



# Warboys Primary Academy

Moving Forward Together  
To Develop Confident, Independent Learners



## Autumn Term 2019

### We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



It has been another very busy term with lots to celebrate and enjoy. The EYFS children have settled into life at school very well and seem quite at home. It is a joy to see them throwing themselves into their activities and friendships with fun and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing them continue to blossom throughout the rest of the year.

Years 1 and 2 have grown considerably in confidence and had a lot of fun looking after Traction Man and leading his adventures. This gave them lots to write about and I have been impressed with how much independence they have shown in their writing. Their vocabulary has come on enormously and I must confess that I often have to sneak back to the office for my dictionary so I can look up some of the words they are using!

Years 3 and 4 have been fully immersed in their Roman Topic and the standard of homework has been exceptional this term. It has been rewarding to see the children so motivated and gaining so much from this topic. Similarly in Years 5 and 6 the children have enjoyed learning about life in Ancient Egypt, including a visit to the British Museum. The children were great ambassadors for our school when they visited London and we received many compliments about their good manners and behaviour.

The end of term has been superb with so many wonderful performances from all of our children. This time of year has given our community the opportunity to live out our school values to the full and we have certainly had our days filled with warmth and pride through all of the amazing festive activities we have been involved in. Thank you for your ongoing support, our school wouldn't be the special place it is without you and I wish you all a Christmas filled with warmth, love and happiness. Enjoy making memories and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**Becky Ford — Headteacher**

## Staff News

This term we say congratulations to Mrs Ayling on the safe arrival of Oliver. We look forward to seeing Mrs Ayling in 2020.



Also, we welcome back Ms Ireland who has returned to the Starfish Class this month after finishing her maternity leave. A big thank you to Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Riggall for covering the class in her absence.

Lastly it is with sadness that we have to announce that Mrs Ball and Ms Robertson will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank Mrs Ball and Ms Robertson for their hard work over the last eleven and ten years respectively as Teaching Assistants.

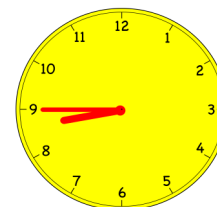


## Our Attendance Challenge of 96% was successful again!

Well done to 92 children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. This is a fantastic achievement and has helped succeed our target of 96%. As at today's date our current attendance percentage is 96.54%.

Monitoring of attendance will remain vigilant and our focus is to reduce the number of children being unnecessarily late for registration and missing the first part of the morning session. The Education Welfare Officer is due to drop-in (8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.) during the Spring Term to monitor lateness.

**Register call is at 8.45am and the first lesson starts at 8.55.**



## The Hideout Wrap-Around-Child-Care

We have had another fabulous half-term at the Hideout making new friends and enjoying ourselves. Some of our favourite activities have been playing the different games on the games table, Lego, playing on the Wii and drawing. Some of the children even enjoy doing the washing up.

If you are thinking about using our facilities either on a permanent or ad-hoc basis you are welcome to drop in and see what we get up to.



## EYFS

Dolphins and Turtles children have had a busy half term visiting different countries around the world. We have learnt about Diwali; created pictures of artist Frida Kahlo on our trip to South America; learnt about Thanksgiving and been on icy adventures to the Arctic.

We have really enjoyed our 'Wild About' sessions, especially when we had marshmallows and hot chocolate around the campfire.

We also enjoy our PE sessions in the hall exploring all the apparatus.



## Key Stage 1

In September something came along and we didn't know what it was until a teacher told us.

His name was Traction Man and he loved to hide. The next day we would come in and he would be somewhere else. One day he wasn't in the classroom any more so we went for a walk around Warboys to see where he was. First he went to the office and scribbled on the pad. Next they went to the bakery. We found him at the library reading a book.

By Callum and Poppy



## Science Club

This term KS1 have had a busy time being scientists in our after school club.

They have built bridges, made bubbles (and bubble wands) and been nature explorers. They've collected all the colours of the rainbow, investigated rainclouds and written secret messages using invisible ink. As well as all of that they've created lava lamps and investigated static electricity with our visitor from TDET, Mr Duddridge.

Science Club will run in the Spring Term for Years 3 & 4.





## Key Stage 1

### Explorers

We have been learning about explorers. Sometimes they go around the whole world, sometimes to the moon and sometimes they go to the jungle. Neil Armstrong was an astronaut and was the first man to walk on the moon. Christopher Columbus sailed west instead of east and found America. It would be really cool to be an explorer.

by Lola and Grace



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophie in the Eagles Class, who won the Cambridgeshire County Council's Name the Gritter' Competition. Sophie was one of 30 children who have been invited to a naming ceremony in January 2020, and Sophie will have the opportunity to sit in her named gritter. Her winning entry was **'Jodie Grittaker'**.



## Years 3 & 4

### Roman Day

Pumas, Lions and Tigers have had a fantastic half term learning about the Romans. We have found out so much about the Roman Empire and how it expanded, the job of a Roman Soldier and how and why they invaded Britain. We loved finding out about how the Romans spent their free time from chariot racing to going to the Baths.

The children have been really engaged in their learning and have produced some amazing pieces of homework. It has been fantastic to see the learning children have also been so enthusiastic about producing at home - from building chariots, making bread and biscuits using Roman ingredients, writing and acting out their own plays and so many other creative ideas that parents have supported their children. A big thank you to all the parents that supported these amazing projects!

To end our topic we had a Roman Day at school as a celebration of all the learning the children have done. The children dressed up in some fantastic costumes from Emperors to Centurions. We were visited by Alex and Roger who brought with them some fantastic artefacts and armour to show and share with the children. This also gave the children a great opportunity to share their knowledge about the topic.

We all created secret codes and learnt some Latin phrases as well as playing some Roman games like Nine Men's Morris. To end the day we held our own invasion using the specific defence formations we had learnt about.

We all had so much fun.



## Years 5 & 6

### Year 5 visit to the Fire Station

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 went to the fire station at Ramsey to take part in the School Safety Zone activity.

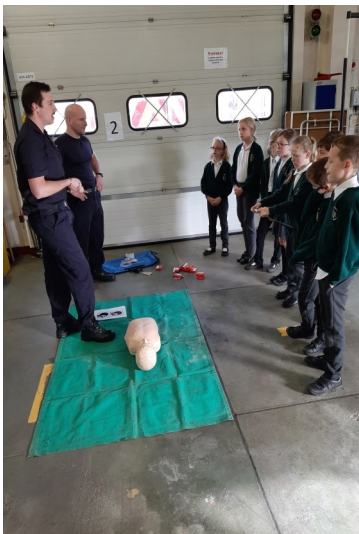
This is a yearly event arranged by our PCSO, Vicki Docking, for local Year 5 children to learn how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations.

There were representatives there from several services which the children visited on a circus of activities. These included safety around dogs ( a presentation from Wood Green), online safety from the Police service, first aid as a first responder, general safety around the home, awareness of the dangers of smoking and vaping and a fabulous

interactive session from the fire station about what to do in the case of fire, which was especially enjoyed by the children.

The whole afternoon was not only extremely informative, it was presented very clearly and in an engaging way.

Many thanks to all the services involved!



## Years 5 & 6

### Football

The Years 5/6 Boys Tournament took place at Alconbury. The boys played fantastically, although they finished 3rd in the group with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss.

The Years 3/4/5 match took place at Middlefield. After the first 40 minutes the scores were level at 4-4, so extra time was played. We scored two goals in extra time to win 6-4.

The girls match took place at Warboys and considering it was the first match for a lot of the girls, they did amazingly well but unfortunately ended up losing 2-1.

### Egyptian Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Year 5/6 had a truly Egyptian experience! Staff and pupils dressed up for a busy day of activities themed around their topic. In the morning, children rotated around very practical sessions which included: making Egyptian foods (bread, salad and fig filled sweetbreads), painting on papyrus (which had been made earlier in the week) and creating jewellery from clay. It was all done in a very authentic Egyptian style and it all looked incredible.

In the afternoon, we held an Egyptian banquet, with children allocated roles to show the hierarchy that existed several thousand years ago. They ate the food that they had made, tried figs, dates and olives (not all of which went down well!) After that, they took part in a typical Egyptian trial by the people. Even Mr Duncan and Mrs HJ had to face the people who decided their fate! We finished off with some Egyptian dance (Bangles style) and the slaves cleared up the mess!

A huge thanks to Mr Folkes for organising such a memorable, successful day, which was filled with laughter and fun whilst learning so much about the Egyptians at the same time.



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### Caythorpe

In September, Year 6 had their residential visit to Caythorpe. It was a successful trip with many children achieving new goals. It started on the Sunday with 'Ambush' as our evening activity. The children then enjoyed their first night of freedom and were asleep by midnight (which is pretty good for the first night).

On Monday morning, all groups made their way to kayaking for some water activities. Everyone made an attempt to kayak, although some were actually in the water sooner than others. Once the children had dried off after lunch, they enjoyed trapeze and challenge course followed by the evening activity of Cluedo.

Exhausted, children were asleep much earlier than the previous night meaning the teachers could enjoy some sleep too. Orienteering, high ropes, tunnel trail and giant swing were the activities on Tuesday with lots of children reaching new heights with the growth mindsets.

The final evening activity was a PGL Sports Night in which Hawks and half of Owls went up against Eagles and the other half of Owls. It was a tie after all events had taken place so it was a final shootout between Mr Duncan and Mr Folkes. Mr Duncan was victorious, although there was some discrepancy amongst the crowd.

The final evening saw many children fast asleep even before lights out. Our final day arrived and children took part in low ropes and abseiling.

The children were amazing throughout the 4 days and were well-behaved during their time at Caythorpe.





## Years 5 & 6

### Year 5/6 go back in time!

This term, we created history for Warboys School, taking 70 children and 14 adults to London on the train to the British Museum and tackling the underground. The trip was a resounding success; the children behaved impeccably and although tiring, the sights and sounds of London and the museum were very interesting to see.

A huge thanks to all staff involved, especially Mrs Harding, who negotiated the fabulous train rate and communicated tirelessly with Transport for London, Huntingdon Station and the train companies involved. Also many thanks to the adults and parents who gave up their day to come with us; Mr Marsden, Mr Marsh, Mr Jones, Mrs Hammett and Mrs Allen. It would not have been possible without them.

April Smith, Hawks class, wrote the following fabulous recount of our day...

*On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5/6 took a trip to London to visit the British Museum. We went there to explore the wonders of Ancient Egypt: our topic for this term was exactly that!*

*At half past nine in the morning, when we were all in our groups at Huntingdon station, the train arrived. After we all bustled onto it, we sat down and quickly opened our snacks and sweets, excited for the journey ahead. Nervous but happy, Abi and I, who were having a fun time playing truth or dare, couldn't wait to see the spooky mummies!*

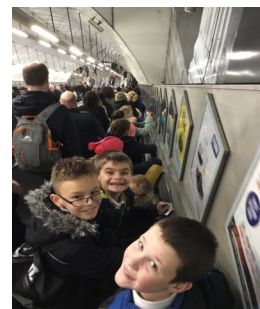
*Busy and full of relentless barging, Kings Cross- which was where we got off the train, was covered in people and many escalators. Making our way to the London Underground, we paired up to enter the very squashed tube train. Unlike the first train ride( which we had seats on) , we had to stand up, but luckily, it was a quick journey. Arriving at Holborn Station, we had a short walk to the Museum.*

*Standing on the magnificent steps of the building, we looked up in awe- which doesn't happen regularly- it was amazing! After that, we entered through the main door, headed down to the schools' room and stuffed our bags into the lockers they had.*

*Walking around the exhibits, we made our way to the Ancient Egyptian area which was filled with mummies. There were ancient statues, pillars as tall as houses and figures without noses! In addition, there were colourful sarcophaguses plus beautiful tapestries. Sparkling in the dim light, the jewellery took everyone's breath away. Amazing but creepy, the best thing on show was a real dead person from many, many years ago. Soon after, we had seen everything we could, we left the exhibits and had our lunch, almost ready to leave.*

*Walking out of the museum, we took one last look at the magnificent building, and left. Making our way to the underground, our legs were really sore: there had been a lot of walking in the process. Getting on the tube, we managed to sit down this time and although it was the same journey, it felt like a century. We went through a very busy but beautiful St Pancras, going to the last train. We got on and luckily there were many seats available, which made me feel very relieved. Siana, Bri and I shared two seats, so as you can guess, it was very squashed. Despite this, we had a great time on the train, as we played games and talked.*

*Overall the day was amazing and very interesting (which I expected) and I loved it!*



## GOVERNORS



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been quite eventful in many ways. perhaps the most important for some time.

Mrs Ford in her first Autumn term at Warboys Primary has now had time to settle in and is enthusiastically making changes to take the school forward.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April we have been part of the Thomas Deacon Education Trust (TDET). This has resulted in changes to the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Body which is now known as the 'Academy Committee'. The resultant changes have meant that the Academy Committee has reduced in membership but our main role has not changed and that is to hold the Headteacher and other Senior Leaders to account for the educational performance of the Academy and its learners, and the performance of staff.

The Trust is very involved and has given the school great support in many different areas. It will take time for us all to get used to being part of an Academy Trust that has direction rather than as we used to be, part of the Local Education Authority where we had little or no support.

There are interesting times ahead and we look forward to whatever challenges the New Year brings.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

John Parker

Chair of The Academy Committee

## Members



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## PARENT, TEACHER, FRIENDS ASSOCIATION OF WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY (P.T.F.A)

The P.T.F.A would like to thank Parents/Carers/Grandparents and Children for supporting events throughout 2019. We hope you have enjoyed the activities and events we have organised and we wish you a fabulous and happy Christmas.

We look forward to your continued support in 2020.

**THANK YOU**

### **Christmas celebrations**

We would like to say a big thank you to Warboys Christmas Tree Centre who have once again donated a fabulous tree to our school. The children love it and it has made the whole academy feel very festive.



# DIARY

6th January 2020	Training Day
7th January 2020	Spring Term Opens
14th January 2020	EYFS Vision Screening
14th January 2020	P.T.F.A Annual General Meeting
17th January 2020	Lions Class Assembly
31st January 2020	Whales Class Assembly
14th February 2020	Hawks Class Assembly
17th to 21st February 2020	Half-Term
6th March 2020	Seahorses Class Assembly
20th March 2020	Tigers Class Assembly
3rd April 2020	Spring Term Closes
6th April to 17th April 2020	Easter Holidays
20th April 2020	Summer Term Opens
20th April 2020	EYFS & Year 6 Heights & Weights Measurement Programme
1st May 2020	Class Photographs
1st May 2020	Eagles Class Assembly
8th May 2020	May Day
22nd May 2020	Pumas Class Assembly
25th to 29th May 2020	Half-Term