

West Park Post



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Spring term learning update!

We have had an excellent term in school despite rising covid cases a few weeks' ago and have got to the holidays; nearly 100% of children across the school have once again shown excellent learning attitudes.

I am thankful to over 90% of parents who engaged with class teachers during the open evening – via phone or TEAMS. It is so important to make sure that you are up to date with key information about your child. Please make sure that you look at their home learning books over the break. It is so important that you know whether your child is making progress, and whether they are working at Age Related Expectations or not. Then you can also support at home.

Next term, we are hoping that the open evening will take place in school, so that you can see your child's progress and learning journey. 😊

Well done to 68 children who have had no time at all off this term! 100% attendance! 14 of these children are in y4!

We are continuing to have a lot of lost property at school; please help us by making sure you label your child's clothes. You can use a Sharpie. See information on page 3 regarding following school uniform policy, second hand uniform and hijabs.

Staff news

As you know, myself and Mrs Dovydaitis are leaving at the end of the summer term. Exciting news! Mrs Kabil will take over as the Headteacher in September and Mrs Andrews has been appointed Deputy Headteacher.

Changes next term – end of day

Next term, KS1 children will be collected at 3pm and KS2 at 3.05pm. This replaces current arrangements.

Worry Worms

Thank you to Wednesfield in Bloom who have donated crocheted worry worms to children in the school! These can help reduce anxieties and reduce stress.



GOOD TO BE GREEN

At the end of each week, during Celebration Assembly, we have been announcing the winning class/es with the highest proportion of 'Green' children. At the end of Spring Term, this is how our leader board is looking.

When the new term begins, the winning class/es from the previous half term have a special whole class prize. This is chosen by the children. It always proves to be a real treat!

class	Weekly
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5SS	
Year 5JD	
Year 6JP	
Year 6SA	

Good to be green celebrates both **learning behaviours** (staying focused, completing tasks to the best of their ability, being engaged learners and in years 5 and 6 completing homework on time), and **compliant behaviours** (listening to instruction, choosing kind words and actions, being respectful etc).

It certainly is 'Good, to be green!' Those children who have been green for the whole of Spring Term (100% of the time), will come home with a **platinum certificate** and two chosen prizes to reward their exemplary behaviour. Those who have had up to 4 amber/red cards plus several warnings will be awarded a **gold certificate** and will also have a chosen prize. **Silver Certificate** children, 5-9 amber/red with multiple warnings will also get a prize chosen from a narrower selection, while **bronze children**: 9+ ambers and red cards get a pencil.

Please check the certificate that has been awarded as this will show you how well your child is demonstrating good learning behaviour and general behaviour at school. It is worth having a conversation dependent on the certificate received and reinforcing the importance of making the right choices and displaying appropriate behaviours in and out of learning time.

Certificates and prizes are awarded at the end of each term. Remember by making the right choices in the Summer Term your child can earn a certificate and prizes reflective of their improved or consistently good behaviour.

Governing Body Parent Vacancy

There is vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent or carer of children currently at West Park Primary. If you have an interest in education then please email westparkprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

COVID

The Government has now moved the country into the 'living with covid' phase.

People are asked to:

1. Get vaccinated
2. Let fresh air in
3. Have good hand and tissue hygiene
4. Consider when to wear a face mask

[Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

LFT and PCR tests have stopped for the majority of the population.

People with respiratory symptoms (including COVID-19 symptoms) should stay at home, avoid contact with others and return to normal activities when well enough and don't have a temperature. For school this means that children who are unwell and have a high temperature **should stay at home** and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

For adults testing positive for COVID-19 (some people will still have LFT kits available), they should stay at home for 5 days (remembering day 0 is day of onset of symptoms/day of test if no symptoms) and avoid contact with others. They should then return to normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

For children testing positive for COVID-19 (under 18 years old), they should stay at home **for 3 days** and avoid contact with others. They should then return to school and normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

Safeguarding concerns?

Remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – for adults as well as children. If you are concerned about any families or neighbours over the Easter holiday, then call the police on 101 or social care on 01902 555392. There is a lot of useful information on the following links:

www.wolverhampton Safeguarding.org.uk

<https://www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding>



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UNIFORM

Thank you to parents who make sure that children are adhering to our uniform policy.

Reminders:

School shoes not trainers. School colours are grey and maroon.



Black shoes



If you have problems purchasing school uniform, then please email the school or come to the office. We have some **second hand uniform** and may be able to help! If you have good quality uniform that you could donate, please wash and bring to the office.

Earrings should be studs for health and safety reasons.



No other jewellery is allowed e.g. rings or necklaces.

If you choose for your child to wear a hijab, please provide the pull on plain short style and **not the long scarfs**. Stretchy material is ideal. This is for health and safety reasons.

School preferred uniform colours – maroon, dark grey or black. Hijabs should be removed for PE unless parents provide a short sport hijab.

PE kits should be in school daily; this is a statutory National Curriculum subject and is so vital to a child's health and mental well-being.

For more information look on the website

[School Uniform | West Park Primary \(westparkprimaryschool.co.uk\)](#)

ENGLISH NEWS FROM WEST PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term, we have had lots of exciting English events additional to our daily English lessons. Children have celebrated World Book Day and Poetry Day. We have continued to enjoy virtual author visits across school and children have been producing some excellent writing across school.

World Book Day

This term, we celebrated World Book Day with our own theme See Yourself in a Book.



Children were invited to bring a book into school that they felt represented them. Children enjoyed time in their classrooms sharing their own book with their peers.

Years 1 and 2 also enjoyed an illustrating session with Catherine Raynor after listening to some of her stories and years 3,4,5 and 6 enjoyed a poetry workshop with Michael Rosen.



Reading Ambassadors

Our reading ambassadors have made an excellent start in their new roles by organising World Book Day alongside Mrs Andrews. A special mention to our year 6 reading ambassadors, who created and organised a reading quiz for each class across school and delivered them on World Book Day. Children were excited to take part in the competition and teachers were impressed by how children's knowledge of books, genres and authors has improved this year.



Handwriting

After the Easter break, we will focus on the zig zag family in our handwriting lessons.



Children have been assessed for their handwriting and teachers will communicate this information with you. Children will then take a visible learning approach to our handwriting sessions, whereby teachers will support children to practice the letters that they cannot yet form.

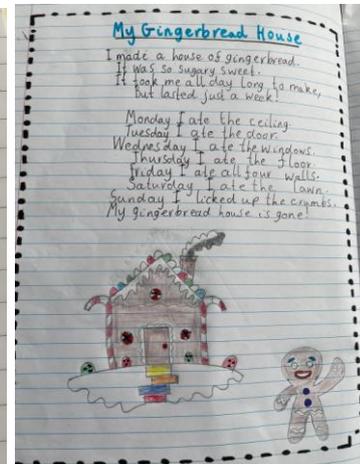
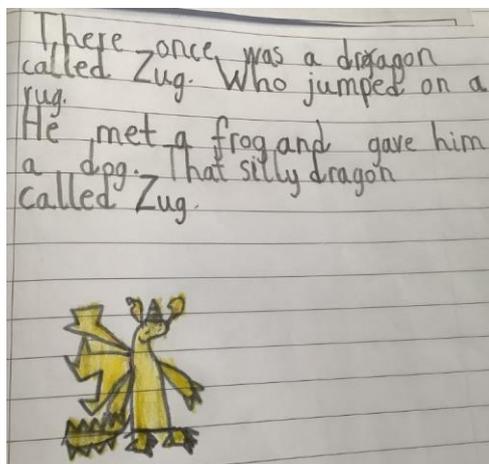
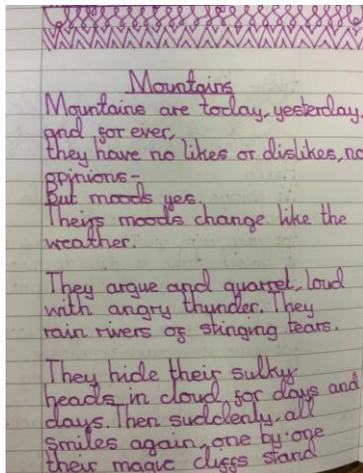
You can also help your child at home by accessing our online handwriting lesson at <https://www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/english>.

Poetry

This year, we want to expose children to a variety of poems to improve their knowledge of poetry and poets. Children have enjoyed reading poems at the start of assemblies, in their classrooms and as part of their homework tasks.



We have also celebrated Poetry Day in school by focusing on performance poetry. Each class selected a poem and performed the poem for the rest of the school. We enjoyed listening to these in one of our assemblies.



Phonics

We love reading at West Park Primary School. It is important to learn to read so we can access all the other areas of the curriculum confidently. Our youngest children have access to lots of phonics resources on our school website <https://www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/phonics>.

All children can borrow books from our school library or class libraries.

Don't forget to keep reading over the Easter break.

We look forward to hearing all about your books next term.



Mrs Andrews and Mrs Pinson

Attendance news end of Spring term 2022

Here is a summary of attendance since September 2021.

Class	Attendance
YR	95.7%
Y1	94.4%
Y2	95.6%
Y3	94.8%
Y4	96.2%
Y5JD	96.1%
Y5SS	96.2%
Y6SA	93.9%
Y6JP	95.2%
School total	95.3%

Target for school
is 97%



Our attendance target for the year is 97% so we are below this at the moment. Given that school has been struck severely by COVID this term we are pleased with this attendance figure and it is well above the national average.

Next term the government have announced there will be no special consideration for anyone with covid or covid symptoms and all time off will count as an absence on your child's record.



Have a happy Easter break and remember for next term:

Children should be in school every day unless they are poorly. Generally if they are up and about at home then they are well enough to be in school.

It is VERY important that children arrive at school on time. Classrooms are open from 8:30am and school starts at 8:45am. Children who regularly arrive late are missing valuable learning time at the start of the day and this will affect their progress. Next term the Local Authority will be holding 'Late Gates' and speaking to the parents of children who are late to school.



Maths News April 2022



Maths Ambassadors continue to be busy supporting mathematics in school. After launching the clock competition in February, they were pleasantly surprised by the number of entries. They were overwhelmed with the quality of the clocks produced and some phenomenal, towering structures that showcased some very creative DT skills.

Selecting winners from each phase became an enormous challenge as there were so many children who could have been the prize winners.

The lucky eight, photographed here were the final selection. Each child received a certificate in Celebration Assembly presented by the Maths Ambassadors and an Amazon gift card.

Thank you to all the family members who supported their children to produce some amazing clocks.

Winners: Las y6, Raja y5, Ellie-May y5, Channiel y4, Dougie y3, Marc y3, Jasmine y2, Sukhman Reception.

Some of our Maths Ambassadors have been supporting younger children with developing their number facts. They have also been supporting them to consolidate what they have been learning in class. This overlearning is building children’s confidence and enables fluency in concepts.

As well as this, Maths Hub work is proving popular amongst upper KS2. Children regularly join the Maths Ambassadors to consolidate learning or get ahead of homework deadlines with some great peer support.

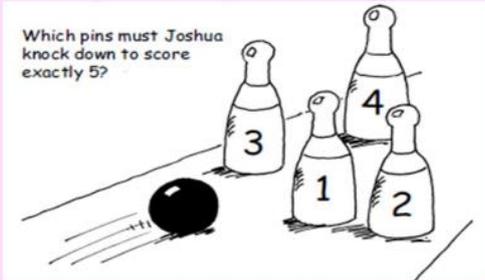


The in-school competition started this half term with both year 3 and 4 children doing a timed challenge. The aim was to recall the 36 times tables facts posted in the February Newsletter. All the children had 3minutes and 30 seconds to complete without any errors.

These are the children who have made it on our leader board. Well done to everyone who took part. We will build in opportunities fortnightly in the summer term for children to enter with a chance to get their name on the leader board. The time to beat is Mahdi’s 40 seconds. Have you got what it takes to get your name on the leader board?

Family Maths

EYFS & KS1 Family Challenge



Four Pin Bowling

Can you find two different ways:

- A. to score 5
- B. to score 6
- C. to score 7

KS2 Family Challenge



How Old is Granny?

Tom asked his Granny how old she was. Rather than giving him a straight answer, she replied:

"I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!"

How old is Tom's Granny?

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$\square - 4 = 2$	$9 - \square = \square$	$5 - \square = 1$
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HOME Challenge sheet



Year 1 and 2



8 2D Shape Hunt

Count how many of the following shapes you can find in your house.

Squares

Rectangles

Triangles

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9 How many handles?

Count how many handles are in your house. Look for doors, cupboards, windows etc. How many did you find?

10 Maths on the Move number trail

Download and cut out the question cards and follow the answers around the house. [Download.](#)

6 Weigh it up

Collect 10 items from your house. Order them from lightest to heaviest. Now order them from tallest to shortest.

7 How many body parts?



How many people are in your house?

How many eyes in total?

How many legs?

How many noses?

How many toes?

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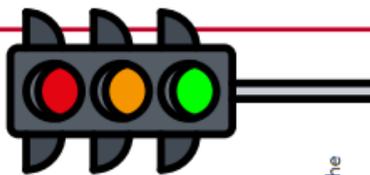
4 Numbers all around!

How many items in your house have a number on them? TV remote control, clock, etc.

Which object has the most numbers?

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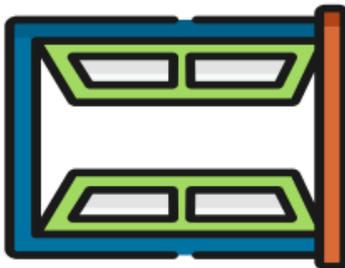
5 Traffic lights



Look around your house for red, yellow and green items. Every time you see an item of this colour write it down.

Which colour is the most popular?

3 Doors or windows



Count the number of windows in your house.

Count the number of doors in your house.

Do you have more doors or windows?

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1 How many steps?

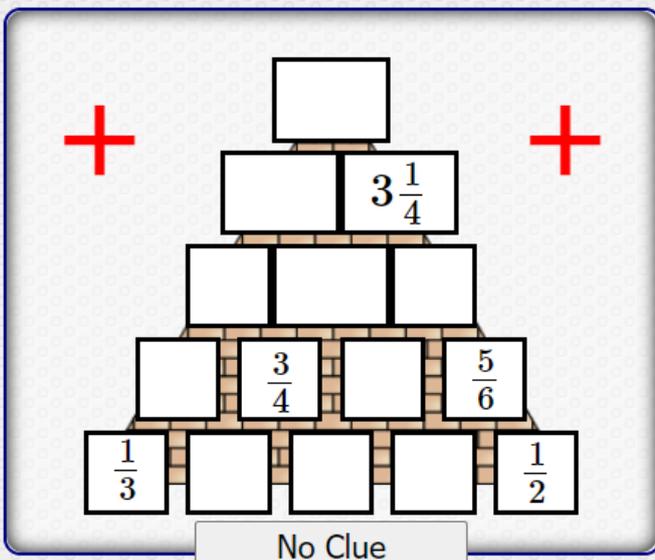
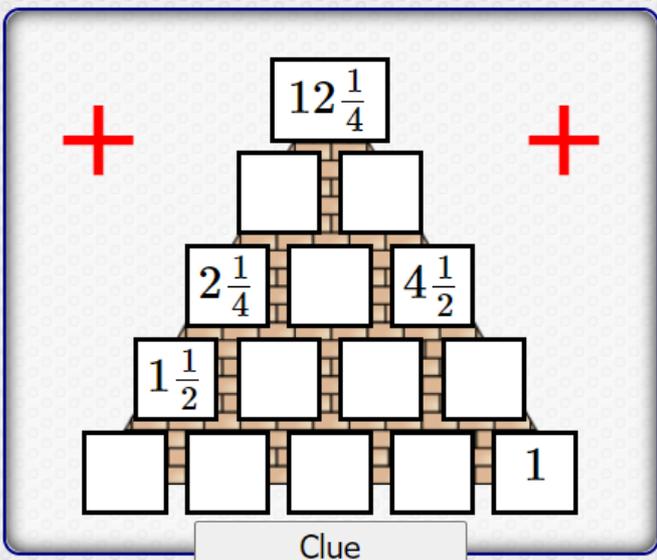
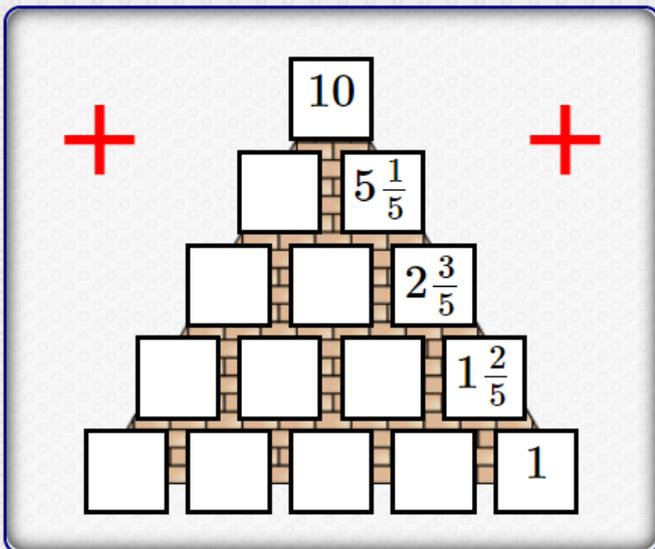
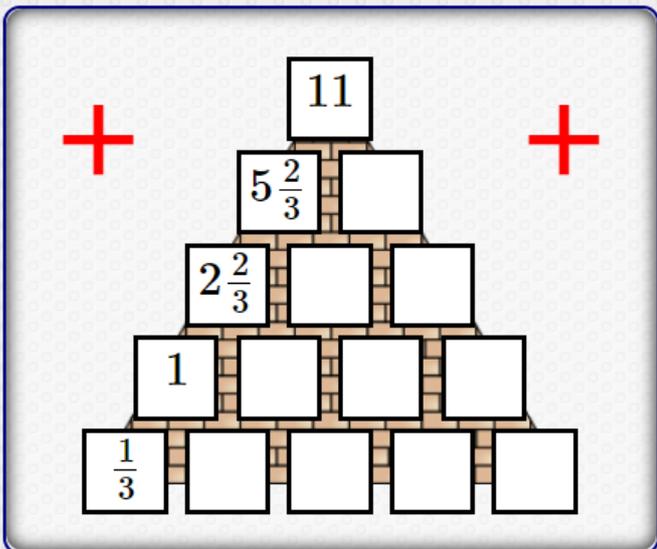
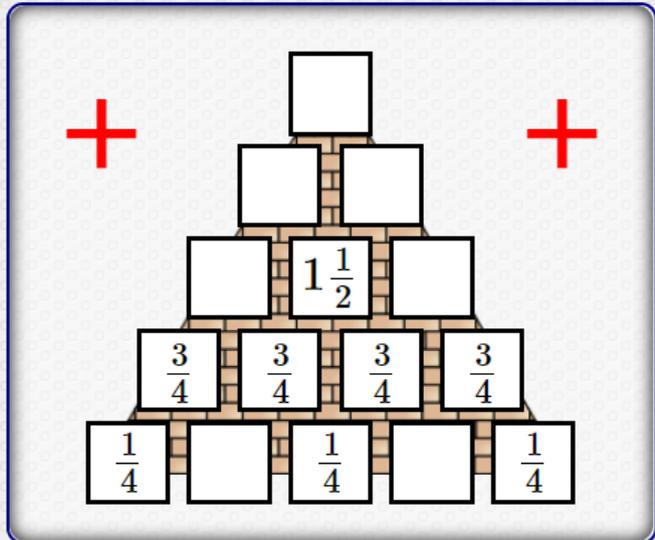
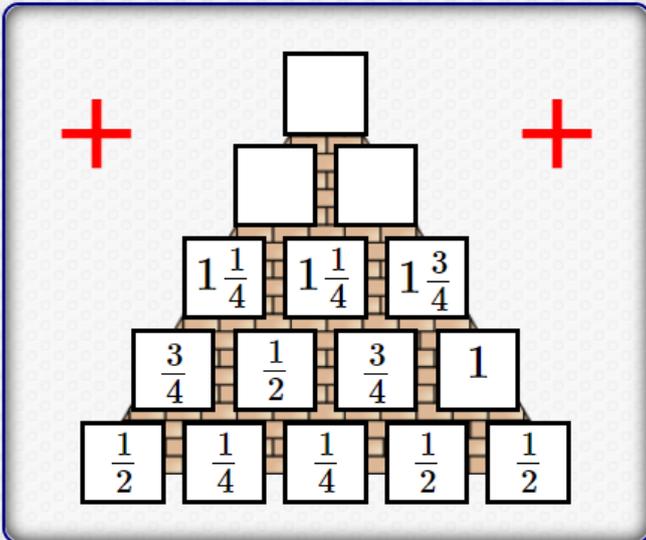


Count how many steps it takes you to get from one side of the room to the other. Which room takes the most steps?

2 In height order

Collect 5 items that you can hold in your hands. Now order the items from tallest to shortest.

Complete the pyramids so that the numbers in each brick is the sum of the two numbers in the bricks below. Use the forward slash / to type a fraction. Give answers as proper fractions in their lowest terms.



Clue

No Clue

Dates

Friday 8th April school closes at 3pm for the Easter break

Monday 25th April school opens for the summer term

Monday 2nd May – school closed for Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – year 3 to the Think Tank in Birmingham

Monday 9th May – year 3 RE visit to local temple

Week beginning **Monday 9th May** – year 6 SATS

Half term **30.5.21 – 3.6.22**

Wednesday 8th June y2 visit to a local mosque

Friday 10th June – y5 geography trip to Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire, and y4 Stone Age workshop in school

Wednesday 15th June – y1 visit to a local church

Thursday 16th June – y2 trip to Hoo Farm in Shropshire

Week beginning 20th June – y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Wednesday 6th July – Open Evening

Last day of summer term **Wednesday 20th July** – school closes at 3pm

Please look at the school website for other dates
[Calendar](#) | [West Park Primary](#)
westparkprimaryschool.co.uk

The City of Wolverhampton website also has the term dates for the next three years.

[School term dates | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

Health and Relationships Education

In the summer term, all children from years 1-6 will take part in statutory health and relationships education. Parents will be sent a letter with details.

Parents only have the option to withdraw children from 2 lessons in year 6. A different letter about this will be sent out nearer the time.

ECO AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Eco Council

This term the eco-council has continued to gather ideas for our planned 'sensory garden' area. All the feedback from pupils is in, and the final ideas boards are now making their way around the school.



School Council

School Council have been meeting and discussing a fundraising project for the Summer Term - more details to follow!



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20TH APRIL 10AM-12 لي ربا

EASTER HOLIDAYS
ART WORKSHOP FOR KIDS
(ADULTS CAN JOIN IN TOO!)
AT THE DROP-IN

VACANCES SCOLAIRES DE PÂQUES:
ATELIER ARTISTIQUE POUR LES
ENFANTS GRATUIT!
10h-12h 20 avril



AT: ST MARY & ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL, SNOW HILL, WOLVERHAMPTON WV2 4AD

Fun in year 1!

Year 1 has had a roaring time this half term doing fabulous work based on the book Zog! What incredible dragons they have been!



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**Wolverhampton
Community Games
2022
Easter Competition!**

During the two week break, we want to challenge you to a competition!

We want you to think about all the wonderful things that Wolverhampton Community Games will bring to the people in our City. Then we want you to capture all of those ideas in a colourful poster, a creative story or an inspiring poem and send them to us so we can enjoy your fantastic ideas.

We will be picking a winners for each type of entry, from all phases, Nursery, Primary Special and Secondary.
Winner will receive a Zero Bounds - Roundnet set for their class, along with optional staff training.
(Runner up prizes to be confirmed)

Please share this with all children, families and communities.

Closing date for all entries is May 6th 2022.
Entries to go to Sam Perks at
ConnectED Partnership:
Sam.perks@connectedpartnership.com 01902 290152

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If you enter this competition, bring your entry to school after the Easter holidays!

Food banks – support for any family in need

Wolverhampton Council website are signposting families in need to these food banks.

Families can self-refer to these organisations.



Elias Mattu Foundation (EMF)

8 Owen Road
Pennfields
Wolverhampton
WV3 0HP

Telephone: Asha Mattu – 07904 310530 or Manj Mattu – 07427 173171

Email for referrals: enquiries@eliasmattufoundation.com

Referrals are taken by professionals and **self-referral depending on circumstances.**

Delivery in Wolverhampton City on Saturday's between 12.00 – 6.00 pm.

If you are still in need after trying these food banks call in and see Mrs Dovydaitis as there are other places school can refer families too.

Everyone Prosper SDB Foodbank

Telephone: 07417 591746

Based in the Whitmore Reans area. They deliver food parcels to those in need on a fortnightly basis to all areas of Wolverhampton.

They provide fresh fruit and vegetables, toiletries, baby items such as milk, nappies, wipes and other essential baby equipment.

Collection of non-perishable food is available any evening between 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Wolverhampton Muslim Forum

The Elms Resource Centre
Manby Close, Wolverhampton, WV6 0QR

Telephone: 01902 422922

Email: soupkitchen@muslimforum.org.uk

Wolverhampton Muslim Forum Soup Kitchen runs every Thursday 11.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Due to Covid19, they are operating a delivery service. Food parcels are delivered by volunteers. Referrals are welcome – message via WhatsApp on 01902 422022 or via telephone on the same number where a voicemail can be left.