



## FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

New Year provides a great opportunity to reflect on our practice and seek improvements that can be made. To this end, over the forthcoming weeks and months we are going to be incorporating a set of principles known as the Global Goals into all aspects of school life, including our curriculum, from Reception to Year 6. These are 17 goals which were created by the United Nations in 2015 for a better world by 2030 – when our current Reception class will be 16 and 17 years old! These goals (at the end of the newsletter) aim to end poverty, fight inequality and stop climate change - and we will be introducing children to these goals through specific planned activities, cross curricular work as well as changing our everyday practices (reducing waste, saving electricity etc..). The staff are very excited at introducing the Global Goals into our school and have already considered many ideas for the classroom and outdoor time ... Watch this space!

Sarah Joskey, Headteacher



## CLASS NEWS!

**Reception:** This week we have been learning about the Rainforest. In PE we have been learning how to move like some of the rainforest animals in our class story book.

**Year 1:** This week Year 1 have begun our topic on the Polar regions. We have been asking a penguin questions in literacy and have begun to create our Antarctica pictures. We are looking forward to meeting visitors who have been to Antarctica next week.

**Year 2:** Year 2 have been looking at food chains....producers, prey and predators.....ask them all about it!

**Year 3:** Year three started their clarinet lessons this week which was very exciting! We also started our new text in English – all about collecting dreams.

**Year 4:** Class 4 have written some wonderful (and slightly gory) dragon descriptions in literacy. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the Viking, Bjorn Magnusson, and have been learning about equivalent fractions in numeracy.

**Year 5:** Class 5 have been learning about parliament and even took part in a debate about homework. We've been exploring equalising fractions and have tried to write in role about a lost toy.

**Year 6:** Year 6 enjoyed their Greek WOW day and the visitor from parliament.

*Ms. Joskey will be starting KS2 Choir (Big Sing) on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at lunchtime. Children attending will be able to have an early lunch.*

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN TERMS 1 & 2

### February

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Lifeskills Visit – Year 6

6-8<sup>th</sup> February – Bikeability Y6  
w/c19th February – Well Being Week

Please remember that the school office is open from 8.30am each morning until 3.45pm each afternoon.

Emails can be sent at any time!  
[office@wrightoncofeprimary.org](mailto:office@wrightoncofeprimary.org)

### School Packed Lunches

From Term 4 (after February half term), children who have a school packed lunch will no longer be given an orange drink in a plastic cup with a straw. Instead the children will be given a beaker of water to drink and receive an additional healthy snack (such as dried banana, cherry tomatoes, raisins or carrot sticks). This is to encourage all children to drink water, and also to reduce the amount of plastic waste.



## Reminder - French Exchange

As many of you know, Wrighton is twinned with a village in the South of France, Villeneuve-lès-Béziers. What you might not know is that for several years children in Year 5 have had the opportunity to exchange letters with the Year 5 class in the primary school in Villeneuve. This letter exchange has been very successful and we now have a few families in France who are interested in taking part in an exchange with families in Wrighton. You do not have to speak French! You don't have to have a child in Year 5. All you need is a willingness to welcome a family in to your home and the ability to travel back to France to stay with them. If you would be interested in finding out more about this opportunity (with no obligation!) please email Madame Scott on [annabel.scott@wrightoncofeprimary.org](mailto:annabel.scott@wrightoncofeprimary.org)

Merci!

## PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WEEK

### Year 5 – Parliament visit – debating homework!



### Year 4 Viking visitor



Some of the year 3 and 4 children went to a competition at Hutton Moore sports centre. The competition encouraged us to work in year group teams. We competed in laser pistol shooting, relay races, bird catching and curling. We helped one another by encouraging each other and sharing good tactics. The Year 4's came first out of 44 classes and Year 3 were in the top 10! We had a great time and lots of fun.

Report written by Year 4 pupils.



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## PTA News

The Christmas Fair brought in the crowds and also a profit of **£2,000** which is a great boost to the PTA piggybank. We can now put this towards much needed school funding requests. Including: Chess for Year 4 (£1100), repair and update of equipment in Year 1 (approx £500) and coach trip subsidy (£500) to name but a few. The tea towels were well received and along with the bags will be on sale throughout the coming terms. A great souvenir of your children's self portraits - and some cracking impressions of our wonderful teaching staff.. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at future fundraising events.

Dates for the diary:

Sat 21st April - PTA Plant Sale.

Sunday 13th May- PTA Fun Run

Saturday 30th June- Summer Fair.

**Thanks for your continued support. PTA.**

### Christmas Reading Bingo

Congratulations to all those children who participated in our Christmas Reading Bingo! We were thrilled with the number of children who took part, but also with the creativity and originality of your reading habits! Thank you to all the parents for supporting this activity - we certainly have a wonderful love of reading in our school! We will hand out certificates and prizes in our celebration service on Friday - good luck!

#### ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance  
96.6%

Well done for first place to:  
Year 6 – 98.4%

#### ParentPay

Please remember to check your ParentPay accounts for any outstanding payment items. If you have forgotten your log in details we are able to reset your password from the office. Please email Mrs Smith if you need any help.

I ❤️ WRIGHTON  
PRIMARY  
handy cotton  
shopping bags  
£3.50

Tea-towels  
£4.00

Available from the school  
office – if you have the  
right money – no change  
available.

#### LETTERS HOME

Lifeskills	Y6
Music Bills	selected
Zoo trip	Rec/Year 1
DTSO 2018	Y5 & selected
Well Being Week	all children

#### School email address

With immediate effect our new school email address is  
[office@wrightoncofeprimary.org](mailto:office@wrightoncofeprimary.org).  
This email should be used for all communication with the school.

### PTA – The Giving Machine

A huge thank you to everyone who has registered as a giver on The Giving Machine website, we have already raised additional funds for the school as a result of new givers joining.

If you shop online, please consider becoming a "giver" and shopping via The Giving Machine website - it costs us nothing and raises free donations for the school.

Thanks again for all your support!

***Cherish and Nurture, Flourish and Aspire***



## A Visit from Parliament

On Tuesday we had a visit from a representative from Parliament's Education Service. KS2 had an extremely informative morning assembly where the children learnt all about Parliament: the relationship between the House of Commons, House of Lords and the reigning monarch; how laws are made; and also about democracy and our voting system.

The assembly was followed by a workshop in Class 5 and 6, where the children participated in a mock parliamentary session, there they had to vote on a number of issues, including whether children should be allowed to choose their own lessons and whether or not children should be given homework! The sessions were very interactive, engaging and very well received by the staff and children. The morning linked beautifully with our curriculum focus on British Values, our whole school Wrighton Parliament, as well as Year 6's Greek Day!



### THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development



*Cherish and Nurture, Flourish and Aspire*