

# A week in the life of



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## Education Advisory Board (EAB)

Please find a message below from our new Chair of EAB (Governing body):

As the new Chair of Governors (Education Advisory Board) I would like to welcome you to Worlaby Academy.

What does the EAB do? Briefly, the main aim is to provide strategic leadership and hold the academy to account for overall performance. We demonstrate challenge through regular half termly meetings and link governors visit the academy to meet with subject leaders and are involved in the monitoring process.

Worlaby Academy is a safe and caring environment for all students in which to learn. Mrs Hatton and her staff ensure that the students receive the highest standard of education which enables all students to achieve their maximum potential educationally, socially and morally. Not only do the staff work to improve the achievements of students but also the quality of their teaching.

The excellent outcomes for the students are fantastic but we will continue to strive for improvement in the future.



## Clubs for the following week:

Monday	
Colour & Chat	EYFS & KS1 – Mrs Hanly lunchtime
Drama	3:30-4:30 (Mrs Hatton)
Tuesday	
Premier Sports	Playground games (all ages) 8am – 8:45
Reading Buddies	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Netball	(Years 2 – 6) 3:30-4:30 Mrs Clark
Wednesday	
Choir	12:30 – 1 (Mrs Shearwood & Mrs Owens)
Mindfulness	Whole school – Mrs Britcliffe
Thursday	
Premier Sport	Athletics (Years 1 - 6) 8am – 8:45am
Playground Buddies/ School Council	12:30 – 1 Mrs. Hatton
Mindful colouring & Chat	(KS2) 12:30 – 1 – Miss Toner
Running club	(KS2) 3:30-4:30 - Parent volunteers
Gardening Club	Years 1 – 6 3:30-4:30 Mrs Otty
Friday	
Reading Buddies	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Homework Club	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton

## Poverty Proofing

What a thoroughly interesting few days we have had this week.

The purpose of the poverty proofing process was to ensure that we as an academy are doing all we can to ensure that all pupils (regardless of background and family financial circumstances) are treated the same and given equal opportunities to participate and achieve and that we are inclusive in all we do.

The children were wonderful in being very vocal as to their thoughts about what the academy did well and what they thought we could do better! Thank you to those parents and governors who also completed questionnaires. We are now awaiting our report and I will feedback to you further as soon as I get the report. We have already started to make some changes that we were aware of immediately at lunchtimes, which has pleased the children immensely.

## Class 1



We have had a busy first week back in Foundation. We have been working on one more and one less in Maths, and we have been using number lines to help us find the correct answers to these questions.

The children have shown an interest in dinosaurs recently; so this is the topic that we are following at the moment. Mrs Furnage has made us a great new reading competition display too! Please remember you have to read to an adult three times at home to move up on the competition board.

We have been continuing to learn to read tricky words, and we have also been writing them into our phonics books too.

Take a look at our excellent writing of Supertato on our English board. Well done everyone.

We are proud of how well the children did in their class assembly. Thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend.



## Class 2



Last half term this year and the first week has gone already! This week in Class 2 we have had our RE focus looking at places of worship and ceremonies. We identified our own special places before moving on to looking at Christian and Muslim places of worship. We had a visit to the church so the children could identify different parts and really have a good look around. They are very familiar with the church from our different services across the year but never usually get chance to look properly. They labelled many things and looked how many there were of some things such as crosses, stained glass windows and pews. Previously we have looked at baptism and this week looked at weddings. We were able to find some class members on the baptism register and then had our own wedding! Our bride Minnie Mouse walked down the aisle to her guests singing 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and she met her groom Mickey at the altar. We had a great morning and the children are using the visit for their writing.

On Thursday we promoted the British value of democracy and took part in a class vote, just as the wider society took part in the general election. We discussed the general election and had our own voting booth and ballot box. The children were voting on the favourite party symbol. They were unaware of the actual political party they related to. If only we were all voting for a pretty symbol!

The polling station closed at 3:30 and the results can be seen in the photo below. Do you know the symbols to work out the winner? I wonder how it will compare to the general election.



## Class 3



It has been a busy first week back in Class 3! In English, we have been starting to look at explanation texts, looking at how they differ from instruction texts and carefully explain a process using technical language and the third person. We have begun to pick apart our morning routine ready to draft an explanation of what a child should do to prepare themselves for a day at Worlaby Academy.

In Maths we have been looking at length and measure, freely converting between units and drawing accurate diagrams. Some of us used scale maps of the London Underground to calculate and approximate distances between stations by using measure and conversion.

In Science we have begun our new topic on plants. We are investigating what a plant requires to grow, but already being quite knowledgeable in this, we are using this as a chance to demonstrate some of our 'Working Scientifically' skills by coming up with our own ways we can change the variables of this classic experiment. We came up with wild ideas, from replacing our water with calcium-rich milk to planting our bean in sand.

In Geography we are continuing our work looking at Europe, we have revisited a blank map of Europe from the start of the last half term and have found we are much better at identifying European countries thanks to our work on the Roman Empire! We are now beginning to look at the people and their culture and history who live inside these countries and presenting this to others.



## Class 4



This week, we have studied a second Greek myth - Perseus and the Gorgon Medusa and we compared this ancient myth with Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. Our descriptions of Medusa were fantastic and some of the children have developed a real author voice across the year. We also finished our marvellous maps geography topic and the children used OS maps to plan a journey which would visit 5 places of interest identified with the correct symbols. Who knew map reading would be so much fun?



## Dates for your diary New dates in blue



15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Induction to the Vale academy – this date is to be rearranged (details to follow)

27<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS & KS1 visit from the Dentist

29<sup>th</sup> June – 9:15am Class 2 assembly

29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Science Day at the Vale

30<sup>th</sup> June – Teacher Training Day (school closed)

Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Worlaby's Got talent (auditions)

6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Induction to the Vale academy

6<sup>th</sup> July – Move up morning at school

7<sup>th</sup> July – Annual reports to parents

12<sup>th</sup> July – Optional summer parents meeting

12<sup>th</sup> July – Move up day at school

13<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – Transition meeting for parents of EYFS children

14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Cycling proficiency lessons (cycles & helmets in school all day please)

15<sup>th</sup> July (1-3pm) – Summer fair, at the academy

17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 cycling proficiency test

17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports & wellbeing Week

19<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm Sports afternoon

21<sup>st</sup> July – The Year 6 Sleepover (more details to follow)

24<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm Reserve Sports day

24<sup>th</sup> July – Worlaby's Got Talent

25<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers assembly (9:15)

25<sup>th</sup> July - close for summer

## Behaviour - (Recorded incidents this week)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	
0	0	0	0	Classroom
0	0	0	0	Lunchtime

### AMAZING!!!!!!

Well done everybody, not 1 reported behaviour incident all week. Now you have shown you can do it..... we want to see it every week!

## ★ ★ Stars of the Week ★ ★

**Class 1 – Yara** for excellent story telling in the class assembly

**Class 2 – Ryan** for fantastic work with problem solving challenges in maths.

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**Class 3 – Charles** for an outstanding independent approach towards reading, you have spent your half term well!

**Class 3 – Alice** for incredibly inventive scientific ideas when considering what variables to change when investigating plant growth

**Class 4 – Rosie** for a super Cold Write about Medusa, using higher level punctuation and the passive voice.

**Class 4 – Bethany** for a super Cold Write about Medusa, using a true author voice to describe.

## Attendance - for the week 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
91.54%	95.24%	95.42%	98.95%
0 Lates	0 Lates	0 Lates	0 Lates
Whole school attendance <b>95.58%</b>			

Although this is better than before half term when we had all of the illnesses, this is still much lower than we have come to expect.

Holidays **MUST NOT** be taken during term time and referrals will be made to the local authority of those who do, and penalty notices may be issued.

### Garden News

The gardening club children and adults were thrilled to see that during the two weeks of sunshine and rain that had passed since the last club session, the various beds had thrived and there were signs of new growth everywhere. The climbing bean seeds which had been sown during the last club session had sprouted and, although the slugs had munched some of the newly emerged seedlings, a satisfying number of healthy young plants were visible.

Elsewhere the potato foliage was looking very lush, with the first flowers beginning to form on one variety. Along the fence, the dozen or so runner bean plants had grown sufficiently to require the support of bamboo canes and three pumpkin plants were growing well at the front of the same bed.

In the circular raised bed, four smart rows of carrot seedlings had grown their first proper leaves and had managed to survive the attentions of the slug army but in the rectangle bed, the little tomato plants had taken a bit of a battering from strong winds and so canes were added for support.

As much as the crop plants had thrived during the last two weeks, so had the weeds and so housekeeping was the first call of business and the children set about ousting these with their usual gusto and before long the beds were looking much tidier.

On Wednesday, 3 packets of 'Wonky Veg' seeds (carrot, beetroot and parsnip) had been received from the World Wildlife Fund and so four more rows of carrots and two of beetroot were sown - it's a little late for parsnips, so we'll keep them for next year. More climbing beans were sown to replace those taken by slugs, so fingers crossed these survive and fill the gaps.

### Sporting news

This week, due to the poor weather, netball club w3as forced inside so Mrs Clark arranged for the children to experience an activity for blind people featured in the Paralympics 'Goal ball'. The children enjoyed it, but need to learn to be quieter so they can hear the ball!



### Friends of Worlaby School (FOWS)

FOWS will be holding the Summer Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm to 3pm, at the Academy. If you would like to book a stall at a cost of £5, then please speak to one of the FOWS members or drop a note into the office and it will be passed on.

A reminder that we now have our own website which can be found at <https://friendsofworlaby.wordpress.com/> which also has details of how you can help raise funds using mydonate and Give as you Live.

## RESOURCES

**Class 2 will be using shoe boxes as part of their Design and Technology this term so please send in any shoe boxes you have spare at home. Thank you.**