

School News

The Scarecrow's Wedding

This term 2AG have been exploring the book *The Scarecrow's Wedding*. Over the last few weeks, the children have been working in two groups to make Weatherfield Academy's very own Harry O'Hay and Betty O'Barley scarecrows from scratch to keep the farm animals company. Some clothes were donated and Harry and Betty look amazing!

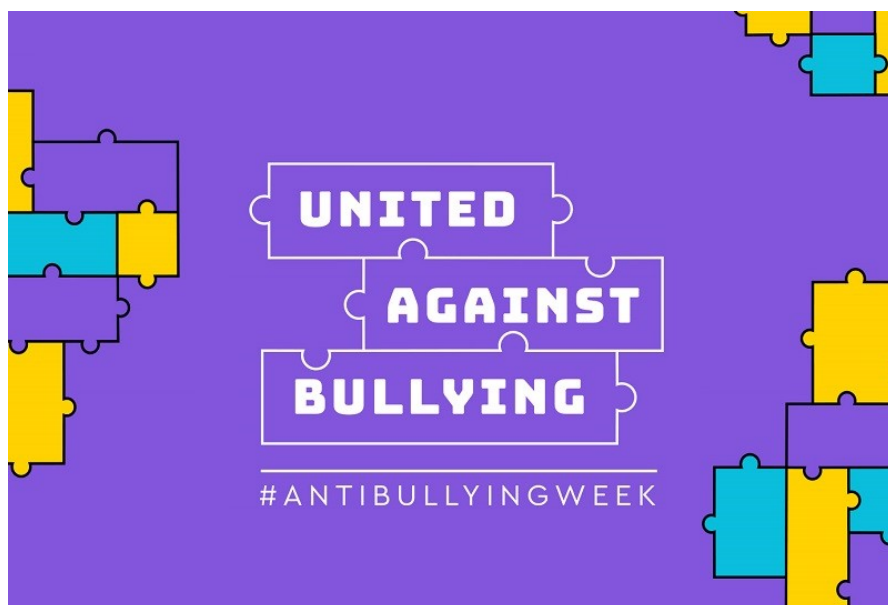


United Against Bullying

During the week of 16th-20th November, we all took part in national Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year was United Against Bullying. Each key stage completed anti-bullying activities including our questionnaires—Mrs Pearce and I have looked through every questionnaire very carefully and we will be speaking with staff about ways to keep everyone safe and happy at Weatherfield Academy.

We completed a wonderful display in the Hall with everyone's names on to show our support for anti-bullying at Weatherfield Academy. Thank you to Mrs Walton for organising our display and thank you to everyone who ensures anti-bullying is so important at our school.

Mrs Drury



5EM's TOP 10 CHRISTMAS JOKES

How do you know if Santa's been in your garden shed?

You've got 3 extra hoes!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet!

What happened when the snowman's dog melted?

He had a slush puppy!

What's red and white all over?

Santa coming down the chimney!

An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa were walking down the street and saw a £20 note. Which one picked it up?

Santa! The other two don't exist!

How many chimneys does Santa go down?

Stacks!

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A mince spy!

Why did the turkey join the band?

Because it has the drumsticks!

What do you call a three- legged reindeer?

Eileen!

Why did the turkey cross the road?

To prove he wasn't chicken!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th January

Students return to school

Monday 11th January

Virtual coffee afternoon at
1:45pm — Presentation about
6th Form

Friday 12th February

Half term

Monday 22nd February

Return to school

Christmas Lunch

Everyone at Weatherfield would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Bunker, and her assistant Miss Stanislas for once again providing us all with Christmas lunch.



Lunchtime Behaviour Awards

Lunchtime behaviour awards have been presented to the following children, who have been selected by Lunchtime Supervisors for their excellent behaviour in the dinner hall.

Oliver Hayward
Lionel Ramos-Whyte
Lewis Cordell
Sophie Bagge

They were all invited to have lunch with Mr Selmes on Wednesday 16th December at the Head Teacher's Lunch.



Seal Awards

The following children were selected by staff as clearly demonstrating this half term's Seal value

To challenge bullying

Oliver Hayward
Lucas Harvey-Barrett
Ellis Grant
Bruce Bond
Lily-Rose Howat
Usman Khalid
Naomi Rankine
Charlie Revell
Carley Litchfield
Sam Callison
Jack Pettifer
Ashley Richards
Chelsea McDermott
Harry Day
Luke Husbands

School Meals

£2.20 per day or £11.00 a week. Please make sure all money is in at the start of the week in a named envelope or you can pay via logging onto your Parentmail account.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be away from school please telephone the school office on 01582 605632 before 10.00 a.m or via Parentmail on the first day of absence.

House Points

The house points collected this academic year are as follows



Owls 3093



Kestrels 2983



Swallows 2813

Christmas Wreaths

Some of the KS5 students got the opportunity to make Christmas wreaths again this year. This had proved a popular activity last year, with all the money raised going towards the Weatherfield Academy farm fund. Making wreaths is rather tricky but the students displayed excellent team work and perseverance, helping each other along the way.

Sophie said: "First we had to zigzag the wire around the metal frame."

Emma: "After this we added moss to keep our greenery alive, then we added the greenery. I found the moss the hardest, but Sophie helped with that. I really enjoyed making the wreaths."

Sophie: "The last thing we had to do was putting plastic on the back and add the decorations. I really enjoyed doing the wreaths again."

In total students made 17 wreaths and made £170 for the school farm.

Thank you to everyone that bought the wreaths this year.



Posters for Dukeminster Court Care home

Thank you very much to Dawn from Key Stage 5 for making some beautiful Christmas posters for residents and staff at Dukeminster Care home in Dunstable, you can see her wonderful designs in the pictures below.



Weatherfield Academy's New Arrivals

We have 5 new baby chickens in school, which my Dad has very kindly given to the school. Back in March this year the school had to shut because of COVID-19. After a few months had passed, the school was allowed to re-open but they were only allowed a few number of students in at a time, and they were doing visits for the school farm.

When me, my Mum and Dad went to the school to have a look at the farm and the animals, my Dad was talking to Miss Wood about how we have got a few more animals during the first lockdown such as Ferrets, Ducks and chickens, because before we just had 2 cats and 2 rabbits. Then my Dad said to Miss Wood that she was going to start hatching eggs, in an incubator from chickens that we keep they would lay eggs. Then my Dad put them in the incubator and then they will start to hatch, and then Miss Wood said they were looking for some baby chickens. Then my Dad said he will give the school some. After a few months pass since then my Dad told me to email Miss Wood and Mr Selmes, to see if they would like to have them in school.

Then Miss Wood told me later during the same day I wrote the email. Miss Wood said yes, they would like them and then a week later my Dad brought 5 new baby chickens into school, they are called Silkie chickens. They are lots of different colours and my Dad said the school can have them for free which was nice of him, he also gave them a box for the chickens to stay in and a heat lamp, and they are staying in Primary. This type of chicken can be placed on your shoulder so they can climb on you, because they love to climb!

Also, this type of chicken must not be let out in cold weather or when it's raining really heavily, because they don't have proper wings like normal chickens do, and they can get poorly really easily if you leave them out for so long in cold weather such as frost.

Also, when they get older they get muddy feet because they can clean their feet, but not very easily because of the type of chickens. With little baby chickens you need to look carefully to make sure the chickens don't get something called splayed legs, which if they kick the straw away when they are walking in a box, and if they kick the water bowl upside down or walk through the water bowl, and they go in the water they walk strangely, and that's how they get splayed legs.

If they get poorly you need to give medicine to them, so they can get better. But you can't give them medicine when they have splayed legs because unfortunately medicine won't work on splayed legs.

The new chicks have got names, which are: Tinkerbell, Eagle, Chipmonk and Gruffalo. The 5th chicken will be named by Primary.

Alfie McGrath



Eco-Christmas Door Challenge

As our Christmas Door Challenge has always been successful, we decided we needed it more than ever this year! The same rules as previous years applied as we were only allowed to use items that we already had. Within classes, teachers and pupils designed and made their classroom doors, with each pupil and staff having one vote each. The winning class was 4JL and they have all received a green card, as well as a mufti day on Wednesday 16th December.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from
Weatherfield Academy