

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our theme for assemblies this week has been 'God's creatures'. In our assembly today we had a look at some of the Comedy Wildlife photographs from the last couple of years, with the owl below and the beaver to the right being examples. We also have bake sales for different charities, some of those being for animal protection.



You let us rule everything your hands have made. And you put all of it under our power - the sheep and the cattle, and every wild animal, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and all ocean creatures.

Psalm 8: 6-8

Last week saw many of our Year 8 attend a performance of 'Grease' by Saint Augustine's Catholic High School. There are former Walkwood pupils in the cast, and some of the current cohort were mesmerised by the song, dance and sets. It was a pleasure this week to let those of you who have children in Year 7 know of an opportunity for pupils to Visit Tudor Grange Academy Redditch to see 'We Will Rock You'. Of course, our own show, Buggy Malone, will be presented at the end of this term. Our commitment to the arts continues, therefore.

We are also very committed to the safety of our children in a whole variety of ways. Indeed, there is much that goes on that you will not be aware of, and that is right and proper, for it concerns individuals. If there is a matter that you wish to raise with us, please use the website or the school email address to let us know. For your information, there are links on the 'Keeping Children Safe' section of each Insider.



Finally, a reminder that the parental survey for Y6 and Y8 closes at midnight tonight. We shall publish the results in due course, and thank you to all who offered their feedback.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*



A prayer for God's Creatures

God, Thank you for all the animals, birds, fish and creatures that you have made in this world. Thank you that you have trusted us with the responsibility to look after these creatures. We pray for your protection over them and your provision for those animals that are near extinction just as you protect and provide for us. Thank you for their beauty and their importance in our world. In your name, Amen.

This week's theme was: God's Creatures

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." Genesis 1:20-22

Whole School Attendance

96.63%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 27.01.19:

MHBA

MKRE

MNSA



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Inquisitiveness	Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. Proverbs 18:5
The assembly theme:	Hope for the World	Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

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

The weekend	the safety of all children, and those who work to protect them.	Monday	the work of scientists who are researching ways to tackle climate change.
Tuesday	the staff who are leading the preparations for the school production.	Wednesday	those that are participating in sports representing the school.
Thursday	The residents who live close to our school.	Friday	the refugees that have settled in the West Midlands.

Picture of the Week





Instrumental Music Tuition Payments

Please note that all instrumental music tuition payments should be paid by Monday 17 February 2020. This includes any arrears that are due.

Please contact the Finance Office if there are any problems with this.

Many thanks.



Year 5 and 7 Academic Reports

School reports for Years 5 and 7 will be available to view on the SIMs app by 4.00pm on Thursday 13th February.

With this date fast approaching, I would recommend ensuring you have downloaded the SIMs app and that you are able to log in.

Last academic year, or September 2019 for Year 5 pupils, you received an email from the school, which had a link allowing you to sign up to the SIMS app. As explained, you can link your account to your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft account to login. This email expired after 14 days of it being sent so if you did not download the app at this time then please email: office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk [stating that you need to be re-invited to download the SIMS app.](#)

If you do not have an email registered or the email address we do have is out of date then you will not have received an invite so please email, Office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk [to arrange for this to be rectified.](#)





Rehearsals

Week Commencing 10.02.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday – 12:35 – Lena Marelli (Show Business)

12:55 – Girl singers (Bugsy Malone)

Wednesday – 12:35 – Bad Guys

12:55 - Cagey Joe (So you wanna be a boxer)

Friday – 12:35 – Down and Outs

Acting Rehearsals (12:50 Lunchtime in Room 10)

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

Wednesday – Bugsy, Fizzy, Tallulah (Pg 25 – 27)

Thursday –Bangles, Tillie, Dotty, Loretta, Velma (Pg35)

Friday – Leroy, Bugsy (Pg 51-52)

Afterschool Rehearsal (3:30-4:45pm in Hall)

Tuesday – Whole cast

Thursday - Bugsy, Blousey, Tallulah, Fat Sam, Dandy Dan, Knuckles, Smolsky, Seymour Scoop, O'Dreary, Fizzy, Bronx Charlie, Roxy, Doodle, Yonkers, Paperboy, Radio Announcer, Snake Eyes, Louis, Girl Singers, Oscar De Velt, Marbini, Lena,

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



SURVEY



Parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 and Year 8 have the opportunity to tell us your views of our school. The survey will take a couple of minutes. You will be sent a link to the questions by email.

Survey closes at **midnight** tonight.



Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Site Manager

Grade SC5 (full time equivalent £21,589 - £23,836 – based on 37 hours per week)

The Governors of Walkwood Church of England Middle School require a Site Manager.

The job holder will maintain a clean, attractive and welcoming site through a process of routine maintenance of buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings and through a process of regular cleaning. The Site Manager will ensure that a safe and secure school environment is provided that is properly heated and lighted in order to support the effective teaching and learning of pupils and its full use by the staff, pupils and visitors who use the school. The job holder will manage a team of cleaners and a Caretaker and will have proven experience in completing typical handyperson / decorating tasks together with a good understanding of health and safety procedures.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Recruitment. The application deadline is 9am on Monday 24 February 2020. CV's will not be accepted.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

propriety

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 6th January 2020— 6th February 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Emelia Fletcher (Year 5 AAFA) - who has read 644,266 words

Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (Year 5 MPJE) - who has read 1,517,279 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

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 1, 2020



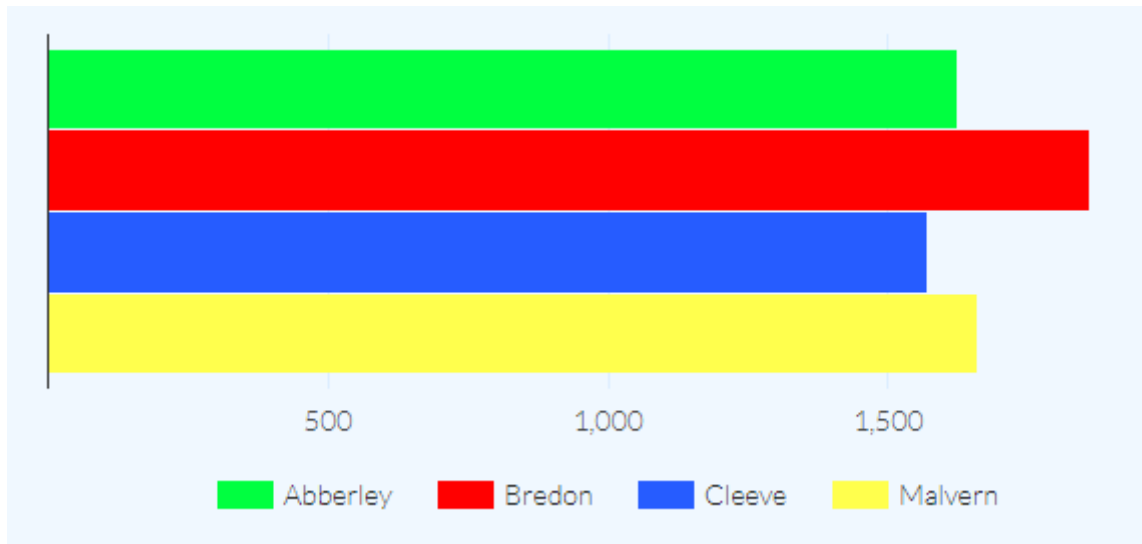
	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
	8.00am – 8:45am	12.35 – 1.20pm	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am (CGR)	Parliament Club - Lab 2 (invitation only) 12.50 - 1.20 pm ECO Club - Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20 pm	Multi Skills Club (All Years) (PMc) 3.30 - 4.45pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 – 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 – 4.30pm
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 - 4.45pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block Library 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Ethan Skinner (MPJE) (34)
2. 🏠 Alexander Day-Jones (BCLO) (23)
2. 🏠 William Tamang (BCLO) (23)
2. 🏠 Millie Payne (BRCO) (23)
5. 🏠 Finn Jones (MPJE) (22)
5. 🏠 Ethan Barratt (MPJE) (22)
7. 🏠 Issabelle Burton (CLDW) (21)
7. 🏠 Mia Norris (BCLO) (21)
7. 🏠 Maliha Ali (BCLO) (21)
7. 🏠 Jakub Pucilowski (CSBK) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	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