

21st June 2024

ANOTHER BUSY WEEK AT WATERLOO!

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.

Youth Games Week

Over the last few days, lots of our children have taken part in the Blackpool Youth Games Week. The children have enjoyed various sports over the course of the week, including rugby, netball, football, cricket, tennis, athletics and swimming. The children have absolutely loved taking part and they have represented Waterloo brilliantly – we are extremely proud of them all. Our thanks go to Mr Jordan for co-ordinating the week's events, and to all of the staff who have enabled the children to go, either by driving the minibus, or by staffing the events.

Phonics Screening

All of the children in Year 1, and some of the children in Year 2, have recently undertaken their phonics screening test. This is a national, statutory assessment, designed to check the children'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 assessment.

My thanks go to the staff team, who have supported the children superbly all year, but particularly across the last couple of weeks.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach

On Tuesday, as part of their end of year celebrations, Year 6 visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Fortunately, the weather held and the children were able to enjoy a fun-packed day. Year 6 represented school brilliantly while they were out - they were a real credit to school and to you as their parents and carers. My thanks go to Miss Bradley for organising the trip and to all the staff, who braved the big rides, and enabled the children to have a great day!

Skateboarding

To top off this fun-packed week, Years 5 and 6 have taken part in a skateboarding workshop today and they all absolutely loved it! Huge thanks to Mr Jordan for organising the workshop, and to the staff, who threw themselves into the sessions with real gusto - great fun was had by all!

Art Exhibition

Next week, all of the children 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 from 8.15am – 8.45am (before school) and from 3.15pm-3.45pm. We really hope to see you there.

Sports Days

A reminder about our upcoming sports days...

Tuesday 25th June – Years 3&4 sports day from 9.30am – 11.30am at Stanley Park

Tuesday 25th June - Years 5&6 sports day from 12.45pm – 2.45pm at Stanley Park

Thursday 27th June – Reception sports day from 9.30am – 10.15am at school (please use the Harris Avenue entrance)

Thursday 27th June – Year 2 sports day from 11.00am – 11.45am at school (please use the Harris Avenue entrance)

Thursday 27th June – Year 1 sports day from 1.45pm – 2.30pm at school (please use the Harris Avenue entrance)

Monday 8th July – Nursery sports day on the Nursery playground
am session from 9.15am – 9.45am
pm session from 2.30pm – 3.00pm

Please see last week's sports day letter for further details and please do come along and support your child if you can, it is always lovely to see you all.

Staffing News

Following the announcement of Mr Woodcock's retirement at the end of this year, I am delighted to be able to share with you that we have recently made two wonderful senior leader appointments. The appointment process was extremely tough and both of the successful candidates did brilliantly across the 3-day interview.

I am now in a position to be able to share the news that Mr Ball and Miss Bradley have been appointed as our 2 new Assistant Headteachers. Mr Ball, who is currently working at Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School, has been appointed as our new Teaching and Learning Strategic Lead and Miss Bradley, who is currently our Upper Key Stage Two Lead, has been appointed as our new Curriculum Strategic Lead. Both Mr Ball and Miss Bradley will work alongside Miss Huson, myself and the whole staff team, as we continue to move Waterloo forward.

I know that you will join me in offering both Mr Ball and Miss Bradley our congratulations - we are really looking forward to them taking up their posts in the new academic year.

We have recently appointed a new class teacher, who will also be joining us in September. Miss Bond is joining us from Unity and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her into the Waterloo family too.

It just remains for me to thank you all once again for supporting all that we do here at Waterloo, it makes such a difference and I never take it for granted.

I wish you all a very relaxing weekend - hopefully we will see some sunshine!

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown
Head of School