

Autumn term 23 – Celebrating Success at Wilbury!

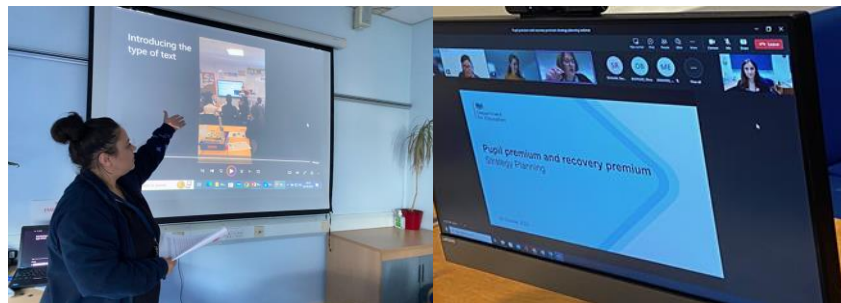
Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to share all of the wonderful things we do to give your children what they deserve - the very best start to their education!

Sharing Wilbury's Excellent Practice with others!

We were incredibly proud of our end of KS results in phonics, reading, writing and maths. Nearly all of our results were above national and many significantly above! I am proud to say, there is a collective responsibility amongst all our staff for raising standards and addressing educational disadvantage and this is what makes the difference here!

As Headteacher, I was asked to speak to Headteachers and other senior leaders across the country in a joint Department for Education (DfE) & Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) webinar about our whole school approach to addressing disadvantage. We also have lots of schools and other organisations who visit Wilbury and Mrs Sovaros (KS1 Head of Department) is currently sharing our excellent reading programme with our Trust schools and other local Haringey and Enfield schools.



Wilbury is an Early Excellence Partner school and we are very proud of our 'Outstanding' Early Years provision. Mrs Chaloner (DHT) leads on Early Years at Wilbury and across the Trust and she works very closely with Early Excellence to provide exceptional training for staff at all levels. Wilbury hosted a very well attended training roadshow for staff across the local area in early November. Mrs Chaloner and Mrs Sengonul (Science Lead) also took part in a podcast for Early Excellence about high quality leadership and science in the Early Years.



Wilbury's Wonderful Opportunities for Children!

I would also like to share the **wealth of opportunities we are providing for children this year. Many thanks to Mrs Knol Davies for her hard work leading on Personal Development across the school.**

We were proud to invite parents to our **FANTASTIC Art Gallery** to share the children's **EXCEPTIONAL artwork**. I would like to say a **SPECIAL thank you to Miss Davies (Art Lead)** for her hard work putting this together. The children were also able to immerse themselves in some superb collaborative artwork during the day and we produced some beautiful whole school works of art!



HUGE thanks to Mrs Phillippo (History Lead) for providing our year 6 children with an **INSPIRING learning experience** which I know will stay with them forever. Wilbury has made a very valuable link with the Trent Park House Trust and our lucky year 6 students took part in a 'Secret Listening' project in which Helen Lederer visited Wilbury to share a very special story about her grandfather and his heroic involvement in WW2. **Please follow the link below to watch Helen's short film.** I am delighted to say our children shared some really insightful reflections and they also asked some excellent questions. We received some lovely feedback from the organisers about how brilliant Mrs Phillippo and our staff and children were on the day!



Many thanks to Helen Lederer and Trent Park House Trust!
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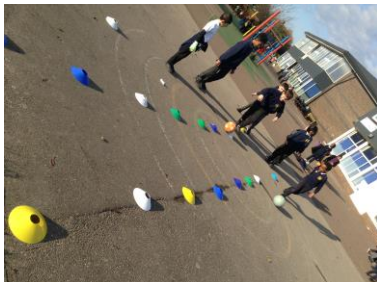
Our Fabulous 'Off By Heart' Competition

I was very proud to be on the judging panel for our Performance Poetry competition 'Off By Heart' over the past couple of weeks. The children were so confident and articulate and this was a wonderful way for them to practice their Oracy and public speaking skills. **Thank you to Mrs Sovaros for organising this and well done to all of the children who took part – you were all brilliant!**

Celebrating our New Pupil Leaders

This year, **Mrs Clipson (Assistant Head Inclusion)** has given our year 5 & 6 pupils the opportunity to apply for some exciting new leadership roles in school.

- **Our super sports leaders** are supporting **Mrs Price** and have already received some high quality training from the Enfield PE team, and they, along with our **brilliant buddies**, are supporting children to take part in some superb sporting activities at lunchtimes.
- **Our exceptional eco leaders** are supporting **Mrs Theodoulou** to develop and maintain our beautiful outside areas – they have so far worked on the edible garden and pond area and they will be promoting the benefits of outdoor learning across the school all year!
- **Our dynamic digital leaders**, supported by **Mrs Bektas**, have been producing some fantastic flyers to promote some of our important whole school events (reception disco, Christmas carols event etc.)
- **Our excellent computing leaders** are supporting **Mr Gray** with his lunchtime computing clubs and they are being trained to support teachers to fix any in-class IT issues!
- We are also very grateful to **Mrs Campbell, Katy and our brilliant Year 5 & 6 buddies** for their hard work and dedication to their lunchtime buddy roles!



Our Sports leaders in action!

We are very proud of all of our leaders and we are grateful for their commitment and dedication to their important roles!

School Parliament 23-24

On Monday 16th October, we had a Whole School Polling day to elect our Members of Parliament and their class counsellors. Our Family Parliament groups have been busy completing four pupil surveys to find out what our children would like to focus on this year. Each family group has taken on a key issue: online issues, charity and fundraising, Eco & outdoor, and global. In one of the surveys, we asked our children, 'What makes Wilbury great?'

and this is the word cloud of their responses. Great to see **teachers** was the most popular response! **Our teachers and support staff really are AMAZING!**



Other enrichment opportunities which the children have really enjoyed this term include:

- Our wonderful Harvest festival celebration event!
- The MPs supporting Mrs Clipson with her excellent Anti-bullying assemblies
- A visit to the Tower of London as a well done for being runners up in a competition to produce a Coronation bench for the King's coronation last year!
- Visit to the science museum in year 5 – the children absolutely loved the interactive Wonder lab!
- Leo Powell's inspirational assembly teaching our 5 & 6 children how to keep themselves safe from County Lines

And much, much more.....

I am so proud to be Headteacher at Wilbury and I would like to take this opportunity to **thank all our parents and carers for your continued love, interest and support for the school.** I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas holiday!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Wise

