



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*It is so great to see the children playing together across the age range at Westcott!*

Our School Value focus is: **LOVE**



### We Will Save the Tiger, Won't We?

Can you shut your eyelids and imagine this? An orange and black blur through the overgrown green mess of the jungle. Can you imagine this? Massive, murderous muscles dashing through the ferns and trees. Can you imagine? The safe and royal, the guardian of the jungle: the tiger. That is just a dwindling dream, my friends, as in the regrettable reality, tigers are being poached – we have to save them. The tigers are being shot – we have to save them. The tigers are on the threshold of being extinct – we have to save them! So, keep your ears open, as I plummet into the depths of the reasons why.



## OAK

During our English lessons, we have been writing persuasive speeches entitled 'Save the Tiger'. The children have been using a range of persuasive techniques as well as various grammatical concepts in their writing.

### Spare plant pots needed!

We have some baby spider plants that we would like to place around the school and so we're sending out this request to parents:

*We are looking for small to medium ceramic/metal/terracotta plant pots (with no hole at the bottom - we already have plenty of plastic inner pots!) to plant our mini-plants. Ideally, we would like pots with a diameter of 10cm – 15cm.*

If you have spare pot that fits this description, please bring it into school!

Thank you!



## PRAYER SQUARE

DEAR GOD

We thank you for our friends. Help us love and care for each other. May we always be ready to say sorry and to forgive each other. Bless our school and keep us safe. God our Father, you made us, you know all our names. You love us and hold us in the palm of your hands. Thank you for your love for each one of us.

*AMEN*



## Collective Worship

We have been trying to **'Be in the Moment'** this week, practising some mindfulness habits and considering the verse from Psalm 46 verse 10: *"Be still and know that I am God."* We shared a lovely book called *Rain Before Rainbows* by Smriti Halls and David Litchfield, all about finding hope in difficult times.



## LIME

Pupils in Lime have been planting broad beans (linked to our Literacy text) and predicting how long they think their seed will germinate indoors, as well as identifying what helps seeds to germinate. We are also watching the birds that visit our school garden as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which starts on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Why don't you take part too?

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/rspb/birdwatch24>



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GREEN LIVING EVENT



**THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2-5 PM  
BUCKS RAILWAY CENTRE - HP22 4BY**

A fantastic event designed to:

- Help your family live an environmentally friendly lifestyle
- Help you reduce your carbon footprint to preserve the planet for future generations
- Help you to cope with the increased cost of living

We want to raise awareness of the great projects and schemes run by a variety of local organisations, charities, and local government. You will be inspired and enabled to adopt green living practices, save money, protect the planet, AND enjoy a sustainable future.

Everyone is welcome - FREE ENTRY and refreshments - drop in between 2-5pm, browse the stalls, and chat with stallholders. Scan the QR code to book.



Community Board  
Haddenham and  
Waddesdon







**IT WAS LOVELY SEEING SOME OF OUR OLDER PUPILS BEING IMAGINATIVE WITH THE ICE DURING LUNCH BREAK LAST WEEK! THEY WERE VERY PROUD OF THEIR SNOW CREATURES AND THE ICY HABITATS THEY HAD CREATED FOR THEM!**

### Headteacher-Pupil Interviews

I have really enjoyed meeting with the children over the past few weeks, to ask them about their Westcott experience and hear their views.

Some children have mentioned they would like to wear trainers during the longer lunch break. Children are welcome to bring trainers to change into for lunch break if they wish.

### Healthy lunchbox ideas

As parents we face the daily challenge of preparing packed lunches for our children that are nourishing, tasty and healthy! Here are a few ideas for delicious, healthy lunches.

BBC GOOD FOOD:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/lunchbox-recipes>

NHS CHANGE4LIFE: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

GOOD TO KNOW: <https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/food/recipe-collections/30-packed-lunch-ideas-29748>

**Remember, no nuts or sesame seeds are allowed in school.**

## BIRCH

**We have been learning how to measure accurately and how to find perimeters of shapes. Here are some games to practise:**

[Perimeter - Quiz \(wordwall.net\)](#)

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