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English Ambassadors

This half-term, the English ambassadors have been very busy around school. The reading ambassadors added their new book recommendations to the school library and these have been flying out like hot cakes...especially the Goosebumps series recommended by Cohen! They also organised some exciting activities for Roald Dahl Day. The ambassadors shared their favourite Roald Dahl books with each class, and lots of children enjoyed the themed puzzles and colouring activities led by Molly and Iris at lunchtime.

The writing ambassadors led their own assembly on National Poetry Day. Ben and Oakley did a great job at helping the whole school build their own poem around the theme of play. They also organised some writing activities for World Mental Health Day. Lots of children really enjoyed writing for pleasure in the wellbeing garden with Chase and Harper. Well done on a great first half-term.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Congratulations to the children in year 4 for having an attendance of 100%! 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
92.7%	97.7%	90.5%	98.9%	100%	97.8%	93.2%	96%

Special Visitor

Last week, the vicar from Saint Helen's Church came to speak to Year 5. The vicar explained how he and the church help people in the community. The children could also ask the vicar questions about his work. Afterwards, Harry said, "It was great to hear how the vicar helps members of our local community who might be struggling for food or shelter." Chase added, "We learnt about Christian Aid and how this charity helps those that are struggling in other countries across the world." The vicar was really impressed with the thoughtful questions that the children asked. Well done year 5!

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. This week, Chase Flavell represented West End and attended the first meeting of the academic year. He spoke excellently about the meeting and he is 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 3rd November. Thank you for your continued support.

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Yours sincerely,

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