



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

Tuesday July 23rd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Service

Today we enjoyed a lovely service for our Year 6 pupils at Shipton Church. The children reflected on their time at our school, ready for their next step to secondary school. We wish them all the very best and know that they will continue to shine as lights!

Wychwood's Got Talent

Yesterday we enjoyed all the talent that Wychwood has on offer this included; dancing, gymnastics, comedians and magicians. Performers and the audience had a blast! I am pleased to share with you the winners were:

FSU: Bethany (Comedian)

KS1: Riley, Molly, Florence (Dance)

LKS2: Jemima and Florence (Dance)

UKS2: Sophie (Gymnastics)

The Great Wychwood Bake Off

It was very tense in the tent yesterday as Darcie, Jonty and Georgie baked for their lives! The task was to make a Mary Berry cupcake and I can confirm that these were baked to a high standard. (They were yummy!) The overall winner this year is: Georgie from Year 5!

SUDC

Thank you for all your donations yesterday. It was lovely to see the children in their brightly coloured clothes. We raised £700 for such a worthy charity!

Thank you!

On behalf of the staff, I wanted to thank parents for all their support over the year and in particular those who volunteered their time to support us with swimming, forest school, trips, reading and the various PTA events. We are able to offer so much at Wychwood and you as parents are vital for this to happen, so thank you.



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I would also like to say thank you to parents on behalf of the staff for your lovely cards and gifts. It is with great appreciation that these are received.

Goodbyes

We have a few goodbyes from staff this year...

Miss Sarah Hill has been with us for most of the year looking after Willow Class, we thank her for all her efforts and wish her well as she moves on to pastures new.

Miss Katie Jackson is leaving us after two years at our school to work closer to home at another primary school. We wish her all the best as she continues her teaching career.

Mrs Kath Williamson is moving on to teach Geography at secondary school. Mrs Williamson is such a calm presence in our school, quietly assisting children both inside the classroom and supporting with so many sporting trips.

Miss Gemma Hetherington is moving on to work in early years in a different setting. Miss Hetherington can often be found in our Forest School area leading sessions and giving the children wonderful outdoor experiences and for this we thank her.

Mrs Sarah Napper has been at Wychwood for 19 years. She trained as student here and grew into the wonderful teacher she is today. We teased her in assembly about her love of science and I know she inspired many pupils with her enthusiasm for the subject. Her considered approach to teaching always led to calm and purposeful classrooms.

Mrs Glenys James is a much-loved member of staff who has supported across the school in her 21 years at the school. Mrs James is such a nurturing member of our school staff and children love being in her company. Mrs James also supported our P.E. provision over the years and inspired a number of children to pursue sport. Mrs James has earned a well-deserved retirement and we wish her well!

Mrs Sally Barrett has been part of Wychwood for 27 years. Mrs Barrett is known for her love of maths, P.E. and D & T. Her patient approach to teaching the children enabled pupils in her care to make excellent progress academically. She is also such a supportive member of staff, mentoring other teachers and sharing her excellent practice. I know how much Mrs Barrett is respected by the Wychwood community and though she is retiring, we hope to see her around soon as the next generation of Barrett's make their way through our school.

All of these staff members have added in their own individual way, to the rich experiences that our pupils experience at Wychwood and for that we will miss them and wish them well in the future.

Finally...

It has been an absolute pleasure being the Headteacher of this wonderful school. I have been so proud to be part of this amazing Wychwood community and I hope that in some small way I have made a difference to the lives of your children. We certainly are blessed with amazing and hardworking staff whose dedication to doing the very best for the children is something we see daily. I want to thank them for their ability to rise to any occasion over the years we have been together.

To our school governors, who volunteer their time and give so much to Wychwood, I thank you for being so supportive, especially during COVID! Your expertise and knowledge have been a great asset to me and the school, I know that Mrs Gent will benefit from your experience.

I am overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words, Wychwood will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you.

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Freddie (Willow) and Teddy (Sycamore). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.



Have a lovely summer!

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