



Thursday 17th June 2021

RE: Primary Update

Dear WSO Primary Community,

Short and sweet from me this week! I hope everyone is enjoying their last few weeks of the school year, despite the scorching heat. This is the penultimate principal update letter of the academic year with one more to come on the 1st of July. Please read the below messages and keep an eye out for additional communication from your class teachers via seesaw.

Key Messages/Updates

Transition Update – For the first time, we will be releasing class and teacher allocations to our parent community before the end of the Academic year. We plan to do this the W/B 27th June in the build up to our transition morning, which is where our students will be meeting their new class teacher for the first time! Once we have announced class teachers to our parent community, please understand that we cannot foresee any potential changes in teacher's individual personal situations, especially during these COVID related times. We will endeavour to not make any changes to teacher/class allocations, however we cannot guarantee this. Thank you for your support and understanding.

SENDCO staffing change – at the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to a few staff members and I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mrs. Lisa McAuley, our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (Primary SENDCO), will be leaving WSO. Mrs. McAuley has worked with many students and families over the last 9 years and it will be sad to see her leave – we thank her for everything she has achieved and the impact she has had on many. It's my pleasure to share with our parent community that the new Primary SENDCO for September 2021 will be Mrs. Aisling McMorrow. Mrs. McMorrow is currently one of our Inclusion Support Teachers and has been at WSO for many years. For families who are involved with the Inclusion Support Team, further information will be shared with you in due course.

A look inside Primary this week . . .





FS1: This week the children in FS1D made their very own dinosaur eggs! FS1B were exploring the doctors with a baby clinic and FS1G went on a train ride, painting what they could see out of the window. FS1F have been practicing writing their name FS1H have been busy on the farm! FS1A made their own puppets and practiced cutting skills. FS1C wanted to learn more about Paw Patrol, drawing their favorite character and making their own paw patrol badges and puppy biscuits!

What a busy week in **FS2**... The children have continued with 'Little Red Riding Hood' by sequencing and retelling the story. We also looked at healthy foods when filling a basket for Grandma. All children have loved taking home reading books to share with their families. Children have been exploring moving like the elements in Performing Arts.

In **Year 1** Maths this week we have been looking at time. We discussed vocabulary related to days and dates and started to tell the time to the nearest O'clock. This week in Science we planted our own cress seeds. We started a cress diary so we could observe how they grow. We also planted seeds in 3 different locations around the school and predicted which seeds would grow the most and least. We can't wait to see what happens! As part of our topic lessons this week we began to create our own animation. We used a storyboard to draw and write what we would like to happen during our animation and started to create the parts.

This week in **Year 2** we have continued our journey around the world and have been exploring the amazing Africa! We have been creating some African art as well as using our skills in English to write different sentences using apostrophes for possession and suffixes about Zog's adventures in Africa. During Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time we have applied this understanding to begin to work out how long it would take to travel to the different countries! We have been developing our working scientifically skills in our science lessons by making slime and looking at volcano eruptions. Take a look at how much our snails are growing as well!

In **Year 3**, we have written and presented our own non-chronological reports about the Ancient Greeks. We have also explored and learnt how to write our names using the Ancient Greek alphabet. In Maths, we went on a scavenger hunt to search for horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines.

In **year 4** we've been continuing to explore the Wonders of The World; this week we have been focusing on Chichen Itza in Mexico. We learned about the Mayan tribes who live there and explored the various food they eat. We even brought in the ingredients to make our very own guacamole...it was delicious! In our Science lessons, we learned about the positive and negative impact of mining and the children took part in a Minecraft Mining Challenge. They had to mine the appropriate materials and then carefully construct one of the Wonders we have learnt about. They did a wonderful job!

This week in **Year 5**, the children have been writing creative narratives about a Tornado disaster and sharing them with their peers. In Science, the children have been exploring different insect life cycles, they have particularly enjoyed comparing the life cycles of insects that undergo complete metamorphosis and incomplete metamorphosis. The highlight of the week has been the start of the Year 5 classes going over to secondary to use the Science labs to complete exciting experiments. Check out the WSO News to see what Year 5 got up to in the labs.



Year 6 have enjoyed practically building pavilions of the future for the Dubai Expo. Students looked at studying the problems that the world is currently facing and designed pavilions that reflect their solution and the culture of their home country. All houses completed the second level of our bespoke 'Transition Tribe' program with a great assembly from the secondary transition team.

Upcoming Events, Engagements and Dates

Parent Engagements Sessions

- **Monday 21st June** - FS Virtual Storytime, 4:30pm (Monkey Puzzle Story)
- **Wednesday 23rd June** – Preparing your child for FS2 (Ami Maclennan)
- **Thursday 24th June** – How can children take advantage of summer break to learn Arabic?
- **Monday 28th June** - FS Virtual Storytime, 4:30pm (Giraffes Can't Dance)

Wednesday 07th July – Last day of Term 3

Thursday 08th July – Summer Break starts

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the school if you have any questions. Have a lovely weekend and please do stay safe, keep your distance, and remain positive.

Warm Regards

Nathan Sadler
Primary Principal

