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Value

Our value for this half term is:

Justice

"Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern."

Proverbs 29:7

March birthdays

We would like to wish everyone who celebrated a birthday during March a very Happy Birthday:

Douglas, Olivia, Evelyn, Anusha, Amelia, Ethan, Ashton, Edward, Rebecca, Charlotte, Samuel, Teddy, Noah, Stanley, Verity, William, Connie, Imogen, Isla, Milo, Ahrin, Tianna, Josie, Scarlett, Jonathan, Omari, Han, Milo, Luke, Antonia, Ruoyu, Tymon, Mr Anstey, Mrs Lansberry, Ms Lowne, Mrs Mather, Miss Mercurio, Miss Milnes, Miss O'Keefe, Mrs Primrose, Ms Spence, Mr Stockton.

Decorated egg competition

Further to our earlier Parentmail about decorated eggs, we are delighted to say the competition will still go ahead online. It has been a long standing tradition in our school and it would a shame to stop now. Normal rules apply and these are:

- Hard boil or blow an egg
- Decorated your egg in any way you wish being as inventive as you can
- Accessories are allowed
- Play on words are allowed
- Name your egg clearly
- State your name and class clearly

Then photograph your egg and send to: eastereggs@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk by 17th April.

Messages from teachers for each class

Please look out for messages from teachers to share with your children which will be sent out via Parentmail in the coming days.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dominic for his appointment as Priest in Charge of Ampthill in Bedfordshire from June. We thank him for all he has done to help Welwyn St Mary's and wish him every success.

School Office Open Hours

A reminder that the school office will be open between 8:30 and 9:30am for the purpose of completing the registration of children. Please email admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk if you need to contact the school as this account will be monitored regularly.





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Virtual Singing Assemblies

The Voices Foundation are holding virtual singing assemblies which are taking place daily at 1pm. To join in, please visit: https://www.pscp.tv/Voices_Found

Year 6 Football

On Wednesday 26th February the year 6 football team went to Monk's Walk School to compete in a football festival. The team was: Arthur, Luca, Marley, Tom, Christian, Sean, Zach and Stanley. Jai was unable to participate so Riley took his place.

Our first game was against Brookmans Park and we drew 0-0. Next we played Creswick and unluckily lost 2-1 with Luca scoring in the last kick of the game. After that we played Waterside and won 3-1 with Arthur scoring in the top corner then another with Luca's brilliant assistance, as well as Sean's bottom corner goal. We would like to thank Mr O'Neill for coaching us, Mr Ashman for taking us, and the parents for cheering us on.

Pancake Race



Congratulations to Mr Ashman, Mr O'Neill, Miss O'Keeffe, Mr Anstey and Mrs Kinsella who won the village pancake race on Shrove Tuesday.

Speed Stacking



Well done to the year 4 Speed Stacking team who travelled to Ridgeway Academy on Tuesday 3rd March to compete in the district final after competing in the family event a few weeks prior. The team took part in individual timed events such as the 3-3-3 stack and the 3-6-3 stack but also were timed in boys, girls, and whole team relays. Every member of them team enjoyed the experience and developed their skills within the afternoon. Congratulations to Lily-Mae, Rebecca, Laura, Riley, Ellie, Kanu, Toby and Bryan.





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Football



On Friday 6th March, the girls' football team travelled to Stevenage FC's training ground to compete in this year's annual festival. The team was Grace, Poppy, Zoe, Hollie, Robyn, Chloe and Lacey. The weather stayed clear and bright and the atmosphere reflected this. The pleasant manner of everyone involved resulted in a wonderful afternoon of football. The girls showed tremendous determination not to give up; even when results weren't going their way. After a total of 6 games, the team had lost 2, drawn 2 and won 2. Fantastic perseverance shown by all players to develop their own skills but also to improve as a whole team!

Class attendance cup

Congratulations to class MS3 who won the February attendance cup.

MS3	98.02%
BC3	97.60%
M1	97.44%
CD1	97.00%
A4	96.89%

Mini Grey Visit



On Wednesday 11th March we were lucky enough to be visited by the internationally renowned author and illustrator, Mini Grey. Also, the author of our whole school literacy focus book, Hermelin. The day was a great success. Both Year 6 classes had workshops, where they discovered the real story behind Hermelin, gained an insight into the whole story writing process and became illustrators themselves. Year 2 had a story read to them and had the opportunity to ask Mini questions, which she responded to enthusiastically. In the afternoon, Mini delivered an inspiring whole school assembly, sharing her passion and enthusiasm for writing. Throughout the day, the children were offered the opportunity to meet Mini and have a book signed (and illustrated). All in all, it was a truly magical day and, we hope, has further ignited a life-long love of reading.





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Healthy Lifestyles

Our school nursing team have recommended an organisation who can help improve healthy eating habits, and increase physical activity for families. Please visit their website for more information:

www.beezeebodies.com

Coronavirus advice

We would like to remind parents to follow the latest government guidance, which is changing regularly, and can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Pupil Premium

For every child registered for Pupil Premium, the school receive additional funding which is spent on raising the attainment of those pupils. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, your child could access a range of additional benefits, including extra help in class, additional resources, free school trips and visits and one free club per term.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals and are not currently registered, please complete the simple online application form which can be found at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals
Once you have registered your child, please speak to the school office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

