



Friday Flyer 2021

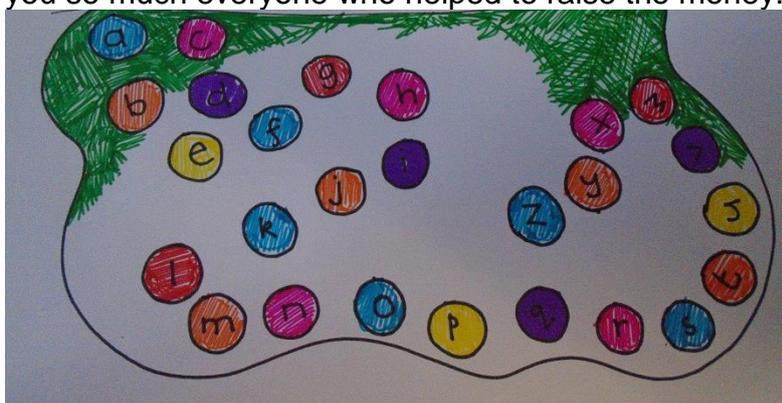
Dear Walter Families,

I am very aware that you have been receiving a considerable number of email communications recently; unfortunately it is likely to continue for some time, partly due to Covid and partly due to the time of year.

We will begin our fundraising with the PTA soon which will involve asking for support with donations. We have just received...

£5000

from the PTA which will make an incredible difference for our children; we are hoping to create an outside reading garden where the paving slabs are outside Larch Class. Thank you so much everyone who helped to raise the money.



PTA Christmas Clothing Sale

Do you have any good quality Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, dresses or Pyjamas that your children have out grown? The PTA would love your donations for a Christmas clothing sale taking place after half term (ready for Christmas Jumper Day in December!). Please have a look over half term and bring anything suitable in to school by Friday 19th November. The PTA appreciates your support. Thank you xx

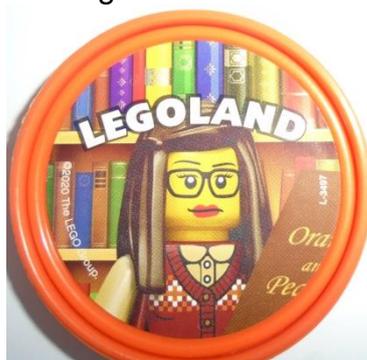
Walter Infants Parent Teacher Association



Legoland

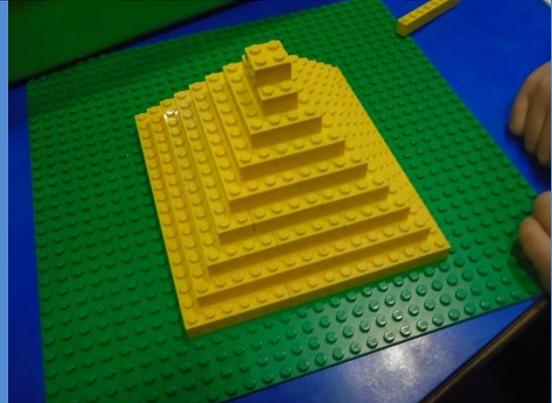
Year 2 had the most AMAZING time at Legoland and so did all the adults! The day began with an exciting coach trip through the autumnal countryside where the children could see the changing colours on the trees and a variety of birds and animals including pheasants, kites and horses. As we saw the Welcome to Legoland signs there was rapturous applause and the children became even more excited! The sun was shining and we were all ready for FUN!

The session spent in the Education Station was really impressive; in Geography we are learning about the 5 oceans and 7 continents of the world. Our children demonstrated a really good understanding of this; especially Toby who explained that a continent was lots of countries joined together! We are also learning the difference between natural phenomena and manmade structures; the teacher showed us examples of each one from each continent. You will see below the models we built of the pyramids in Egypt, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia including sharks and blue starfish and an African Penguin. In Science we are learning about animals and there was a link in the session to that curricular target to. We all earned our popper badge!

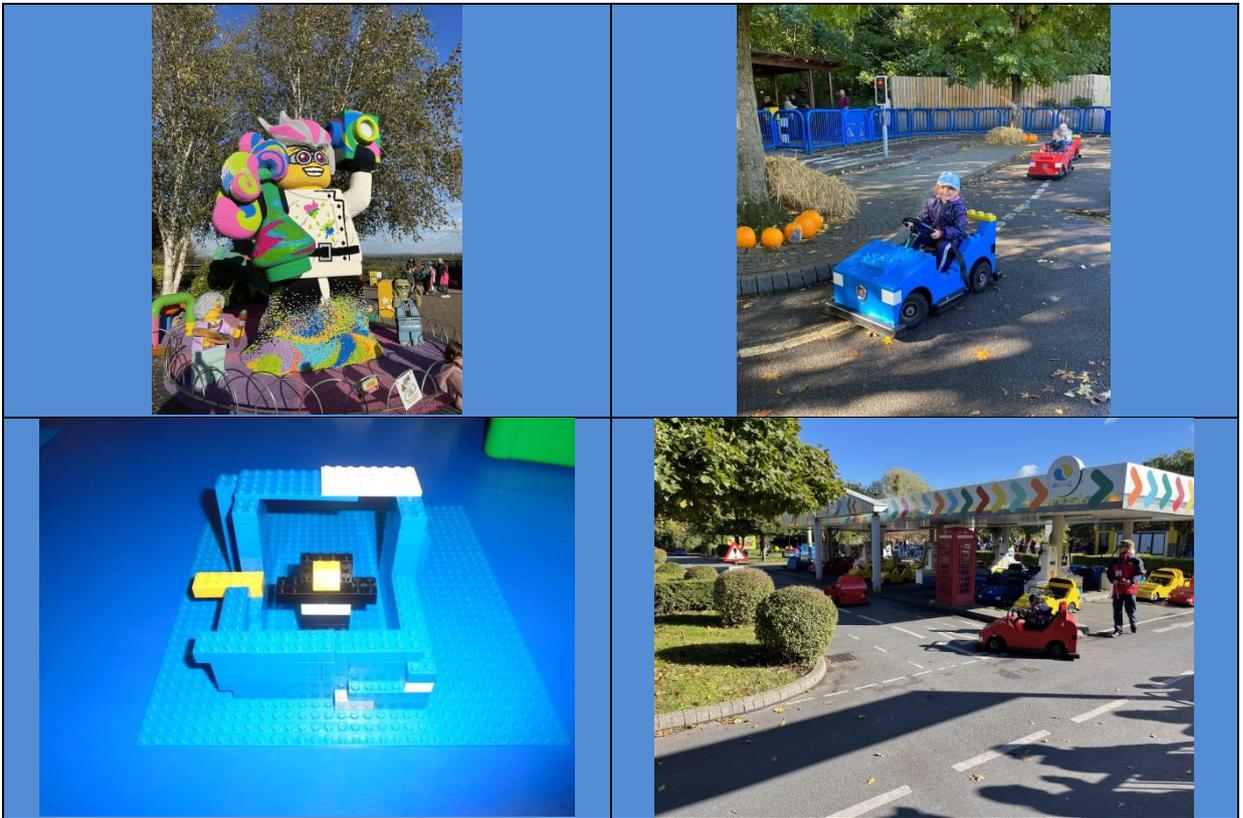


The models were all spectacular and the session was so enjoyable.









All the children went driving and loved it; I have to say there were a couple of near misses! We had our lunch in Miniland; the children could identify many of the countries and landmarks. After our tour of the world we began to conquer the rides and I am sure the children have shared the experiences with family and friends. My favourite was Mia's Ponies!



Many comments were shared with us by members of the Legoland Staff and other visitors; one said that they had never seen such a well organised trip. The staff said that we were the best behaved school they had ever had! I have to agree with them, the children's behaviour was exemplary.

Please visit the website to see more photographs of the trips.

Half Term

Wokingham Borough Council has sent out several communications this week; please follow their advice over half term as far as you can.

Working together to keep safe this half term

The chance of catching and spreading the virus remains high, especially when crowded together indoors. Please remain cautious when mixing with friends and family this half term:



Choose to wear a face covering when socialising in indoor venues



Try to meet outside where Covid-19 particles can blow away



If you are meeting inside, let fresh air in by opening windows and doors



If you have no symptoms, check you aren't infected by taking regular lateral flow tests



Book a PCR test if you're feeling unwell and have symptoms



Stay home if you are feeling unwell to help protect others



Self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19, or if you're a close contact and aren't double jabbed

We are continuing to work closely with schools to ensure children and young people get the best education offer possible after the half term break. You can help by taking care during half term.

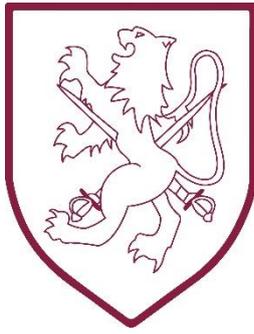
Be cautious, be careful, be kind.



Covid 19 Update

As you are aware, we have had some positive cases of Covid 19 in school; thank you for wearing face masks at the start and end of the day, it is very much appreciated by everyone in school. Hopefully we will all be fit and well and virus free on our return to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival 2021

This year (2021) we are doing a dual collection for harvest so that we can help out a local charity The Wokingham Foodbank and an international charity Oxfam.

We will have an assembly led by Mrs Gibbs on Friday 5th November at 9:00 am; Mrs Gibbs works for Oxfam and she will be talking to the children about how some people do not have enough to eat. It is a Superhero especially for young children.

The children will learn more about our Walter Values of Empathy and Kindness.

If you would like to support Wokingham Foodbank, please make a donation of these items only:

- Long Life Milk
- Porridge
- Tinned Cold Meat
- Hot Dogs
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Men's Deodorant
- Washing Powder

If you would like to support Oxfam, we will be collecting money in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day on Friday 5th November 2021.

If you do not have enough to eat, please remember we have **Walter's Pantry** (see below) in school which is stocked with breakfast and dinner for our families in need.

Stars of the Week



Here are ten exceptional stars who have worked hard to be the best they can be.



What's been happening in school this week?

This has been a wonderful week for our children; All the children have been learning about the seasonal changes and we have collected so many signs of autumn. Why not ask your children what they know about autumn; they may surprise you!





Warmer Clothing in the Autumn and Winter Months

As we get closer to the winter we would like to advise that you send your children to school with an additional layer to wear in the classroom as we will have the windows open to ventilate the rooms. We suggest a navy fleece or hoody or a navy gilet.



They will also need warm coats and waterproof school shoes. If purchasing any of these items will cause financial difficulty, please get in touch.

Walter and his new teddy!

Miss Veale bought Walter a new teddy; he has a habit of stealing toys from the story boxes so hopefully he will play with his own teddy from now on!



Helping our Friends and Neighbours

I cannot thank you all enough for your generous contributions of £20 (and more) you have really made a difference to people's lives. More than you will ever know. We are very happy and grateful to receive further donations of £20. Thank you so much.

If you need some money to help you through each week we now have a large number of donations to help. Please contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office and they will be able to help. We also have breakfast and dinner options in our Walter's Pantry, so if you need something to help out until the next pay day or until the end of the week, please come and ask. We really do want to help.

If you are a parent who will benefit from a donation to help pay for your food or heating bills; please contact Mrs Hemmings or Mrs Janes on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk. All requests will be completely confidential and arranged with utmost sensitivity.

Wokingham Foodbank vouchers and Fuel Vouchers

Our school is able to provide foodbank vouchers to use at Wokingham Foodbank as well as fuel vouchers so that you can heat and light your homes; if you need this help, please contact the school office on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk again all requests will be completely confidential.

FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.



Christmas Boxes

Last year many of our Walter Families donated Christmas Boxes of treats for the families in our school community who were finding the Christmas Season tough, especially financially. Mrs Reid has created an email address for people to use to express an interest in helping: WalterXmas2021@outlook.com

The Christmas boxes contained a variety of Christmas treats along with a wrapped toy or game for the gender and age of a child that will be allocated, once final numbers are known.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Class and Teacher	Email contact
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Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provide curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one sessions, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

And finally

Have a fabulous Half-Term; enjoy Halloween if you are celebrating! See you on the 1st of November.

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

25th-29th October	Half Term
22nd November	The Reindeers are coming to Walter Infant School
10th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	End of Term – finishing 1 hour early

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

There will be other exciting events that are not yet in the diary. We will let you know dates as soon as we can.