

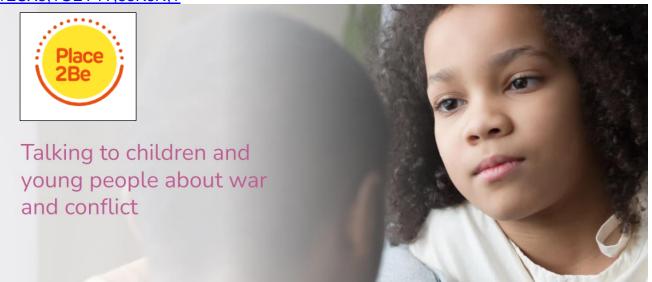


Dear Walter Families,

We have had a great week in school but it has been touched by sadness; a small number of our families have been severely affected by the events occurring in Russia and the Ukraine. We would all like to send our sincere sympathy to those of you who are suffering. Most of our children are unaware of what is happening, as they are so young but we have been advised that there is supportive information from BBC Newsround and Place2Be:

https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/march/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-and-

conflict/?utm\_campaign=2370281\_NAHT%20News%202%20March%202022&utm\_mediu m=email&utm\_source=National%20Association%20of%20Head%20Teachers&dm\_i=3OT7, 1ESX5.1GEY4Y.55K6N.1



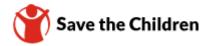
https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround



If you want to help Save the Children have set up a donation page:

https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/?cid=pse-gp\_A17038001-go\_001
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And so have Unicef: <a href="https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/?gclid=CjwKCAiAjoeRBhAJEiwAYY3nDPgTUMrkzzwvCkquftxP9AjfRGqhW4uFf12">https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/?gclid=CjwKCAiAjoeRBhAJEiwAYY3nDPgTUMrkzzwvCkquftxP9AjfRGqhW4uFf12</a>
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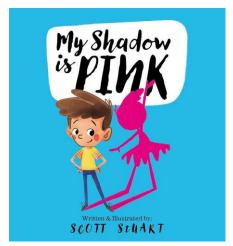


# **World Book Day 2022**

World Book Day was so exciting this year as we have not been able to celebrate together for so long; the costumes were amazing but even more amazing is the work the children have produced and how eloquently they have been able to talk about their learning.

In our first whole school assembly for a very long time the children shared that they had learned:

- "That we are all different"
- "Pink is not just for girls and blue is not just for boys"
- "You can wear whatever you want to"
- "be your inner-most self"



**Darcie and Aidan** 

My Shadow is Pink is a beautifully written rhyming story that touches on the subjects of gender identity, self-acceptance, equality and diversity. Inspired by the author's own little boy, 'Shadow's' main character likes princesses...

Year One drew some amazing shadows on the computer!

Rosie

Emily

Here are some of the many photos I took; I am sure you will be very impressed.





# **Learning Support Assistant Vacancy**

We have found ourselves in the unusual position of having a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant in Year One, starting after Easter. We will be advertising next week but as I have only just had confirmation of the vacancy I thought I would start to spread the word to those of you who may be interested. The job is for 6 hours a day, 5 days a week, term time only. If you are interested, please drop an email to Mrs Janes on

admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and we will email the details when they are ready. If you would like a tour of the school or have any questions, please contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings. Walter Infant School and Nursery is a very happy place to be; the workforce are amazing and we are able to offer all the support and training you might need. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who have worked in schools before. We look forward to hearing from you and watch out for the advert next week.

#### **Stars of the Week**

Here are 10 very successful and hard-working Stars of the Week!



Leo got TWO!!!!

### **Day to Day School Clubs**

Rise and Shine Club, Robin Lunch Club, Robin Extra Hour Club and Energy Kidz
We run several clubs in school to enable us to provide warp around child care; it is very important for you to book your places in advance. We have to manage our ratios very carefully as well as plan how many members of staff we will need each day. Please do not assume a place will be available for a club as the places are precious and often quickly booked up. For advice, please contact the office staff on <a href="mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk">admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</a>

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, we are hoping to sell red noses from school; more information will follow soon BUT we are hoping to have a virtual talent show!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022** will be our Spring Parent Consultations evening from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022** our school will be closed for lessons and open for Parent Consultations; 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have a creche facility for children to attend when their parents are meeting with teachers.

#### **Pupil Premium Funding Changes**

There have been some changes to the requirements for families who are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provided curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too! Please visit this link to see if your child may be entitled to the grant.

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 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-based Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit
- 5) Pension Credit.

Working tax credit

- 6) Support as a result of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit (if a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)

As stated previously, any child that is currently receiving free school meals is eligible for pupil premium funding. It's incredibly important that parents make the school aware that their child is eligible for this as it will automatically allow the school to receive extra funding that will go towards the betterment of their child's education.

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

# And Finally,

Where's Wally? Can your work out where Wally is in our school grounds?



Judy Wheeler: Headteacher