



This half term we are focussing on: Honesty

The Ransom Round Up

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy couple of weeks, it's lovely to reflect on just how much has been happening across our school community.

Our Year 5 pupils took part in Bikeability, learning valuable cycling skills and road safety awareness.

They approached the sessions with confidence, care, and determination - very well done to everyone involved.

We also saw fantastic performances in the Cross Country Competition, where every child gave their best effort and represented our school so proudly. Special congratulations go out to our Year 5 girls' team, who won their category - an amazing achievement!

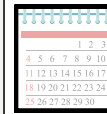
Our Year 1 children also enjoyed an exciting Multi-Sports Festival, taking part in a range of fun activities and showing wonderful teamwork, energy, and enthusiasm throughout.

Creativity has been flourishing in Years 3 and 4, where the children have been busy making clay poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day. This year, 180 handmade poppies will adorn the front of our school, ensuring we continue to mark an occasion that must never be forgotten.

Our two Disco Afternoons were a huge hit with the children! A big thank you to all members of the SPA who helped make these events possible - your time, effort, and enthusiasm made them a wonderful success.

We've also celebrated the richness of our community through a Diwali Assembly, led with confidence by our children, and with Friendship Day, which had a real focus on something that is so important to all children. Both events reflected the value of kindness that lies at the heart of our school, as well as the inclusivity and togetherness we strongly value.

It's been a truly eventful and inspiring fortnight, and I



Please click here to find out what is coming up next week.



Secret Present Room donations and raffle prizes needed please!

We're only half a term into the year and have already run three fantastic events - a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the wine tasting, discos and doughnut sale such a success! The events have raised much needed funds that will benefit all the children in school through enhanced learning experiences and equipment - totals raised will be shared soon. After the holiday, our full focus will be on Christmas! Thanks to the fabulous prizes provided by parents/carers, the Christmas raffle was one of the biggest fundraisers last academic year, helping to fund the beautiful new library and Chromebooks that the children are now enjoying. Can you help find some great raffle prizes through your work or friends this year? If you are able to help with a prize, please speak to any member of the SPA committee. The Secret Present Room elves also still need lots of donations of NEW and UNUSED items that will make suitable gifts for both children and adults please. Please leave your donations in the SPR donation box to the left of the clothes donation bin in the car park asap. (And please don't leave anything in the main reception as this can be a fire risk.)

couldn't be prouder of all our children and staff for their hard work, enthusiasm, and positivity. As we head into the half-term break, I hope everyone takes the opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term.

Mr Plunkett

Girls Football Match Report

The William Ransom vs Samuel Lucas match kicked off at around 3:45pm. We did rock, paper, scissors to decide who started with the ball. William Ransom had a strong start with the ball and almost scored! But before half time, Samuel Lucas brought the ball to the box and scored in the 20th minute. At half time we had a team talk and went on feeling powerful! With a banger comer from Ava we brought the score up to 1-1. Molly, in defence, made sure Samuel Lucas didn't score again! Harriet and Isabelle, the super- wingers, brought the ball up and down the pitch , while Samuel Lucas desperately tried to get the ball off of them. The match ended 1-1 - sadly no more goals from William Ransom, but both teams played very well! *By Harriet, Isabelle & Ava*

Connecting Collections - A new project at North Herts Museum

North Hertfordshire Museum is keen to work with people in our local community who are from Global Majority backgrounds, and, or have heritage from countries with a colonial history, on a new project called Connecting Collections. With support from the museum, participants will help steer this work as it aims to: examine historic collections from around the world, investigate potential cases of unethical acquisition, and include histories from underrepresented communities. Participants will be reimbursed for their time with a choice of vouchers.

This project is funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. Applications for participants are now open, for more information and to apply [click here](#) or call 01462 474 272 or [email](#).



Which phone is the best?

Last academic year, many Y6 parents opted for simple phones instead of smartphones for their children, resulting in noticeably happier children and a decrease in phone related incidents taking place in school. Many parents want to know which phones other children have and how they are getting on with them. If your child already has one, we'd be very grateful if you and your child could please fill in this [short survey](#) so we can share reviews with other interested parents. For those thinking of buying your child a phone for Christmas, information about simple phones and smartwatches that allow easy contact/tracking without the riskier elements of smartphones - can also be found by [clicking here](#).

Thank you

Thank you to those parents who completed a PSHE&RSE feedback form during the KS1&2 information sessions. All feedback will be carefully considered when planning new policies and designing our curriculum. For more information on PSHE at William Ransom, [please click here](#).



Poppy Appeal



We will have poppies and other related items for sale between 3rd - 10th November. If you would like your child to purchase an item, please send them in with a donation, we suggest a minimum of £1.00. Poppies will be taken around the classes each day during this period.

Harvest Festival

To mark Harvest Festival this year, we are asking families to donate a full, unopened box of cereal. We will then use these donations to make a giant domino track around the school! Afterwards, all the cereal will be donated to Hitchin Pantry which is our local food bank. Any type of cereal is fine as long as it is unopened and comes in a large cardboard box.



Heritage School Display

We are excited to celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school community! To help us recognise and showcase each child's unique heritage, we are putting together a special display and would love your contribution.

Please take a few minutes to fill out **this short form**, sharing details to reflect your family's heritage. You're also welcome to include a photo - please email this separately to j.hall@wransom.herts.sch.uk

Request for spare uniform, underwear and socks

We desperately need spare uniform (including underwear and socks), both boys and girls, to keep as spares in school when accidents occur - thank you for your help and support!

Celebration of Sport in the WR Community

Following the success of last year, we want to re-launch celebrating all of the physical activity and sport that is taking place outside of school.

If your child is enjoying taking place in a sport, or physical activity outside school hours, then please send in a photo of them in action for our 'Celebration of Sport in the WR Community' display.

We want to include a huge variety of physical activities, including our swimmers, triathletes, or surfing enthusiasts. Whatever your child's personal achievement in whatever physical activity - we want to celebrate it! The children love seeing themselves up on the display board and we want to fill it again, as we did last year.

Please email all photos to m.herbert@wransom.herts.sch.uk
Thank you for your support - here's to another great year of being fit and active!
Mrs.Herbert

The 2025 HPCI survey is open

Herts Parent/Carer Involvement (HPCI) exists to represent the views of the parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Hertfordshire. They are an independent parent-led organisation, who want to know what works and what doesn't so they can work on improving services and outcomes for children with SEND. **Their survey** closes on 9th November.



Thank you to the parents and children who have shared some of their latest Let Grow experiences with us this last month! Please keep them coming! Here are some of the

wonderful things the children have shared with us. Well done to Annabelle (Y6) and Helena (Y4) who baked a crumble and some delicious cookies on their own! Back in the holidays, Hugo in Y3 walked with his brother Billy (Y5) to the bakery... they had to cross two roads on their own and were quite rightly very proud of themselves – well done! And Felix in Y4 has stepped up to mow the lawn all on his own – amazing work Felix! Felix also also ran a lemonade stand at the



MacMillan Cake sale a few weeks ago and raised £75. Felix created the posters, made the first batch of lemonade and then sat



patiently serving customers during the sale. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!



Please email (n.airey@wransom.herts.sch.uk) with more Let Grow achievements and let your child's teacher know as well so they can all be celebrated! Together we can step back so children gain the confidence to step up!



Hitchin's Christmas Shoebox Project - 2025

For more than 30 years Link to Hope have been supporting lives across Eastern Europe as people live with poverty and need, and more than 1 million Christmas Shoeboxes have been distributed as a demonstration of practical care and support, alongside many all-year-round community projects that have been developed. Since 2004, we at Walsworth Road Baptist Church in Hitchin have coordinated a townwide Christmas Shoebox Project, working for a number of years now with Link to Hope. For yet another year within the backdrop to the project is the Russian invasion of Ukraine (where various Link projects are based), but Link to Hope continue to be committed to supporting people in need, and again this year have delivered aid to people and projects across Ukraine. Partnering with them again, we have launched this project in schools and churches across the locality, in the hope that shoeboxes can be prepared and filled during the Half term break, and then sent on their journey from Hitchin by road to Eastern Europe.



Further information on how you can get involved in this amazing project is attached to this newsletter. Shoeboxes can be dropped off at school on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th November, or can be dropped off directly to the church on Saturday 8th November (9:30am-12noon) – thank you as always for your support!