



## House Music Festival 2021



Our School House Music Festival took place this year on Friday 14th May and what a fantastic day it was.

We had 62 entries across all years from Prep 1 to Prep 6 including singers, pianists, violinists, guitarists, brass and woodwind players. Our adjudicator was Karen Geddes, church organist and choir mistress of St Michael's Church in Macclesfield. She is also a pianist, double bass and tuba player. She was extremely impressed with the range and quality of WPS performers! Everyone rose to the occasion and played beautifully. The House Music Festival is always such a delightful performance opportunity for our children, and such opportunities help to develop our pupils' confidence and characters.

Thanks must go to the Music Team who helped to organise the day and prepare the children, and to our Music Ambassadors, Sulayman and Louis, who worked impressively hard on the day: these responsibilities are an important part of WPS pupils' development.

The overall winners were Moreton House. Well done to everyone who took part!



## Dragon Days P3 & P4 Play



We are all incredibly proud of the Prep 3 and 4 children who have worked so hard to perform brilliantly in their show, Dragon Days, especially as the majority of the practices took place on Zoom! It was truly wonderful to see a production on stage again and to hear the applause of a live audience, (as other Bubbles watched from a suitable distance); a really uplifting milestone moment after the last 12+ months.

The children were outstanding, bringing to life the eccentric characters who, in the story, have a tendency towards exaggeration and a flair for the dramatic, and who come together in the end to convey the importance of friendship, kindness and not judging a book (dragon) by its cover. As the song said, "Put on the shoes of another, Don't worry how you appear, Look for the goodness in everyone, Even when dragons are near": important messages for us all to remember!

A huge thank you to all pupils and staff involved in delivering this exceptional performance, in production or in support; and to our fabulous WPS families, a massive thank you for all your help with learning lines, practising songs and providing costumes. It really is very much appreciated; we hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed creating it!



# WPS Report

May 2021



## Message from the Headteacher

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus talked about Character as Destiny. It is interesting that he also talked about change being ever present and that humans are in a state of 'becoming'. This implies that we can change our character, and therefore change our destiny. The primary school years are a vital period in which to shape our children's attitudes and values through high expectations and a stimulating curriculum. At WPS, we want the children's personalities to flourish and for their confidence to grow, with the grounding of life skills that go beyond the boundaries of a normal primary school education.

This has been a wonderful half term in which we have seen the children's achievements, self-expectations and confidence grow. In particular the House Music Festival showcased the musical talent of young children starting their musical journey to the more accomplished musicians in Prep 6, and gave the children the confidence to perform, to not be afraid to make mistakes and to celebrate each other's achievements. It is through such opportunities and experiences that our pupils learn, develop and flourish. Likewise the Prep 3 and 4 performance of 'Dragon Days', demonstrated the children's acting and singing skills, and provided a real treat for all the children, performers and audience members alike: enthusiastic applause could be heard after each performance as the children celebrated this fabulous performance and achievement.

School visits can finally go ahead and these began with Prep 5 and 6 children heading off to Chester Zoo, and Den building for Reception and Kindergarten. More are planned including a Falconry visit, trips to Chester, Formby Beach, Styal Mill and in particular exciting activities such as Go-Ape, climbing and canoeing planned for Prep 6 in their final half term.

We now enter our final half term of the academic year with mixed emotions as the Prep 6 children will be leaving us, but we are extremely proud of all they have achieved at WPS. I am looking forward with great enthusiasm and excitement to my first WPS Speech Day where we will be celebrating and showcasing all the wonderful talents and achievements of our pupils!

## P5 & 6 Chester Zoo Visit



Despite some unseasonably wet weather, our Prep 5 and 6 children enjoyed their fantastic visits to Chester Zoo earlier this month. During the visits the children went on a virtual expedition into the depths of the mysterious Amazon and other rainforests, investigating the incredible biodiversity and importance of this habitat through hands-on activities. They also looked at the Zoo's conservation work and importantly what can be done to save the rainforests.



## EYFS Den Building Competition



Team building, listening, problem solving – just some of the skills our Kindergarten and Reception children learnt and developed during this month's educational and exciting Den Building Session. But most of all, they had lots of fun!





## Merit & Courtesy Badge Winners

Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded badges this term.

### Bronze Merit

Bodie, Beatrix, Theo, Quincy and Eric in Reception; Caleb, Pinelopi, Arman, Lara, Bailey & Deen in P2; Hashim, Torin & Ed in P3; Kyle, Emily, Oscar & Evalyn in P4; Louis, Sulayman, Coby, Oliver & Raphael in P6.

### Bronze Courtesy

Roman, Abrianna, Oliver, Nika and Marram in Reception; Deen, Elliot, Bailey, Molly, Kim, Shayan, Arman, Lara, Pinelopi, Lexi, Bertie & Caleb in P2; Hashim, Torin & Ed in P3.

### Silver Merit

Samuel, Ntembe, Sophia, Molly, Rosa & William in P1; Emily, Grace, Amelia, Lyla-Skye, Olivia, Liberty, Jack, James & Holly in P3; Conrad in P4.

### Silver Courtesy

William, Holly, James, Samuel, Rosa, Mikhael, Sophia, Ntembe & Betsy in P1; Emily, Thomas, Florence, Amelia, Lyla-Skye, Jack & James in P3.

### Gold Merit

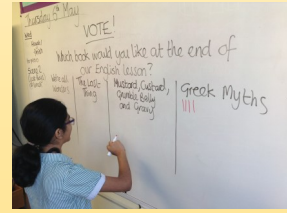
Emily, Thomas, Florence, Grace, Amelia & Jack in P3.

### Gold Courtesy

Emily, Grace, Olivia, Liberty & Holly in P3.

## Voting at WPS

Local elections took place across the UK this month. Here at WPS we made voting part of lesson planning and teaching about Democracy as one of the Fundamental British Values.

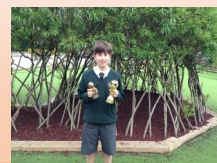


Children across the School took part in Mental Health Awareness Week this month. The theme this year was Nature and the benefits of connecting with the natural world. Here are a selection of our class activities which the children thoroughly engaged with and enjoyed.:



## Man of the Match

Raphael's (P6) Team, Stockport County Colts, won the Stockport Football League at the beginning of May and he was awarded Man of the Match in the Final. We are very proud of his success. Well done Raffi!



Many Happy Returns to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays this week or during the first week back in School:



Fatima P3

Joshua P3

Layla K6

Holly P3



# WPS Reading Challenge

We have had another brilliant half term of reading at WPS, with some extraordinary work produced as part of our Reading Challenge. Remember – this year's challenge will be finishing next half term, so this is your final chance to try and achieve one of our coveted awards!



Very well done to the following pupils for achieving their Reading Challenge Awards:

**Gold Award:** Betsy (P1), Jack (P3), Elise (P5), Ellie (P5), Marium (P6)

**Silver Award:** Libby (P3), Ellie (P5), Sophia (P5), Ruby (P5), Oliver (P6), Ariana (P6), Marium (P6), Sul (P6), Coby (P6)

**Bronze Award:** Nika (Reception), Libby (P3), Louis (P6), Isabella (P6), Hattie (P6)



## Our First Platinum Award Achieved!

Massive congratulations goes to Betsy in Prep 1, who has become the first pupil in the School to achieve her Platinum Award – an amazing achievement, as I am sure you will agree! It has been incredible to see the standard of work the challenge has inspired Betsy to produce, some of which is included below. With the end of this year's Reading Challenge in sight, will anyone else be able to secure a prized Platinum Award?

