



## FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Welcome back.

I hope you have all come back refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to the launch of our new school app towards the end of this month; further details will be coming home soon!

Sarah Joskey, Headteacher

## CLASS NEWS!

**Reception:** This week we have been learning about 2D shapes. We played a fishing for shapes game and caught lots of 2D shapes and described them using mathematical language. We have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities for art week and will show some of our work in celebration assembly on Friday.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the new year with a really positive attitude to their learning.

We have written thank you letters to Santa and are looking at New Years Resolutions to help us move our learning forward. We have been looking at how to draw Polar bears and other animals during arts week.

**Year 2:** Year 2 have been having a great time during Art Week! We have learnt our 'Artabet', drawn dinosaurs, created self-portraits and sketched some rabbits! We are also working hard at our comprehension skills in reading - every child has been sent home with a bookmark with some useful questions for parents/carers to ask while we are reading!

**Year 3:** Year three have made a very enthusiastic start to the new year and we were all very excited to see each other on Monday!

It is our Art Challenge week; ask your children to draw you a picture using the Artabet! We are having lots of fun.

**Year 4:** This week Year 4 have been 'Artefact Detectives' as we have been looking closely at the Viking and Saxon artefacts borrowed from Weston Museum. We have enjoyed our first Future Stars session, and have also been learning about extending sentences and equivalent fractions.

**Year 5:** Year 5 have been finding common denominators in Maths and working out how an astronaut would be able to break the earth's gravity. We've been learning about Shackleton's journey across the Antarctic in English and are sketching to our hearts content!

**Year 6:** Year 6 have started working on active and passive verb/voice, noun phrases and expanded noun phrases in preparation for writing about a contraption linked to our book 'Cracking Contraptions'.

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

### January

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Parliament

Outreach visit – KS2

Viking Visitor – Y4

Greek WOW day – Y6

### February

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Lifeskills

Visit – Year 6

6-9<sup>th</sup> February – Bikeability Y6

## CERTIFICATES AWARDED

### Year 1

#### Super Writers certificates

Barnaby, Daisy B, Maggie, Milla,  
Lauren, George, Rhyanna

#### Super Mathematicians

George, Rhyanna

## Wrighton Youth Week AGM

**Wednesday 17th January at 8pm in  
The Reading Rooms.**

New committee members needed to help organise this unique Village event to keep it going. Please come along and hear what you can do to help it continue even if you don't wish to commit to being on the committee.

**Wrighton youth week 6th-10th  
August**

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)



## 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

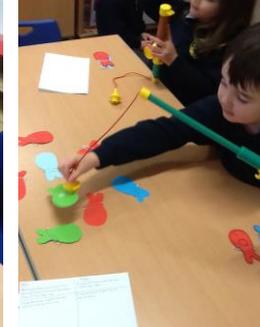
### Year 1 – writing thank you letters



### Year 2 - Artabet



### Reception – “fishing”





## PTA News

Update next week from the PTA

Thanks for your continued support. PTA.

### Art Challenge 2018

Every year we have an Arts week to begin the new calendar year. This year we are focusing on our drawing and sketching skills in every classroom. The children have been introduced to the Artabet which is a form of teaching drawing skills with six basic marks.

All children have made their own special sketch book to keep their drawings in. We are looking forward to sharing our work in celebration service on Friday.

Suzanne Gahagan  
Art subject leader

### 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.

### MUSIC LESSONS

North Somerset Music Service  
Music lessons commence next week as follows:

Monday – Guitar  
Tuesday am – Drums  
Tuesday pm – Brass  
Thursday – Woodwind & Piano

Please see Music Studio doors for timetables.

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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.

### ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance w/c11.12.17  
97.50%  
Well done for first place to:  
Year 5 – 99.66%

### 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. accordingly.

### LETTERS HOME

Email & app	all families
Special lunch	all children
Greek WOW day	Year 6
Viking event	Year 4

### 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*



## *Wrighton Parliament*

You may well have already heard from your child that on the final two days of last term, we held our first two Wrighton Parliament sessions. This is the exciting and updated version of our school's very successful 'Development Teams'.

Through the Wrighton Parliament we wish to develop our children's oracy skills, including: debating, negotiating, turn taking, questioning, explaining, justifying and reasoning. Once a term we will gather together in our small cross-phase 'select committees' and have a discussion about a specific topic, which may be linked specifically to an area of school improvement or simply a thought-provoking question phrased to promote an interesting discussion.

During each session, we will nominate Parliament Prefects who will have the duty to feedback the discussion points to the whole school when the parliament reconvenes in the school hall. There will be an intention that agreement is reached in order to affect change.

The children had a super time in their new groups and participated in our discussion with great maturity and consideration for each other's thoughts and opinions. We are all looking forward to our next debate!



## More sporting success for Wrighton

On Monday 10 girls took part in the Level 2 held at BGS sports grounds on their new training pitch. I am excited to tell you that after a close final group match where we won 1-0 the children progressed to the semi-final finals. After a scoreless match, it was decided that there would be a penalty shoot out. Our goalie, Nina, made some super saves and we then progressed to the final. Unfortunately we lost to Portishead Primary 1-0 but both teams progressed to the Somerset finals.

We wish the team good luck for tomorrow as they compete in the Level 3 Somerset Finals in Street.

Yesterday afternoon 20 children took part in the Level 2 School Games Indoor sports athletic competition at Hutton Moor. The children took part in a variety of field and track events. It was a fantastic event with all the children supporting each other superbly! I am pleased to say that everyone contributed to a high team score and we were awarded silver medals. Also, out of the 20 schools that took part in the whole day Team Wrighton had the second highest score.

Thank you to all staff and parents for your support - transporting the children and for your encouraging words and enthusiasm!

