



Dear Parents and Carers,

There was a flavour of Japan all around Ellen Wilkinson last Friday as we hosted our latest Cultural Day. This time we focused on all things Japanese and had a day of dressing up, sport, cookery and art work based on this amazing country and the impending Olympics. Pupils and staff arrived at school looking beautiful in their red and white clothes and many were wearing traditional Japanese style costumes. A huge thank you to all the pupils, parents, staff and volunteers that made this day extra special and particular thanks to the organising staff group that may it all possible. Please see below for further details about aspects the children covered. Further information and photos will also shortly be appearing on our website.

Sue Ferguson

The Road to Japan – Cultural Day

After a Japanese inspired assembly at the start of the day, every year group explored different aspects of Japanese culture including cookery and art. All children also got a chance to explore an Olympic and/or Paralympic sport as the next Olympics will be held in Japan. Listed below are some of the elements the children explored during the day.

Nursery	Cherry blossoms & bonsai trees, Japanese cakes, tea ceremony
Reception	Japanese fans, stir fry vegetables, rhythmic gymnastics
Y1	Shodo calligraphy, making fruit salad, football
Y2	Japanese dragons, making granola, baseball
Y3	Origami, Japanese salad , hockey
Y4	Art work based on traditional images, making sushi, seated basketball
Y5	Manga comic book art, making noodles & dipping sauce, athletics
Y6	Notan - Light and dark harmony, making vegetable noodles, martial arts



A Message From Early Years

Do you have any unwanted children's books at home? Any dressing up clothes that can be recycled? Toys that have been outgrown?



The Early Years always welcome any donated toys, clothes and books in good working order. Any clean dressing up clothes for the little ones aged 2-5 years old will be a wonderful addition in our role play boxes. Any unwanted picture books, hardback and paperback will be very gratefully received and we can never have enough toys!! We would really appreciate your support in enhancing our provision!

Thank you for your support

We are pleased to announce that our cake sale raised over £300 and the librarians' sale of bookmarks raised a further £11 for our house charities. We are also able to order £257 worth of new books for the school library due to the book fair. Thank you for all your support in these ventures.



Shoe Box Appeal

Our school We Day Reps would like to thank you for taking the time to bring in shoe boxes for the shoe box appeal. We collected over 125 shoes boxes, which is a great achievement for our school!

Our shoes boxes have been donated to Blythwood Charity who will distribute to people in need. Particular thanks to our We Day Reps this year for all their hard work: Lukas, Zara, Rubie, Gabriella, Laszlo, Fay, Desta, Austeja, Kaspar, Harvey, Andrei and Sheila.





Parent Events

Please see below for details of upcoming parent events. For all events please meet at main reception.

Friday 11th November @ 2.30 p.m. – Inclusion Meeting

Want to find out more about how we support children with additional needs? Come and have a coffee & a chat.

Monday 14th November @ 2.30 p.m. – How to Keep Your Child Safe Online

As part of our anti-bullying week event and in response to parental requests, we are running a parent workshop on how to keep your child safe online.

Thursday 17th November @ 9 a.m. – Meet the Governors

Interested in finding out more about how our school is run? How well we are doing? What our next areas for improvement are? Then come and join us for tea and biscuits to find out more. (Toys for pre-school aged children to play with will also be provided!)



Survey Prize Draw

All named questionnaires for the Governors' survey were entered into a prize draw which took place in assembly last Friday. Congratulations to the parents of Isobel Luequee who have won the £25 of uniform vouchers.



Stars of the Week

No stars of the week due to cultural day events.



House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **Mo Farah** House for having the house points this week.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the 17th – 21st October is **Shark and Stingray 100% attendance**

Punctuality winners for the week are: **Shark, Whale, Stingray, Dolphin, Octopus, Seahorse, Lobster, Turtle, Jellyfish, Starfish Lionfish, Clownfish, Guppy 1 and Guppy 2 - 0 lates**

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
10 th	2.45 p.m.	2S	Starfish class assembly	YES
11 th	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents meeting - inclusion	YES
14 th – 18 th	N/A	All	Anti-bullying week	NO
14 th	2.30 p.m.	All	Parent workshop - How to keep your child safe online	YES
16 th	N/A	All	Governors' report to parents issued	N/A
17 th	9.00 a.m.	All	Meet the governors and find out more about the school	YES
	2.45 p.m.	2J	Jellyfish class assembly	YES
25 th	a.m.	1-6	Learning Fair (quarter 1)	NO

DECEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
1 st	2.45 p.m.	5S	Stingray class assembly	YES
5 th – 9 th	TBC	All	Christmas gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	NO
8 th	2.45 p.m.	5D	Dolphin class assembly	YES
	4.00 – 5.15 p.m.	R - 3	Christmas Disco	YES
	5.30 – 6.45 p.m.	4 -6	Christmas Disco	NO