

The Archer

School Newsletter No 9

Staffing changes for next year

As we draw closer to the end of a school year, we will be saying farewell to several members of staff. Mrs Margrave will be retiring following an incredible 24 years at the school. Wentworth is a very special place for Mrs Margrave, as her own children also attended the school. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a very happy retirement.

Mr Murray will be moving on to a position in a new school. Mr Murray joined the school as a trainee teacher and has enjoyed working with a range of classes over his time at the school, as well as promoting children's knowledge of Shakespeare and the enjoyment of drama. We wish Mr Murray all the best in his new school.

Mrs Smith has worked as a Teaching Assistant in the school since 2003, with her children also attending the school. She has supported many, many children across the years and we wish Mrs Smith lots of enjoyment in her newfound free time.

Mrs Bekyarova has been a Teaching Assistant with us for 7 years and has worked with lots of children in their first years of primary school; she is moving back to Bulgaria and we wish her all the best in her move.

Mr Morgan has been a trainee at the school since September and has successfully completed his training. We wish him all the best in his new school and future career.

School Reports

Towards the end of this term, your child will bring home their end of year report. In the envelope, will be your child's report along with a covering letter from Mr Pollock explaining the contents of the report, your child's attendance record and details of any statutory assessments they have completed. There is a detachable comments slip at the bottom of the letter inviting you to share any feedback you have for the class teacher or the school in general.

Transition arrangements

Over the final few weeks of term, we begin to prepare the children for their next year in school. Transition is an important learning experience as change is ongoing throughout our lives and something that is important to be able to manage successfully and we recognise the importance of careful planning for children's transition experiences. Our EYFS team have been busy preparing for our new cohort of primary school attendees, conducting home visits and meeting with new parents. Our Y6s have been very busy this week visiting their new schools for transition days to prepare them for the transition from primary to secondary.

A letter will come home next week with details regarding class teachers for next year, then on Tuesday 18th July it is 'Moving up day' where the children go to their new classroom and teacher; this is always a lovely experience for the children and the children return to their classes excited and ready for the next chapter of their schooling. More information on class organisation can be found on our [website](#).

Sports update

Our Rounders Club participants from years 5 and 6 took on staff this week in a rounders competition after school. The children were all very proud of themselves as they beat the staff team by 1 rounder! They played fantastically and really worked together as a team. Our thanks goes to the children for taking part and for the teachers giving up their time so that the children can experience such a lovely cricket match that was enjoyed by all.



School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. This is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by

the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are pleased to have been recognised for our success. Wentworth has successfully held the Gold Award since the 2018/2019 academic year. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including our fantastic team of over 35 sports leaders.

Boccia



We were fortunate to take two teams to the recent Boccia tournament held at Fairfield Leisure Centre. The children quickly

picked up the rules and used tactics effectively to work as a team against their opponents. A highlight for many of the children was the staff vs children round at the end!

Cricket

10 children from Year 6 represented the school in the recent Mixed Kwik Cricket competition at Dartford Cricket Club. The team had a great start, winning their first game, but there was tough competition and we lost our next two games. The children are looking forward to continuing playing cricket at lunchtimes to be ready for the next competition.

PTA fair

Our PTA Summer Fair is taking place today, from 3.15pm onwards. Please come along and join us. There is a BBQ, games, a drinks tent, unlimited bounces on the bouncy castle and much much more! The entry fee is £1 for adults, all of which go to funding lots of great experiences for the children. Please contact the PTA on pta@wentworthonline.co.uk if you are able to help out on the day

Sports Day

We are delighted to invite you to our annual sport day on Thursday 13th July 2023. Parents, grandparents, and other family members are warmly welcome to come and spectate. The EYFS & KS1 Sports Day will start at 9:30am with the KS2 Sports Day starting at 1:30pm.

Open afternoon

You are warmly invited to attend our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 12th July from 3.30-4.30pm; this time slot will allow you to move between classrooms if you have children in more than one year group. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to share their learning with you in their classroom. Please collect your child as normal at 3.15. We ask that you wait outside the classroom on the playground until 3.30 and your class teacher will call you inside when the room is ready. The Open Afternoon session ends at 4.30 for everyone.

Year 6 show

We were treated this week to a superb show by our Year 6 pupils. I was so impressed with their stage presence and their talent! They performed 'Through the Decades' starting in the 1940s and ending in May 2023 celebrating the King's coronation. Their show was a wonderful celebration of singing, dancing, synchronised swimming and much more! Well done to everyone in year 6 for your fantastic efforts and a big thank you goes to the year 6 staff team for helping the pupils rehearse and prepare for the show.

Class parent Whatsapp groups

We are aware that there are a number of social media chat groups run by parents connected with the school. While these are very helpful in sharing information, they can be very destructive when parents make comments that are critical of the school and/or members of staff. Social media can be a valuable tool in allowing parents to keep each other informed, however when a post is made, even on a 'closed' group, that comment is in the public domain where it can be screenshot, broadcast elsewhere and shared with those outside the original group. We appreciate that sometimes you might not agree with the actions taken in school and if this is the case, please come and discuss your concerns directly with us through the school's official channels so that they can be dealt with in the appropriate way.

