions team on 01905 822700 for assistance.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is part of the Worcestershire County Council's coordinated scheme, which is administered by Babcock Prime.

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2020



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Parents' Days

Tuesday 15th and
Wednesday 16th October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.

Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusion of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.



Ofsted
Good
Provider

- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.



Get involved

REPLACE
REJECT
RECOVER
RETHINK
REPAIR
REFUSE
RECYCLE
RE-USE
REDUCE

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Topic: Sustainability, renewables, waste, recycling.

Own photographs only
Printed and mounted

Categories

Redditch Rethinks Rubbish

Expo 2019

(RE) CHALLENGE

Recycle, Re-use
Recreate or Redesign

3d piece of work made
from rubbish into
something useable or
aesthetic

Categories :
Community Group

Keynote speaker:

Dr Alan Dixon. Institute of
Science and the Environ-
ment, University of Worces-
ter.

- Redditch reclaimed run-
way fashion show
- Direct links with Mtwara
- Pupil speeches
- Concert performances
- Market Stalls
- Exhibitors



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Saturday 19th October 2019

10:00am — 4:00pm

Redditch Town Hall

REDDITCH ONE WORLD LINK — Exploring our responsibilities for the ONE WORLD, utilising the link between Redditch and Mtwara



Redditch Rethinks Rubbish Expo

2019

Photographic Competition

Terms and Conditions



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| <p><u>Age Categories</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 18yrs• 14-17yrs• 9-12yrs• Under 9 years | <p><u>Prizes</u></p> <p>£35 prize for each first place, in each category.</p> |
| <p><u>The photograph</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•The subject for the competition is Redditch Rethinks Rubbish. The theme is open to individual interpretation but entries must have a relationship to recycling, reuse and the environment at heart.•Entrants can submit up to four photos either as prints, in colour or black and white.•The photo should be 5x7 size•Electronic images will not be accepted without prior agreement.•Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content.•All entries must be of original content and be taken by the person entering.•The judges' decision will be final and will be announced. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.•Each entry should be backed onto a piece of card with the school name, school year group and the name of entrant <u>on the back only</u>.•Entries should be sent to delivered to and addressed to M Vaughan at Birchensale Middle School by the close of school on Wednesday 16th October or contact M Vaughan @ redditchrethinksrubbish@gmail.com to arrange collection of a group of them.•No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organisers accept no responsibility for entries |

Netball, Benchball and Football College Matches

The PE department runs college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Monday 14th October Lesson 2 and 3 Year 8

Monday 14th October Lesson 4 and 5 Year 6

Wednesday 16th October Lesson 4 and 5 Year 5

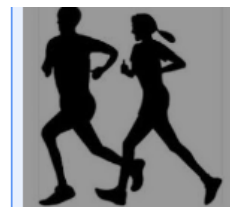
Thursday 17th October Lesson 4 and 5 Year 7



Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.

PE Department

College Cross Country Runs



Dear Parent/Carer,

It's that time of year again!!

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Friday 18th October to Thursday 24th October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District cross country after half-term.

| Date | Lesson | Classes |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Friday 18 th October | 2 and 3 | 7e 1,2,3 |
| Monday 21 st October | 2 and 3 | 8e 1,2,3 |
| | 4 and 5 | 6c 1,2,3 |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | 2 and 3 | 8c 1,2,3 |
| | 4 and 5 | 5c 1,2,3 |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | 2 and 3 | 6e 1,2,3 |
| | 4 and 5 | 5e 1,2,3 |
| Thursday 24 th October | 4 and 5 | 7c 1,2,3 |

We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

Walkwood PE kit.

A towel.

A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.

Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)

An old T-shirt/top to run to avoid white PE tops getting stained.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Miss K Reeves

Curriculum Leader of PE

Music News

Visit from the Martin Woodford Orchestra

On Tuesday morning we were fortunate to welcome back Martin Woodford and his Orchestra who were on tour from Germany. There were 45 performers in the orchestra, ranging in age from 12 to 82, playing trumpets, trombones, flutes, clarinets, saxophones, keyboard, guitars and drums. They performed a wonderful selection of popular pieces of music for our audience of KS2 pupils and some of our older instrumentalists. Some of our pupils were able to have a go at trying to make a sound on the instruments with varying degrees of success! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert, reacting with enthusiasm, interest and inspiration.

Primrose Proms Concert

Next Friday evening our choir perform with the Primrose Choir and Arrow Valley Brass Band here at Walkwood. We are just about ready and everyone is starting to get a bit excited (they will be even more excited when they see the flags and bunting decorating the hall!) - song words have been learnt and final practises are allowing us to putting finishing touches to our performance. The children have worked so hard, they have been totally dedicated and they sound fabulous. If anyone would like tickets for the concert there are still some available - please contact me at school if you are interested.

Mrs C Griffiths



Eco Warriors

Elsie Atkinson (MMMG) and Lilia Rose Hobson (BJHD) offered to support our School community and environment.

The girls worked clearing litter and plastic bottles on the school site.

Well done girls, Eco Warriors of the future!



The Primrose Choir

"PRIMROSE PROMS"

with guests

ARROWVALLEY BRASS BAND

&

WALKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

on

Friday 18th October 2019 at 7.30pm

at

Walkwood Middle School, Redditch

tickets £10

(Children £5)

Available from: The Primrose Hospice - 01527 889796
Choir - 01527 67383/546158

IN AID OF THE *PRIMROSE HOSPICE*
registered charity number 700272



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

acrimony

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 10th September 2019 — 10th October 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Meredith Allen (Year 5 MHBA) who has read an incredible 955,697 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 7 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 766,158 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 |



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term Part 1, 2019



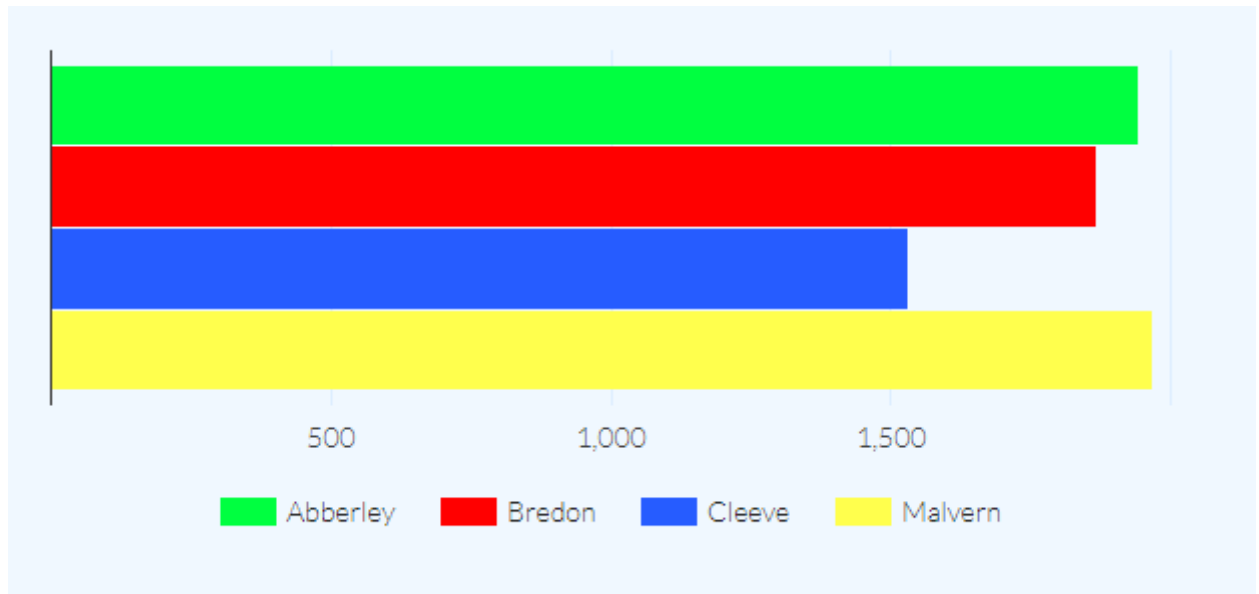
| | Before School 8:00am – 8:45am | Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm | After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm |
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| Monday | <p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am (CGR)</p> | <p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20 pm (CGR)</p> <p>Eco School Club Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20pm (JHD)</p> | <p>Multi Skills KS2 Club 3.30 - 4.45 pm (PMC)</p> |
| Tuesday | <p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> | <p>Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20 pm (CGR)</p> | <p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>All years Football Team training (if selected) 3.30 - 4.45 pm</p> <p>Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball training (team only) 3.30 - 4.45 pm</p> |
| Wednesday | <p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> | <p>Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)</p> <p>KS3 Science Ambassadors Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20 pm (JHD)</p> | <p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30 - 4.30 pm (JHD)</p> <p>Cooking Club (Groups TBC) 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL)</p> <p>Cheerleading squad 3.30 - 4.45 pm (LMO/KRE)</p> |
| Thursday | <p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> | <p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)</p> | <p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Year 7 and 8 Rugby 3.30 - 4.45 pm (PJE)</p> <p>All years Girls Football 3.30 - 4.45 pm (RMA/PCO/LWO)</p> |
| Friday | <p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> | | <p>All years Rec football and rec netball for all those who didn't make the team. 3.30—4.45 pm</p> |



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Ethan Skinner (MPJE) (25)
2. Connor Rose (BHMA) (24)
2. Grace Keats (BRCO) (24)
2. Emilia Tyler (BRCO) (24)
2. Olivia Rea (BRCO) (24)
2. Sam Tomlinson (MDSL) (24)
2. Abigail Gibson (MDSL) (24)
8. Jennifer Barratt (AMLA) (23)
8. Kaleigh Roberts (MMMGM) (23)
10. Hannah-May Beecham (CLDW) (22)

I don't like reading aloud.

Spelling is tricky and my letters get muddled

Sound familiar?

I often lose my place when reading or skip lines.

Following instructions can be difficult.



Come along to **Redditch Library's** new reading and support group for anyone aged 7-17 with dyslexia, and their parents or carers.

Every 4th Tuesday: starting **12th November**.

- Unlock a love of stories and share ideas
- Learn what the library has to offer.
- Make new friends and connect with others.

For more information or to book a place please talk to a member of staff, message us on Facebook

Or email HSmith-Edwards@worcestershire.gov.uk

Find out more online:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/librariesandlearning



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
|------------------|---|--|
| 2 0 1 9 | Friday 18th October | Primrose Proms Concert 7.30 pm |
| | Thursday 24 October | Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm |
| | Friday 25 October | Staff Development Day |
| | Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November | Half Term |
| | Wednesday 6 November | Y6 SATs information evening and KS3 Curriculum parents information evening 6.30—7.30 pm |
| | Wednesday 13 November | Ski trip parent information evening 6.30—7.30 pm |
| | Monday 25 November | Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm |
| | Friday 20 December | End of Term |
| | Monday 6 January | Staff Development Day |
| | Tuesday 7 January | First day of the Spring Term |
| | Monday 13 January | Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm |
| | Thursday 30 January | Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm |
| | Wednesday 5 February | Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm |
| | Monday 17 to Friday 21 February | Half Term |
| 2 0 2 0 | Wednesday 18 March | Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm |
| | 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 |