



Peace



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

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So the first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the heat. It was a sticky, oppressive heat that clung to my skin like a second layer. The sun was a merciless ball of fire in the sky, and the air shimmered with heat haze. I had heard that the weather in the South was terrible, but this was something else entirely. It felt like I had been thrown into a giant oven. I took a deep breath, trying to steady myself, but the heat only seemed to intensify. I looked around, trying to get my bearings. The landscape was a flat, endless expanse of dry earth, with a few scattered, scraggy trees in the distance. The sky was a pale, hazy blue, and the overall atmosphere was one of desolation and isolation. I felt a sense of unease, a feeling that I was in a place where I didn't belong. I had come here for a reason, but now I wasn't sure if it was still worth it. The heat was a constant reminder of the challenges I would face here. It was a test of my endurance, a test that I wasn't sure I was up to. I took another deep breath, trying to push the thoughts away. I had to focus. I had to survive. I had to find a way to make this place my home. The heat was a challenge, but it was also a part of the life here. I had to learn to live with it, to embrace it. I took a step forward, feeling the heat on my skin. I was here. I was finally here. The heat was a part of me now. I was a part of this place. I was home.

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Congratulations to **Aviary for the second time in a row** for achieving **100%** attendance last week! Fantastic effort! Keep it up! Our school attendance target is **97%** each week. Last week, our school attendance was **94.71%**

- 1 day off = 5 lessons missed
- 1 week off = 25 lessons missed

Regular attendance is key to your child's learning and progress.

We're delighted to share that **77%** of parents and carers have now signed up to **Studybugs**, our online absence reporting system. This is a fantastic achievement and shows our school community's commitment to effective communication.

Wenlock CE Academy

Yr 6 SATS Parent info Evening

In this meeting, we will
share more about the
Sats week, the tests, and
more! Come Along!





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ETC...



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FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

- YEAR OF THE HORSE -

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year is the first day of the lunar calendar, celebrating a different animal each year with a big party!

Join us on a
flavourful
journey as we
explore the
tastes of Asia
together!

Did you
know?

The colour red is
very important
during Lunar New
Year because it
symbolises good
luck and
happiness!



LUNAR NEW YEAR

12th February

Sticky Chinese Chicken Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables

Or

Sticky Chinese Veggie Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables
And

Chinese Five
Spice Cupcakes



Friday 13th February

Valentine's • MENU •

Fish Fingers

or

Vegetable Fingers

with

Chips & Veg

Followed by

Your

Hearts Desire

Dessert

Our Jacket

Potato

&

Hot Tomato

Pasta is also available





**IT'S
RAINING!**

We need you!

**Please donate
wellies
to Wenlock!**

**Your donations are much
appreciated!**



PARENT INFORMATION



HOMEWORK GRIDS

Homework grids for the Spring term are live on the website for year 3, 4, & 5, and they can be found under the Home Learning section.



WELLIES

We kindly ask that your child bring a pair of wellies to school to help them enjoy outdoor activities comfortably.

If your child has outgrown or spare wellies at home, we would greatly appreciate donations. These can be dropped off at our reception. We appreciate your support!



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Omega: Wednesday & Friday

Alpha: Wednesday & Friday

Vesper: Tuesday & Thursday

Alina: Tuesday & Thursday

Aurora: Tuesday & Thursday

Stellar: Wednesday & Thursday

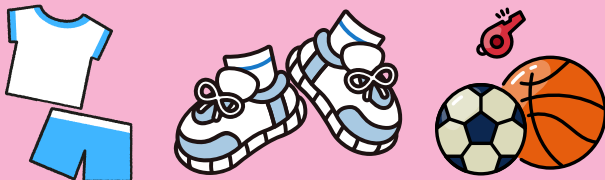
Lunar: Wednesday & Thursday

Solar: Wednesday & Thursday

Aquarium: Tuesday & Friday

Aviary: Tuesday & Friday

Arboreal: Tuesday & Friday



Lunch Money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having a school dinner.

The cost of school dinners is as follows:
£2.75 per day or £13.75 per week.

If you have a query relating to dinner money payment, you can contact the finance team at:

admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk



FEBRUARY



We are a nut-free school to ensure the safety of children and staff with nut allergies. We would like to remind you that many chocolate spreads, including popular brands, contain hazelnuts. Please ensure that chocolate spread is not included in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.



Road Safety



To help keep all children safe, please ensure they are taught how to cross the road safely, particularly outside the school where traffic can be heavy.

A reminder to all drivers: It is **illegal** to stop or park on the yellow lines outside the school, as this creates a serious safety risk for our pupils and you may be fined.

Uniform Donations



We at Wenlock are always grateful for donations of pre-loved school uniform. If your children have outgrown any items, please feel free to drop them off with our reception team. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and go a long way in supporting our school community.

Wellies



The weather this winter is harsh and wet. We kindly ask that your child bring a pair of wellies to school to help them enjoy outdoor activities comfortably.

If your child has outgrown or spare wellies at home, we would greatly appreciate donations. These can be dropped off at our reception. We appreciate your support!



Snacks



Many thanks for providing your children with fruit and vegetables **ONLY** for snack time, and for continuing to avoid sending in any nut-related products. We really appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe.

As a reminder, grapes and cherry tomatoes should be cut into quarters lengthways to reduce the risk of choking.



Don't forget to check our our facebook and X accounts for all the latest information from Team Wenlock!



Apply for Free School Meals at home

... Scan the QR code
... to get started



Please check your child's cycle before the start of the course. If the cycle is not roadworthy, pupils won't be able to participate in the course. Faults are often easily fixed but occasionally a new part from a bike shop is required so please check your child's cycle well in advance.

Cycle Checklist

Please tick off the cycle, helmet and clothing checks below:

1. MECHANICAL CONDITION:
Are the saddle, handlebars and wheel fixed on tight?

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2. FRAME & SEAT POST:
Is the frame the appropriate size for your child?
Can your child comfortably touch the floor with their toes whilst sat on the saddle?

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3. BRAKES:
Does the cycle have a working front and rear brake capable of stopping the cycle?
Can your child comfortably reach and operate the brake levers?

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4. TYRES:
Are both tyres inflated to the required tyre pressure stamped on the side of the tyre?

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5. CHAIN:
Have you cleaned and oiled the chain?

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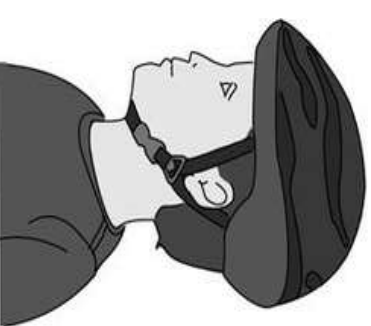
6. GEARS:
If present, do the gears change smoothly without any delays?

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Did you know? Many local bike shops offer free cycle checks for Bikeability participants.



Helmet Checklist



- ☐ 1. Does the helmet conform to BS EN 1078:1997 or equivalent (check sticker inside the helmet)?
- ☐ 2. Does the helmet sit comfortably on the top of your child's head?
- ☐ 3. Is the peak of the helmet sitting about two finger widths from your child's eyebrows?
- ☐ 4. Do the side adjusters sit just below your child's ears forming a nice V on either side of their head?
- ☐ 5. When done up, does the chin strap allow for two fingers to fit between the buckle and your child's chin?

Clothing Checklist

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A WAY OF CARRYING WATER BOTTLES, MEDICATION, ETC SUCH AS A BACKPACK.

If your child has their own hi-viz, please send this to school with them so they can wear this for training.

Please ensure that your child will be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions each day:

1. **WINTER:** Gloves, a coat and extra warm clothes to wear during the training.
2. **SUMMER:** Sun cream and a water bottle.

For advice and videos on checking cycles, helmets, and clothing before a course, please visit our website: www.outspokentraining.co.uk/parental-information/

PEACE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value PEACE
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you
explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER

about Peace

In school, children will have been learning about different kinds of peace including peace that comes when it is quiet, the things that make for peace of mind and the qualities of a peacemaker. In this issue of Home School Values, we will be focussing on the last of these.

All families have disagreements and arguments from time to time.

- What are the things that cause members of your family to fall out?
- Are there particular times of the day that arguments happen?
- How do each of you feel inside at these times?

THINK TOGETHER

Words of Wisdom

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist"

Golda Meir/Indira Gandhi



READ TOGETHER

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David Tries To Make Peace With King Saul

King Saul knew that he needed to keep an eye on young David. He had killed the giant, Goliath, and now people were saying that David should be king. David was a gifted musician and so Saul asked him to come and live in his palace and play soothing music to him when he was in a rage.

David became more and more popular and a good friend of Saul's own son Jonathan. Saul became more and more angry and jealous. Finally one day, as he watched David peacefully playing his harp Saul's fury erupted and he threw a spear at David narrowly missing him. David knew he must escape from Saul's palace and with Jonathan's help, he fled into the desert. Before long, hundreds of followers joined David. Saul was furious and, with 3000 of his finest soldiers, set out to hunt David down and kill him.

One day Saul and his men stopped by a huge cave. Saul went into the cave alone or so he thought! In fact, David and his friends had been resting in another part of the cave and when they saw Saul, David's men whispered, "This is your chance David. God has delivered Saul into your hands to deal with as you please. Let's kill him at once." David ordered his men to stay back while he crept forward and taking his knife from his belt, instead of killing Saul he simply cut off a corner of the king's cloak.

As Saul left the cave, David called after him, "My King, why do you think that I want to harm you and cause a rebellion? Look, here is a piece of your cloak! I could have killed you but I wish for only peace between us."

Saul was overcome with sadness for what he had done. "May the Lord reward you richly for the way you have treated me today. I know now that one day David you will indeed be king."

Bible story based on 1 Samuel 24



QUIZ

Spot the difference

Can you spot the eight differences?





FASCINATING FACTS



The Nobel Peace Prize

Alfred Nobel was a 19th century Swedish inventor and engineer. He invented dynamite, which was used to destroy many things! Perhaps because of this, in his will, Nobel left money and instructions to award five special prizes each year. He said that one of these, the Nobel Peace Prize, should be given to a person, or group of people, who had done the most or best work to promote peace between nations.

- The Nobel Peace Prize is presented in Oslo on 10th December each year by the King of Norway
- The winner is given a diploma, a medal and over 1 million US dollars to carry on their work



FAMILY FOCUS

Becoming Peacemakers

'Peer Mediation' is a scheme often used in schools to train teams of children who volunteer to help settle disputes in the playground. Some of the guidelines in the training include the following strategies: • Listen carefully to both sides • No interrupting • No accusations • List problems to be sorted out and then work through them

How do you resolve disagreements in your household? List one 'top tip' from every member of the family.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Create an Acrostic for the word Peacemaker A good peacemaker is.....

P repared to listen
E ven-handed with everyone
A lways fair



HALL OF FAME

Rigoberta Menchu

Very few people had heard of Rigoberta Menchu when it was announced that she had won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. However, Rigoberta was one of the bravest women ever to have been awarded this prestigious prize. She was born in 1959 into a Mayan Indian family who lived and worked in Guatemala. The Mayan people were treated cruelly by the government and the army in Guatemala. The Menchu family were Christians and they believed it was their duty to fight against such injustice. The family learnt Spanish from the local priests so they could stand up for the rights of their people. One by one the members of the family were killed in the most dreadful way by the government soldiers, first Rigoberta's 16 year old brother, then her father because he was a union leader and then finally her mother. Rigoberta knew she would be next, so she escaped to Mexico where she wrote her life story and made a film about the bad things happening in Guatemala. Rigoberta continued to stand up against injustice and for more than twenty years worked as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador to promote a culture of peace and protect the rights of people to live in their own country.