



# Pupil Groups

# NEWSLETTER

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## West View Primary Pupil Groups

Welcome to the very first edition of our Pupil Groups' Newsletter!

This special newsletter celebrates the amazing work that our pupil groups have been doing both in school and out in the wider community. From organising events and leading projects, to supporting younger pupils and representing our school with pride, our children have shown fantastic teamwork, creativity and leadership. We're so proud of everything they've achieved this term and can't wait to share their highlights with you.

## School Council

This half term, the School Council has been very busy. They have been creating a child-friendly guide to showcase some of our key learning strategies, helping to explain the steps we use to help our learning in lessons and why we use them at West View.

They have also been discussing ideas for Red Nose Day. As the theme was to do something funny, we thought of fun activities and suggested a non-uniform day to make the event even more enjoyable for everyone.



## Reading Ambassadors

Our Reading Ambassadors have had a fantastic half term promoting a love of reading across the school. They played a key role in organising and running our World Book Day celebrations, including working in our 'pop-up book shop' where the whole school came to choose new stories to enjoy. The ambassadors also designed colourful posters to encourage everyone to get involved. They also spread the love of reading through the whole school by reading stories aloud to children in our younger classes. As well as all of this, they also completed an assembly this half term, telling the rest of the school all about their role. Their dedication and creativity continues to make reading an exciting part of school life for everyone.



## Art Council

This half term, the Art Council has focused on the Art Bytes competition, which showcases artwork from Year 5 and Year 9 pupils across the country. Once our Year 5 children had completed their fantastic entries, our Art Council met with Miss Furness and Miss Johnson to make the important decision about which pieces to submit. The children used impressive art-based vocabulary to discuss what they liked about the artwork and demonstrated excellent critical thinking skills to support their judgements.

It was not an easy task, but a final decision was made — and now it's over to the public vote to choose our West View winner!



## Eco-Council

The Eco Council have been busy this term working on ways to make our school more environmentally friendly. We worked with Richard from Energy Sparks to explore how our school uses energy, and the thermal imaging camera was a real hit with the children! We have also started mapping our school grounds with Nature Parks to see how we can better support biodiversity. In addition, children in KS2 have continued to enjoy gardening at the community centre, helping to care for plants and learn more about nature.





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## Safeguarding Council

The Safeguarding Council have been working on 'Staying Safe in an Online World' this term. Pupils have discussed: how to stay safe online, issues around AI and the production of fake photographs and videos. This work has fed into parent/carer sessions in school, as well as presenting their work to the Local Governors.

The pupils have been working very hard on considering additional ways that we can promote staying safe online, which includes staying safe on a variety of social media and messaging apps. We covered the legal age limit related to different apps, as well as exploring why these apps have age restrictions on them.

## Happiness Heroes

Our Happiness Heroes have continued to shine this half term.

They show kindness and support throughout school.

They also love supporting at playtimes and in their own classes with spreading happiness and joy around school. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow when they talk to visitors and share all the acts of kindness that they do.

They are keen to get out in the community more next term. We genuinely look forward to building on opportunities to spread positivity.



## Digital Leaders

This term, the Digital Leaders have been exploring how quickly things can move on the internet via social media. Our post was shared hundreds of times and made it around the world very quickly, making it to Canada within two hours and even Australia after two days! The team have also been reviewing online safety and mobile phone policies for the school, alongside trialing new apps and software for use in our school computing curriculum!



## OPAL Play Leaders

Our OPAL Play Leaders have shown fantastic dedication in raising money to improve playtimes for all children. They have worked hard to organise a range of successful fundraising events.

The cake sale was a huge success and the children helped promote the event and run the sale on the day. Their efforts resulted in over £200 being raised. The Play Leaders also organised an Easter raffle which has raised an impressive £500 – a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for their support with these fundraising events!

Our OPAL Play Leaders have demonstrated strong teamwork, organisation and creativity. Their commitment to raising money will be a huge help extend and enhance our playtime offer.



We are excited to share the next edition of the Pupil Group newsletter during the Summer term!

