

16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **ANOTHER GREAT WEEK HAS FLOWN BY!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by at Waterloo and we couldn't be more proud of how hard the children have worked, even in the warm temperatures.

### **Sports Days**

I would like to thank all the children in KS2 who took part in yesterday's sports day. Even in the warmth of the day, the children competed with enthusiasm and in a really sporting manner. They represented Waterloo really well as they walked to and from Stanley Park and they encouraged each other with real kindness. We were really proud of them all.

Huge thanks to all the staff who were involved in yesterday's event, particularly Mr Jordan, Mr Powell and the sports team who co-ordinated the whole event – this was no mean feat! Thank you also to everyone who came along to watch and support, both the morning and the afternoon events were really well attended. Having your support always means a great deal to the children and we are very grateful to you all.

### **Just a reminder about upcoming sports days...**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1 sports day from 9.20am – 10.00am**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 sports day from 10.30am – 11.10am**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery sports day**

**am session from 9.15am – 9.45am**

**pm session from 2.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Reception sports day from 9.30am – 10.15am**

Please do come along and support your child if you can, it is always lovely to see you all.

### **Skateboarding**

On Tuesday this week, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in a skateboarding workshop. This is the first time that we have ever run a workshop like this at school and it was absolutely brilliant! All the children who took part, absolutely loved it and they loved the fact that all the staff joined in too! Huge thanks to Mr Jordan for organising the workshop, great fun was had by all - the children were absolutely buzzing!

### **Phonics Screening**

This week, all the children in Year 1 and some of the children in Year 2 have undertaken their phonics screening test. This is a national, statutory assessment, designed to check your child's phonics knowledge and confirm whether or not they are making the progress expected in the

national curriculum. Phonics is an important part of our curriculum and both the children and the staff have been working really hard in preparation for this screening week.

My thanks go to the staff team who have supported the children superbly all year, but particularly across this week. Our staff are always amazing, but this week they have been exceptional. The children have been so well supported, encouraged and loved.

### **Staffing News**

After a wonderful period of maternity leave, it has been lovely to be able to welcome back Mrs Hornby this week. Mrs Hornby has re-joined the Reception teaching team and we are really pleased to have her back with us.

I would like to congratulate Mr Powell, who has secured himself a new role as the Football Development Officer for Active Blackpool. Mr Powell has been at Waterloo for 8 years and has made a huge contribution to PE and school life in general. Mr Powell leaves Waterloo to take up his new role next Friday. He will be sorely missed, but we are delighted for him and we wish him all the very best as he begins a brand new adventure.

### **Art Exhibition**

Next week, all the children across school will be taking part in an art week. Each year group will be studying the work of a particular artist and the children will be creating some masterpieces of their own. On Friday, we will be holding an exhibition in school and we would love you to come and have a look at the children's work. The exhibition will be open before and after school, we will confirm the exact timings in the early part of next week.

### **Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Waterloo staff team. Nearly 90 staff make up the Waterloo family and each one of them works incredibly hard, day in, day out, to ensure that our school is a safe, fun and enjoyable environment for your children to learn and flourish in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, it makes such a difference to all we do.

Everyone at Waterloo, wishes all our children and their families, a relaxing weekend in the sunshine.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown  
**Head of School**