

St Philip Westbrook News



Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly.

Friday 25th June 2021

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School closes on Wednesday 28th July 2021 & we return on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Please remember to top-up your child's Parent Pay account in order for them to receive snack and/or a school lunch.



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Star of the Week

The following children have been awarded Star of the Week for showing our Christian value of:

'RESPECT'

RecD - Lucy
RecV/T - Neve
RecP - Henry
Y1L - Elena
Y1B - Desmond
Y1C - Olivia
Y2K/A - Kian
Y2R - Swara
Y2C - Ella
Y3D - Claudia
Y3H - Amy
Y3W - Samuel
Y4D - Olivia
Y4Mc - Harper
Y4B - Tilly
Y5A - Megan
Y5T - Emilia
Y5S - Khloe
Y6H - Lauren
Y6C - Amelia
Y6W - Risheka

Be kind and honest and
you will live a long life;
others will respect you
and treat you fairly.

Proverbs 21:21

Dates for Forthcoming Events

July

2nd - 1JIC Walton Gardens visit
5th - Y1HL Walton Gardens visit
6th - Y3KH Foxhowl
7th - Y3PD Foxhowl
8th - Y3AW Foxhowl
9th - Y1HB Walton Gardens visit
21st - Y6 Vibe visit



June's 30 day Go Wild Challenge



One of our Year 1 pupils has teamed up with The Wildlife Trust as a Wildlife Champion to encourage us all to get outdoors and experience the wonder that nature has on offer. The Wildlife Trust have organised a lovely event called '30 Days Wild' which runs for the whole of June. Each day, starting on 1st June, the children will complete a 'Random Act of Wildness' which is a short activity encouraging children to engage with nature and wildlife. The 'Random Acts of Wildness' cards have been uploaded onto Google Classroom for you to use throughout the half term. We look forward to seeing pictures of you exploring all things wild!

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Warrington, a designated enhanced response area

Warrington is now a designated enhanced response area following a government announcement, due to the continued prevalence of the Delta variant of coronavirus.

Cases are rising rapidly in Warrington, driven by the Delta variant. The government therefore made the decision on, Monday 14 June, to make Warrington an enhanced support package area.

This means that in Warrington, over the coming days and weeks, there will be, as a minimum:

- An enhanced presence of community engagement and street teams, speaking to residents to make sure [they are testing themselves routinely](#) and are taking up the vaccine when offered
- Supervised in-school testing and the reintroduction of face coverings in high schools
- Surge PCR testing in some specific areas and settings
- Enhanced delivery of local and targeted communications, including roaming ad vans and billboard messages

Director of Public Health at Warrington Borough Council, Thara Raj, said: "Cases of coronavirus are continuing to rise in Warrington and we can all play our part to reduce the risk of transmission. Stick to the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' basics of keeping your distance from others, making sure you wash your hands regularly, wear a face covering where appropriate and, if you're meeting people, best to do it outside or in a place where there is plenty of ventilation. Importantly, please also remember to use symptom-free tests routinely and keep symptom-free testing twice a week, so that we can track anyone who may be unknowingly carrying the virus and spreading it to others."

Reminder for Parents/Carers

Please ring into school or leave a message on the absence line or send an email into stphilips_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk with your child's name, their class and the reason why your child is absent from school.

If your child has had a vomiting or diarrhoea bug please remember they cannot return to school until 2 clear days after the last episode in order to prevent infection to others.

Please try not to make any appointments during school hours. If this isn't possible please do not arrange to pick your child up/drop them off during their lunch time as there is limited staff availability to get your child and you could have a lengthy wait. Please ensure you email into school to inform us of any appointments beforehand.

If you need to pick your child up early from school please email or phone to let us know the reason. Due to the staggered finishing times we will have to advise you of the best time to collect your child to avoid the mixing of year group bubbles. Please do not come into the office to collect your child without speaking to school first.



Year 3 Orchard Trip



Last week and this, the children had a wonderful time exploring Westbrook Orchard. The focus of their visit was to consider

the diversity of nature and they had lots of fun exploring and learning about the variety of animals and plants that live so close to us. They thought about how they could sort and classify them based on similarities and differences.



Please do not send any emails into the Office or Admin email addresses as these are not monitored accounts. All emails are to be sent to stphilips_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk as this is monitored on a daily basis.

Information for Parents/Carers regarding PCR tests for primary school children.

A reminder for all parents/carers that if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 they will need to have a **PCR test** and a negative result before coming back into school and **not** a rapid lateral flow test.

We are guided by what Public Health tells us. Lateral Flow tests are not accurate and should not be used to test anyone who is asymptomatic but is unwell e.g. do not use if there is a high temperature, a persistent cough or loss of smell and /or taste. PCR tests must be used if any of these three symptoms are in place.

Public Health state that 'symptomatic individuals must order or book a PCR test and not use a lateral flow test. Guidance on this can be found here, Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). If you have symptoms of COVID-19, arrange to have a PCR test if you have not already had one. Stay at home while you are waiting for a home self-sampling kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.

Lateral flow testing should be used twice weekly for asymptomatic individuals but for those with one of the three main symptoms they must take a PCR test. We would advise that they remain off school until feeling better to avoid spreading any virus. In particular if this results in more children being required to isolate and seek a test.'

Warrington Borough Council website makes this clear and states; If you have any coronavirus symptoms, no matter how mild, you should not use a lateral flow test and instead self-isolate and book an NHS (PCR) test via gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

Pupils are not included in the rapid, regular symptom-free testing in primary school and nursery settings. Primary school aged children should only be tested if they are displaying symptoms, in which case their families should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and book a PCR test for the child.

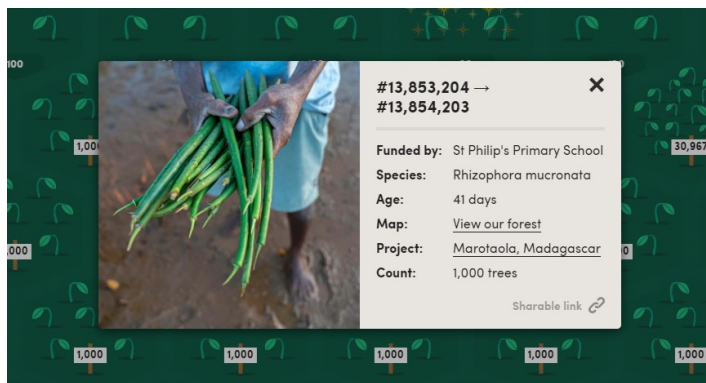
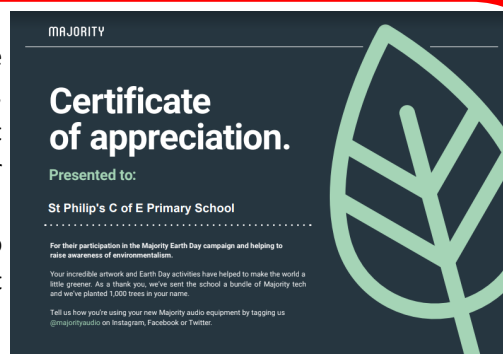
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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After celebrating Earth Day earlier this year, lots of teachers shared the success of the day on Twitter including posting pictures of activities, posters and costumes. As a reward for spreading awareness about saving our planet, Majority Audio have planted 1000 trees in our school's name and have sent some audio equipment which will be used to enhance our curriculum and extra-curricular activities. We have also been sent a certificate! Use the link below for more information about our trees:

St Philips Trees



Westbrook Big Party

We hope you enjoyed the Westbrook Big Party on Friday evening. It was great to see so many people applauding this year's stage performance by St Philip's school children who have put on a display each year since 2016 (Covid 2020 excepted).

Certainly all the people we spoke to said they and their families were having a lovely time and were looking forward to next year. If you enjoyed the Big Party, please let us know, we would appreciate your feedback. Any suggestions on how we can improve this community event would be welcome. Contact us on: westcalcom@gmail.com or preferably join our Facebook page, 'Westbrook and Callands Communities'.

Thanks again to Gullivers for making this a success.

All 2000 tickets were sold out well in advance.

Here is the breakdown of how a total donation of £1400 will go to St Rocco's:

1057 adult tickets at £1 each:	£1057.00
Bucket collections:	£282.20
Donation from St Philips Church:	£40.00
Top up from W&CC funds:	£20.80
Total.	£1400.00

Each year, our school is asked to perform to open the Westbrook Big Party, and this year the children excelled. Choir sang two beautiful songs and people in the audience commented on how marvellous the harmonies were. This was followed by a dance which captivated the crowd. We would like to thank all of the children involved for their hard work practising for their fantastic performances.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2021

The QCEC is the world's oldest writing competition for schools, and a rare opportunity for young people's voices to be heard by a global audience. It aims to inspire young people's awareness of the Commonwealth family and provides an entry point into active citizenship within this international community. In taking part, young people develop their skills in creative writing, critical thinking, empathy, and experimenting freely with different literary genres.

This year's theme is *Community in the Commonwealth*. Young people are called upon to use creative writing to reflect on how their local community is responding to the global pandemic. They are encouraged to consider their own power in bringing about change within their community, and how the Commonwealth community can be used as a tool for positive action. The deadline for the competition is **30th June 2021**.

In 2020, some 13,000 young people across the Commonwealth entered the QCEC, but **only 913 came from the UK**. The competition celebrates the Commonwealth's wonderful diversity, and it is paramount that the young people of the UK are able to contribute their voices to these important topics.

Entrants must select a Senior or Junior topic depending on their age on 30 June 2021. Senior entrants must be born between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2007 (14-18 years) and Junior entrants must be born after 1 July 2007 (under 14 years of age).

More information on the QCEC please click on the link below.

[The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition \(QCEC\)](#)

Student Recognition

There were a number of St Philip's pupils involved in the Warrington Junior Girls Football League U10s Cup Final last weekend. The final was between Whittle Hall JFC and Earlestown JFC.

Florence (Y4LB) and her teammates Eesha (Y5LS) and Megan (Y5EA) all play for Whittle Hall JFC, who were the runners up to Earlestown JFC who another Y5 pupil, Emma (Y5EA), plays for.

Well done on your participation.

LINK CLUB

If you require a place at Link Club from September 2021 please email/hand in your application form by Monday 28 June as we are now finalising registers ready for the new academic year.

Application forms can be downloaded from the school website or email your requirements to Lesley Thornton at [**stphilips_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk**](mailto:stphilips_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk)

We will hoping to confirm places by email from next week.