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Reading Ambassadors

This week, our reading ambassadors held a special assembly to celebrate being different. The ambassadors read a book called “The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin” to the children. Afterwards, the ambassadors encouraged our children to recognise through the story how differences should be celebrated. Our core values at West End Academy are to aim high, achieve together and embrace difference. As a school, we will continue to do lots of work linked to these values through our curriculum and special events like this assembly.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 3 for having an attendance of more than 99% last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.7%	96.2%	95.9%	99.4%	94.4%	92.8%	92.4%	95.3%

Year 2 Trip

Last week, the children in Year 2 visited the Emergency Vehicles Museum in Sheffield. The children learnt about different fire engines and how the fire engine has changed over time. Afterwards, Ollie told me, “I liked looking at what the Fire Service have had to wear over time. The design of the helmets has kept changing so that the firefighters were always protected. The colours on the new helmets were colourful and vivid.”

Children’s Parliament

Every half-term, the Waterton Children’s Parliament holds a meeting. The aim of these meetings is to improve the experiences of children who attend a school which is sponsored by Waterton Academy Trust. Last week, Ellie Sidebottom and Ben Hotchkiss represented West End and attended the first meeting of the academic year. Both children spoke excellently about the meeting and they are excited to attend more meetings in the future.

Wellbeing

Compass Wakefield has designed a mobile phone app called Wakey Wellness. The app aims to help local children and their families by offering advice on relationships, healthy eating and mental wellbeing. The app can be downloaded by searching for Wakey Wellness in Google Play or on the App Store.

Parents can also get free and confidential support from Compass Wakefield by texting BUZZ to 85258.

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Monday 4th November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

