

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are weeks in the school year when lots of things happen, but this week has been one where the focus has been in the classrooms and teaching spaces around the school. Pupils working hard, teachers having prepared lessons, and those who are in support roles ensuring that tasks are completed. That is, in fact, what a school should be about.



The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. *Psalm 118: 6*

Mrs Dunstan, the Headteacher at The Vaynor First School, joined myself, representatives of the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and Councillor Jo Beecham to review the parking around the schools (she shared a message about that this week). This matter is not within the jurisdiction of either school, for our concern is the education and safety of the children in our care, but some concerns have been raised by residents of the surrounding roads. The excellent work that takes place within the first school to allow children to learn about how to be safe on pavements is demonstrable by how they are on the way to and from school. That also applies to Walkwood pupils too. In fact, the reason that Walkwood staff are on duty outside the school is to extend our care for our pupils' safety. We do ask, however, that if you are using a car near the two schools, that you drive slowly during the times when children are arriving at, or departing from, school, and park considerately. Don't forget that Morton Stanley Park is a possible drop off point for children at Walkwood.



We are able to offer feedback to you as parents and carers later this half term. There are Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings coming up for Year 6 and 8 on Thursday 30th January and Wednesday 5th February. Appointment times to meet the teachers are to be booked electronically. Reports for the other year groups will be prepared for sending out in the week before half term.

Rev C Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for National Government
God of the old, the young and the middle-aged who turns generations back to each other and pursues and relates to all ages with your love. We ask you to help our politicians and our nation find ways to help younger people engage with politics. And help us to recognise that this will involve us listening, valuing and prioritising what we hear from them enough to make changes as well as educating, informing and explaining.
Amen.

This week's theme was: National Government

Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22:21

Whole School Attendance
96.98%

Whole School Target
95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 06.01.20

**AOPR ALBA
BJHD
CLBK CMBI CSBK CTPO
MDSL MHBA MKRE MMMG**



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Inquisitiveness</p>	<p>Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. Proverbs 18:5</p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>Talents</p>	<p>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12:6</p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>the week of prayer for Christian unity, beginning on Saturday.</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>safety on our roads.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>the sports teams of our school.</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>the pupils and staff of The Vaynor First School.</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>our United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>the congregations at The Bridge Church.</p>

Picture of the Week



Carlton Hill, Edinburgh © NEIL MACNEILL



Contact Details



Can you please ensure that we hold the correct contact details for you in case of emergency i.e. telephone number, address etc. You can email any amendments to office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk and these will be amended for you.



Nut Allergy

As we have some children in school with a nut allergy can you please ensure that you do not send your child in with any food item that contains any nuts to avoid an allergic reaction. Thank you very much for your co-operation.



Music News



Music Success

Our cello teacher, Mrs Parish, was delighted to tell me this week about Abi, one of her pupils who is currently at high school, but who started learning to play the cello with Mrs Parish when she moved into Year 5 at Walkwood. Abi has just passed her Grade 8 cello exam with distinction (the highest grade exam with very high marks). Congratulations to Abi and also to Mrs Parish for teaching her!

Labelling Instruments and Music

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have labelled musical instrument cases – it really does make life easier when we're faced with twenty guitars, all in black cases! The most successful labels are the keyring type which attach easily and permanently to the instrument case and have room on them to write a name and tutor group. The style shown below is ideal.



Please can you also make sure that any music tuition books are also clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group. I can then return them to their rightful owners when they are left behind.

Points For Practice

Please also encourage your child to do some regular music practice at home to ensure good progress. 10 minutes of practice daily is ideal for beginners. Please sign their practice diary – 5 signed practices in any week can be exchanged for an independent learning point from me.

Mrs C Griffiths



Week Commencing 20.01.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday - 12:35 – Blousey (Ordinary Fool)

Wednesday - 12:35 – Tallulah (My Name is Tallulah)

12:55 - Blousey, Bugsy (I'm Feeling Fine)

Friday - 12:35 – Lena Marelli (Show Business)

Acting Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Room 10)

Tuesday – Fat Sam, Knuckles (Pg 23-25)

Wednesday – O'Dreary, Smolsky (Pg 37-38)

Thursday – Fat Sam, Bugsy, Bangles, Blousey (Pg 28-29)

Friday – Dandy Dan, Doodle, Fizzy, Fat Sam, Knuckles, Talullah (Pg 12-13)

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

Tuesday – Whole cast (So You Wanna Be A Boxer)

Thursday - Bugsy, Bronx Charlie, Blousey, Fat Sam, Doodle, Paperboy, Radio Announcer, Knuckles, (Pg 5-10)

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

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

prosper

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 16th December 2019 — 16th January 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Erin Hill (Year 6 MHBA) - who has read 484,628 words.

Top Boy

Joseph Bellizzi (Year 5 MHBA) - who has read 694,158 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

Spring Term Part 1, 2020



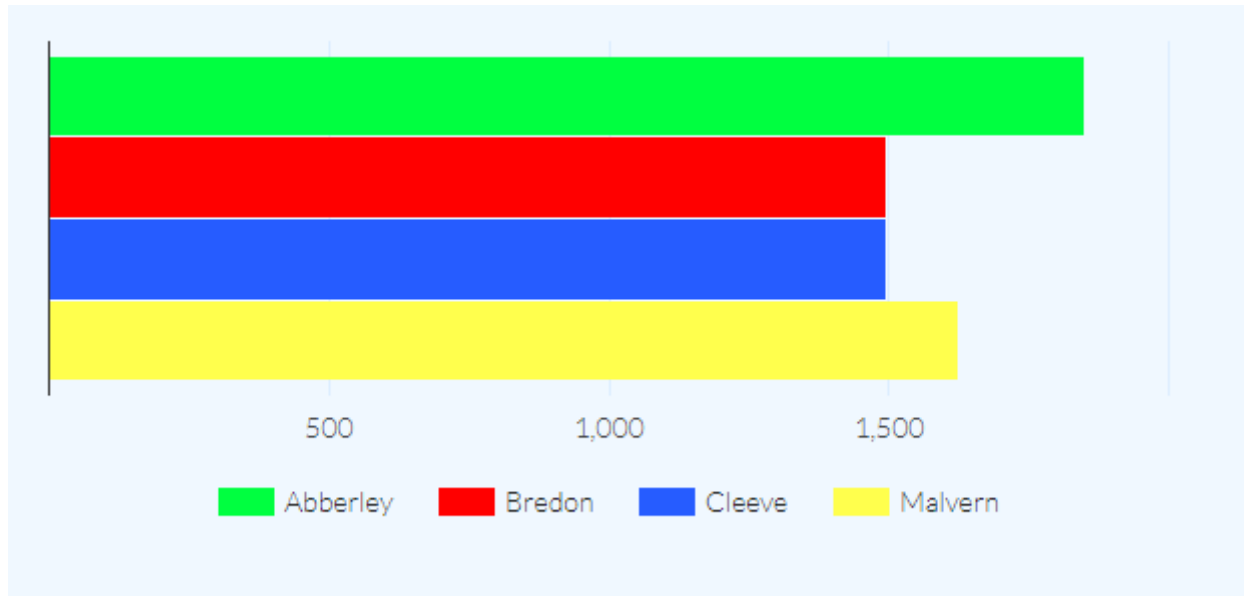
	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	Parliament Club - Lab 2 (invitation only) 12.50—1.20 pm ECO Club - Lab 2 12.50-1.20 pm	
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.35—1.00pm (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. 🟡 Skye McNamee (ALWA) (31)
2. 🟠 Joseph Leaver (ACWO) (29)
3. 🟡 Ethan Mander (MDSL) (28)
4. 🟡 Isabel Jones (CSBK) (26)
5. 🟡 Darcey Hocking (CLBK) (25)
6. 🟠 Ethan Skinner (MPJE) (23)
6. 🟡 Sophie Davies (ACWO) (23)
8. 🟡 Megan Boyle (MPJE) (22)
8. 🟡 Freya Watson (MKRE) (22)
8. 🟡 Estelle Stanley (MNSA) (22)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	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
	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 3rd April	End of Term
	Monday 20th 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
2 0 2 1	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
	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	