

Wicklea Academy

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Dear Mothers, Fathers, Carers and Local Residents

Challenge Partners Review:

On the 15th, 16^h and 17^h March Wicklea underwent its second annual Challenge Partner Review. Challenge Partners is an association which visit schools all over the country. Two senior leaders from other schools worked alongside a registered OFSTED inspector to carry out our review. The review team were very impressed with many aspects of Wicklea as well as the improvements made against last year's suggestions. I am delighted to share that the review team graded Teaching & Learning & School Improvement Strategies as 'Good' and gave the school an overall grade of working within 'Good'. These judgements equate to the judgements made by senior leaders and are evidence of the school's continuing improvement. All staff and pupils should be proud of this achievement. The full report will be emailed to parents shortly and will be available on the website.



INSET days for 2017/18:

The following are the INSET dates for next year. These are also now available with the term dates for next year on the school website.

Monday 30th October 2017
Friday 15th December 2017
Friday 9th February 2018
Monday 4th June 2018
Friday 13th July 2018

Clubs:

All current school-led clubs will finish this week. A clubs letter for Terms 5 & 6 will be issued shortly. All reply slips will need to be returned to the school office by 5th April. They will be collated and reply slips issued during the first week back of Term 5, meaning clubs will start the week commencing 1st May (after May Day) for the last two terms of the academic year.

Mother's Day Lunch:

Thank you to all the mums, nans and carers who came for lunch on the 22nd March. The children were certainly excited to dine with you and the feedback regarding the quality of food, organisation and enjoyment of the event was fantastic. Thank you to the catering staff who made this such a successful lunch.

New Menu:

We will have a new spring/summer menu available from Term 5. We are introducing a delicious new salad bar as well as some other tasty treats. This menu will be emailed out to parents before the end of Term 4. It will also be published on our website, under the parents tab.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 31st Mar: Last day of clubs for Term 4
Weds 5th Apr: Swimming Gala @ Hengrove Pool
Fri 7th Apr: Decorated Egg Competition
Fri 7th Apr: School Council organised Fun Run
Fri 7th Apr: End of Term 4
Mon 24th Apr: Term 5 begins
Tues 25th Apr: Year 5 trip to the mosque
Thurs 27th Apr: Year 3 trip to Bristol Zoo
Mon 1st May: Bank Holiday
Tues 2nd May: Term 5 & 6 clubs start

School Council Fun Run:

The School council have organised a Fun Run for all pupils to be held on the afternoon of Friday 7th April. Each year group will have their own time to take part and we will all be raising money for the School Council's chosen charity – Cancer Research. Entry is 50p per person.

Out There Easter Holiday Club:

Out There Holiday Club are running during the Easter Holidays at East Winds Activity Centre, Brislington/St Anne's BS4 4DY. Open Monday 10th April - Thursday 19th April (closed bank holiday weekend) from 8.00-18.00. Visit the website for details and booking www.outtherebristol.co.uk

Red Nose Day:

Thank you so much for the donated cakes – there were so many we needed two cake sales! The total raised will be announced soon, with the money split equally between Comic Relief and funds for Wicklea Friends.

**Easter Holidays:**

This is the last newsletter before the holidays. We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday. It has been an extremely busy two terms and the children have impressed the numerous visitors we have welcomed with their positive attitude to learning and engagement within lessons.

**Decorated Egg Competition:**

Our annual Easter competition is back! On the final day of term – Friday 7th April we are inviting children to bring in a creatively decorated (hard!) boiled egg. There will prizes available the winner and runner up in each year group.

**Jazz and Blues Workshop:**

A big thank you to Miss Allen for organising this event held on Thursday 23rd March. As well as learning lots of musical facts, the children were thoroughly entertained – not least by some amazing teacher dancing! Pictures will be on the website soon.

Building Learning Power:

Following on from the information sheet sent home to parents earlier this month regarding Building Learning Power, we will now be featuring a different focus in each of our newsletters with examples of what the muscle could look like at home. This week the BLP muscle focus is: Absorption.

This means being able to lose yourself in learning-you may not be aware of the passing of time. Over the holidays can you absorb yourself in a task at home by:

- Reading your book and stopping once you think 15 minutes has passed. Have you lost track of time and become absorbed?
- Playing a board game as a family
- Writing a poem together
- Building a (Lego/Meccano) model

Let us know what you have done as a family, you could blog about it (don't forget to tag it BLP) or send us a picture!

Yours sincerely

Matthew Morgan (Head of School)