



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

## RE: Primary Update

Dear WSO Primary Community,

As we near the end of this academic year, we are gearing up for many transition events for both students and parents to help prepare for the next stages of your children's education. It is incredibly exciting to see that almost all of our students have confirmed their attendance for the next academic year, and what a year it will be with us celebrating our 10<sup>-year</sup> anniversary. Please take a few moments to read the below updates and take a look ahead at our upcoming events in the Primary school.

### Key Messages

**Transition** – At this time of year, students can have many different feelings with regards to ending the school year and starting the next one. Teachers change, locations change, routines and structures change which can cause students to worry which is completely understandable. For these reasons, as a school we strategically plan to make transition as smooth and comfortable for our students as possible so they can focus on the excitement! The following transition processes have either already happened or will be taking place before the end of the academic year:

- Term 3 parent consultations
- Lessons in new learning spaces
- Wellbeing lessons with transition as a theme
- Assemblies with transition focus
- Transition buddies
- Teacher to teacher handover meetings
- Bespoke transition plans for Inclusion Support Students
- Interactions with students in the year above (Safely!)
- Specific year group transition parent engagement live sessions with leadership team via zoom
- Transition morning where students will meet their new class teacher!
- Parents to be informed of class and teacher allocations for next year

**Primary End of Year Awards** – Every child has succeeded this year and this continues to be recognised in many ways. Additionally, we will be continuing our tradition of celebrating individual successes with our end of year awards. Pre-Covid, this would have been an awards evening where parents would be able to attend, however, for obvious reasons we are still not in a position to do this. There are going to be year group specific celebrations that take place in the school day for those students involved. Photos and videos of the celebrations will be shared with parents. Year group specific information will be shared closer to the time.

### Upcoming Events, Engagements and Dates

#### W/B 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 GL Assessments



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Empathy Day** – all students in the Academy to come to school in different shoes to normal! This is a physical representation of ‘putting yourself in someone else’s shoes’.

### Parent Engagement Sessions

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - FS Virtual Storytime, 4:30pm (Gemma Hunter and Zara Chopra)
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Self Awareness and Emotional Intelligence, why does it matter? (Justine Saxton/Rachel Roberts)
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 going into year 6 transition zoom for parents, 4:30pm (Miss Clark)
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – FS2 going into year 1 transition zoom for parents, 4:30pm (Miss Hollingworth)
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 going to secondary transition zoom for parents (Miss Howard and Mrs McElhone)
- **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 going into year 5 transition zoom for parents, 4:30pm (Miss Clark)
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 2 going into year 3 transition zoom for parents, 4:30pm (Mr Tiley)
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 3 going into year 4 transition zoom for parents, 4:30pm (Mr Tiley)
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 going into year 2 transition zoom for parents, 4:30pm (Mr Tiley)

### A look inside Primary this week . . .





This week in **FS1** we have been learning all about people who help us in the community such as Doctors, Dentists and Firefighters! We practiced brushing teeth enjoyed the story 'Charlie the Firefighter' which we practiced making our own story maps and Doctor puppets. Some classes are still learning all about Dinosaurs and made our own dinosaur names! FS1H have been learning the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They drew the things they could remember from the story, painted caterpillars and made caterpillars from play-dough!

Over the last week, the children in **FS2** have continued their journey into the woods and have been learning through the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears. During literacy the children have been exploring Talk 4 Writing and retelling the story using story maps and actions. Goldilocks has been causing mischief in the classrooms have the children have enjoyed investigating different problems.

We have had another exciting week in **Year 1**. In Maths this week we have been finding fractions of shapes. We learned about a half and a quarter and practiced cutting our lunch into these fractions. As part of our topic lessons this week we designed our own animated character. We thought about how our character could evolve over time and what it could look like in the future. In Science this week we brought in our own plants and identified the different parts. We were able to find the flower, stem, leaves and roots. We discussed what we needed to do in order to make our plants grow. We have also been looking after the seeds we planted last week by watering them every day.

This week in **Year 2** we have continued our journey around the world and have been exploring China. We have learnt about Chinese New Year during our guided reading sessions as well as writing a letter from Zog to his parents to tell them all about his travels. In Maths, we continued to explore position and direction and in Science we have been exploring life cycles and displaying our learning in different.

In **Year 3** this week, we have been learning about the Legend of the Trojan Horse in Integrated Curriculum. We have written our own play scripts based on the legend and have made our own Trojan horses. We have also been busy designing and making our own water slides in Science whilst investigating gravity.

What a wonderful week we've had in **Year 4** exploring the Wonders of The World! The children have been using Adobe Spark to create their very own travel blogs that showcase their learning. So far, we have learned about The Great Wall of China and The Taj Mahal. We finished our week with Airport Day where we got to come to school dressed as a pilot, cabin crew or a tourist. We took part in lots of fun language activities that gave us a taster of what our lessons will look like in Year 5!

Last week in **Year 5**, the children wrote fantastic, informal and exciting diary entries about escaping a tsunami when on a family vacation. In Science we have been learning about habitats and even used old shoe boxes to create our own arctic environments. A real highlight has been starting our new Enrichment schedule with classes doing a range of fun activities from pitching in the Dragon' Den to making Stop Motion movies!

This week in **Year 6**, children have started their transition buddies workshop with our Year 12 students. Our fantastic Year 12s have met with our children over Teams and created fun, engaging activities to help them make a great start to secondary. In curriculum time, we have explored what the future might look like through The Dubai Expo. We have started designing pavilions using Tinkercad and will practically turn these into dioramas next week.



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

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