

# News cycle

## The HEADLINE

Welcome to the April edition of News Cycle. We are not very far into the Summer term and yet there is so much going on! It turns out that we might have Great Crested Newts in our pond, we have some fantastic new clubs like Spanish and Cheerleading and our Hi-5 netball team are on top form. What an exciting start to the term! As usual we are looking forward to the FOWPS Quiz Night and the opportunity to pit our wits as well as getting together for a fun social event. This, of course, is a very busy term with Y6

getting ready for SATs followed by their Derbyshire trip and Y5 preparing for their African adventure. There are lots of exciting things to come including our Sports days and end of term production, so keep an eye on our [soon to be](#) page on the website.



*M. Kumar*

## Soon to be...

### Upcoming events for Woodbridge Primary

**4th May**  
Bank Holiday School closed

**11th May**  
Last week of staff-led clubs until after the mid-term break

**11th to 15th May**  
SATs week Y6 sit SATs

**15th May**  
FOWPS Quiz Night

**17th to 22nd May**  
Derbyshire Y6 in Derbyshire

**19th May**  
Parent/Teacher Consultations  
Late appointments

**21st May**  
Parent/Teacher Consultations  
Early appointments

**22nd May**  
Chamber Concert (details to follow)

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**25th to 29th May**  
Mid-term break school closed

For more information see [Soon to be...](#)

## FOWPS

### Quiz Night!

Friday 15th May  
7:15pm to 11pm(ish)  
£7.50 per person.

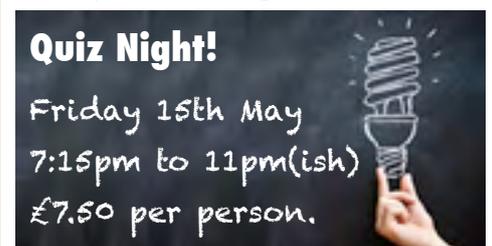
Groups are welcome to come and compete to be the winners (or the losers...)

Delicious fish and chips from Cumberland street and bring your own drink.

*Fun will be had by all!*

More details on the FOWPS

[Events page](#)



# The NEWS

## Our Marvellous Museum!

At the end of last term Y1 & Y2 hosted a *Stay & Learn* morning. The parents of Yrs 1 & 2 had a great time learning about all sorts of things as Y1 & Y2 classrooms were turned into a marvellous museum, both inside and outside.



## Pond Dipping

Report by Y4 Eco Councillors  
**Elizabeth, Oliver & Brooke**

The Eco Council have had a very exciting visit from James and Nalia who are ecologists. It turns out that there is some building work due to start nearby and James and Nalia have to check the surrounding area to make sure that the wildlife will be all right. They were especially interested in our pond as they think we might have some Great Crested Newts (which are very rare). In order to find out what we have in our pond James and Nalia came to do some 'pond dipping' and they showed the Eco Council what 'pond dipping' is. They use a net to take samples of what is in the pond and they let us try as well. Elizabeth got frog spawn in her net, Oliver got

water louse and Brooke got some tadpoles. James and Nalia took a sample of the pond water which they have to add a special liquid to and then put in the fridge over night, then they have to send it away for some scientists to study. If it turns out that there are Great Crested Newts in our pond then they will need to be moved using a special bottle trap that lets them get in to it, but doesn't let them out. We will have to wait a few weeks to find out if we do have any Great Crested Newts, but if we do we will let you know!

## Hi 5 Netball

Report by **Lisa Vinton**



On Friday 24th April there was a Hi-5 tournament at Farlingaye High School, which included WPS, along with seven other teams. The pupils rotated their positions so that everyone had a turn on the court, as well as time keeping, scoring and centre marking. They worked brilliantly as a team throughout the tournament, won every match and are through to the next round. The team were polite and

respectful to all players and were a credit to the school. A gift was awarded to a player from each school for their contribution to the team. Chosen by her fellow team mates, Gracie was selected to receive this gift. Well done Gracie and well done to the Y6 netball team and good luck!

## Time to help others

You may have recently spotted Rosa and Kiera from Y3 who were



in town collecting money for *Marie Curie*. Rosa and her friends regularly collect money for this fantastic charity. Well done for your commitment and generous spirits!

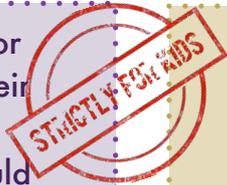
## Dance Showcase

Children from Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 all spent some time last term learning about and practising dance. On Thursday 26th March the children got the opportunity to show their parents what they had learnt in a dance showcase. Belinda, mother of Riley in Y2, said, "It was an imaginative expression of African style dancing which echoed the African drumming the children had learnt earlier in the term."

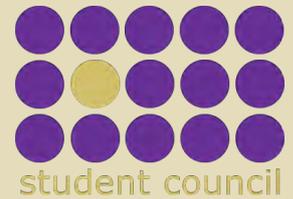
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# KIDS circle

The Kids Circle is for students to have their say! If there is something you would like included here speak to Ms Evans in the office. 😊



Our school.  
Our voice.



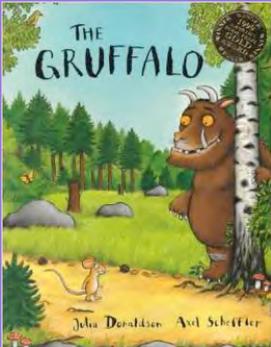
## Developing the Adventure Trail

by **Libby** (Student Councillor for Y5)

In the Student Council meetings we have been talking about the Adventure Trail and thinking about different ways we might use and develop it. We have also been thinking about ways in which we might enjoy the pond more. We have been walking the adventure trail and will be working with the Eco Council to come up with exciting ways we can use these areas.



The book recommendation this cycle comes from James F2



James recommends *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. It is about a clever mouse that pretends he knows a very scary creature called a Guffalo... And then he meets a Gruffalo!

"I like the Guffalo story. I like the mouse the best who is very brave because the Gruffalo is very scary! Mummy and Daddy read it to me."

## Great Crested Newts

by **Elizabeth, Oliver & Brooke**  
(Eco Councillors for Y4)



Following on from our pond dipping adventure we thought we might tell you something about the Great Crested Newt.

Numbers of Great Crested Newts have declined as a result of fewer ponds.

Great Crested Newts are the largest of the UK's three native species growing up to 17cm in length! They are dark brown or black in colour with a 'warty' skin.

The Great Crested Newt is protected by British and European law which makes it an offence to kill, injure, capture or disturb them, or their eggs.

For more information see [here](#)



Your student councillors are: -

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| 46: Charlie (chair) & Ella (vice-chair) | 43: Louella (PR) |
| 45: Abi (secretary)                     | 42: Maisie & Joe |
| 44: Sam (treasurer) & Jess              | 41: Fyn & Esme   |



# Our Stars this Cycle

All of our pupils are stars to us, but every month the class teacher selects a student or two who has shone particularly brightly. See who has been especially sparkly this month...



**Drew** for showing determination when writing his name. *Well done Drew!* And **Anya** for being an excellent role model to the other children. *Well done Anya!*



**Frankie** for writing a well organised and interesting account of her Easter holidays and for showing commitment to improving her writing. *Keep up the good work Frankie!* And **James** for writing an excellent adventure story, including lots of description, good sentence openers and for committing to improving his handwriting. *Keep up the good work James!*



**Charlie** for looking after Andrew, our newest member of F2, and including him in all activities. *What a good friend!* And **Louise** for her independent writing about our 'Super Hero Baddie'. *Good work Louise!*



**Ellie** for settling into Recorder Group really well and coping with lots of new notes. *What a great new member of the group. Well done Ellie!* And **Jessica** for being kind, considerate, helpful in the classroom and for always thinking of others. *Good work, Jess!*



**Archie** for excellent listening skills and commitment to his writing. *Well done Archie!* And **Jamie** for his commitment to his spellings and a fantastic all round effort. *Well done Jamie!*



**Elijah** for his positive start to the term asking interesting questions and contributing to the answers. *Good work Elijah!* And **Aine** for settling into school so well. *Well done, Aine!*



**Joe** for his commitment to running the long distance of 8km around the school grounds. *Well done Joe!* And **Kai** for his commitment to improving his writing and responding well to targets. *Keep up the good work, Kai!*



**Connor** for always working at a rapid pace in mental maths. He is always keen to improve his scores and to tackle challenging questions. *Good work Connor!* And **Oliver** for his determination to always improve his maths, both at home and school. *Good work, Olly!*

# More NEWS

## Learning about Money

Y2 had an enjoyable afternoon when representatives from Ipswich Building Society came to spend the day in the Y2 classroom. Y2 learned about different currency symbols from around the world and played some fun money games, including money bingo, build a bear with money and money wall. They were told the story of 'Bunny Money' and then had the opportunity to write their own story. In the afternoon Y2 made their own money-boxes! (And were given 3p from Mrs Moore to get them started). Everyone had a wonderful time and Y2 would like say a big thank you to Ipswich Building Society for coming along and spending some time with them.

## Parent Forum Update



The Parent Forum met on Monday 27th April to discuss issues raised by parents. Discussed this meeting was event communication, School food, music and sports, uniform, club membership and waiting lists and volunteers in school. More details about what was discussed can be found on the [Parent Forum](#) web page. The next meeting of the Parent Forum is on Monday 6th of July. If you have any queries, concerns or ideas that you would

like raised, please talk to your class representative.

## £100 Virtual Voucher

A letter will shortly be coming home about a £100 virtual voucher. This voucher will be available to parents who fulfil certain criteria and can be redeemed against such things school uniform, breakfast club, after school clubs etc. If you fulfil the criteria you will need to contact the school to get your £100 voucher.

## Lost necklace and watches

A small silver cross on a chain was found on top of the piano in the school hall. If you have lost a small silver cross, please come to the school office to see if it is yours.



We also have two watches, one pink and white and the other blue. If one of these watches is yours please come along to the school office to claim it.

## Messages for Children

If you need to get a message to your child during the school day please call it in before 1:30pm. The office staff will always endeavour to get messages to children after this time, however, due to increased demands on the time of the office staff, they cannot guarantee that your child

will receive messages called through the the school after 1:30pm.

## Clubs Pick-up

Our after school clubs finish at 4:30pm. If you child is in an after school club please come to the side gate from 4:20pm onwards, as this is when the side gate will be opened by staff. As the school office closes at 4pm it is not possible to access the school via the front lobby.

## Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Cub



## Reporters Wanted!

News Cycle is looking for eager beaver student cub reporters to write short news and information reports about the things that go on in and around the school. If you think this is something you think you might enjoy please see Ms Evans in the school office. (You will need to do this in your own time but on the plus side you will see your name in print and have lots of people read your article!)

The next News Cycle will be published on  
**Friday 22nd May**