

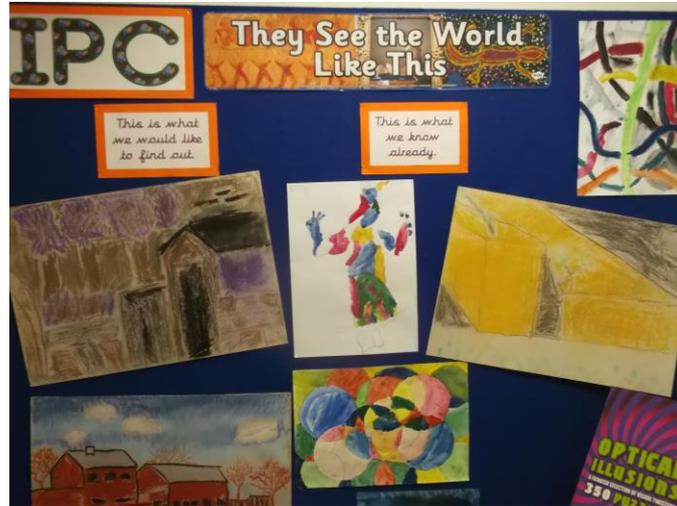


# Newsletter

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*Orchid art work from their IPC topic*

## From Mr Rocky

As you would expect, we have had a very busy and enjoyable couple of weeks leading up to our February half term break with so much great learning taking place in and out of the classroom.

Thistle and Clover class had the opportunity to visit a fashion museum as part of their International Primary Curriculum work and had a really lovely time, learning first-hand about all different types of clothes and their uses over the years. Learning outside the classroom is something that we are very much in support of, as it provides the children with first-hand experience of the subject they are learning, which is always so invaluable. Similarly, but with an international link, Clover class had an exciting afternoon learning all about their friends at Georgetown Elementary School in Michigan, USA, after I had the great pleasure to ask questions that Clover class had prepared in an online discussion, which I recorded as a video to support their learning. Knowledge from the very source, which is always so exciting.



In Orchid Class, their topic this term has been 'They See the World Like This', studying the work of artists and the way they interpret the world in their work. So on Tuesday afternoon when Orchid class were offered the incredible opportunity to take part in a Skype session with Philip Mould, world renowned art dealer, art historian and

expert on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow and Fake or Fortune, they were very excited! Asking superb questions, the children were impeccably behaved and were treated to a masterclass of in depth knowledge about the world of art. Philip engaged the children brilliantly and this really was one of those once in a lifetime experiences - perfect learning in every sense.

This week we have also welcomed many of you to our 'Bring a parent to Blog' afternoons. If you were able to come, thank you so much, but even if you weren't, you are very welcome to join the growing community of parents and friends who are commenting on and reading our children's work. On the School Blogs page of the school website you will find everything you need to know to assist you, but please ask questions, I am more than happy to support you. By creating a wider audience for our children's amazing learning, we are inspiring them to achieve greater height. They really have worked so hard, with the reward of many teachers, educators and pupils visiting from all over the world!



A great starting place is [westwoodblogs.org](http://westwoodblogs.org), where all of our blogs are linked from. You will see all of the recent posts and comments, of which there are many to enjoy. I know that the blogs will be active over our half term break, so please join in with the fun!

I must also congratulate our children in Orchid class who are becoming great entrepreneurs with their

grow £2.50 initiative. So far we have seen ice cream sodas, hot chocolate and cookie sales, with much more to come. Posters are up around the school to advertise, so please support these worthwhile events, raising money for the school.

Lastly, can I please mention our School Council cake sale this Friday 13th February in the hall, alongside my end of term Tea with the Head. The school council have planned their fundraising to provide small play equipment for play and lunch times to make our play more diverse, so please come along and support them. I would also welcome you all for an informal chat and to see out the term as we always do, it is always great to see so many of you there.

All that remains is for me to wish you a wonderful half term break with your families and to thank you for your continued support as we approach the half-way point of the year. We have so much to constantly celebrate, share and enjoy as a school community, which is always such a joy.

**Ian Rockey**

#### Dates for Term 4

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – SCHOOL CLOSED – TD DAY**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Term 4 Starts**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Orchid Dance Festival**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Bikeability Training**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Parent Consultations**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Bikeability Training**

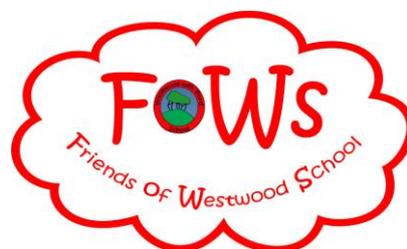


*This week's birthday children*

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANT / MDSA POST**

We are currently seeking a highly committed Teaching Assistant to support the class teacher and to work with children in small groups and individually. The post holder will also work as an MDSA, preparing the hall for lunches and engaging with our pupils in fun and games through the lunchtime period.

Further information is available on the school website, in the COMMUNITY section.



#### **FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE**

##### **100 Club**

**Congratulations to our February double draw winners:**

February monthly draw winner: Jean Nobrega - £25

February Half Term bonus draw winner: Jo Batten - £50

Remember - if you are not a member and would like to join, let us know! Its only £24 per year, with lots of chances to win money. More Information and an application form, is available by the FoWS noticeboard in the school reception area.

## Quiz Night – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March

It time to start thinking about putting together a team of six for the forthcoming Quiz Night!

Put the 14<sup>th</sup> of March in your diary and secure your babysitter now, for a friendly, fun night out.

This event is open to all (aged 16 and over). A letter will be coming home after half term with details for booking your tickets to this popular event. Your £7.50 ticket includes a supper of either a trio of puddings or cheese & biscuits.

## New FoWS Website

Many thanks to Elaine for committing the time and effort in re-launching our pages. It looks great - please do take a look at what we are all about:

<http://fows.westwoodwithiford.org>

Please support us in raising money for our school.

Ann Windo

FoWS Chair

Email: [fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org)

## DON'T FORGET!!

School will be **CLOSED** on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for a staff Training day. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>!

## A BIG THANK YOU!

To our wonderful FoWs volunteers who have offered to give up their time to help run our Library. We are now open every Tuesday and Friday from 3.15pm. Please come along and see what a super selection of books we have. Adults are welcome to join too and we have something for everyone.

## A COUPLE OF REQUESTS

Please can you ensure that you are using your child's HASP books for communication with staff as it makes it much easier to organise and respond to, saving them time. Also, please can you continue to try to read with your child at least three times a week and to write in their reading log. It does make such a difference to their progress!

## Vouchers

Our box for collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers is now in the entrance hall, if you have any that you would like to donate. Thank you!

## Post Box

A handy Post Box is on the wall in our reception area for you to drop off your correspondence and payments securely. This will, hopefully, save you time, so please take advantage of it.



## COMING SOON TO A VILLAGE NEAR YOU...!

Coming soon...

**Westwood 2015 Scarecrow Trail**

May Half Term Week  
Sat 23 - Sun 31 May

**"Heroes & Villains"**  
is the theme

**We're looking for enthusiastic local scarecrow makers**  
as well as homes for our scarecrows along the trail route

<b>Making a Scarecrow...</b> It's a lot of fun and doesn't need to be anything too complicated or costly. You can choose your hero or villain. You can be as creative and as cryptic as you like! There will be a prize for the best scarecrow.	<b>Hosting a Scarecrow...</b> During the scarecrow trail week we'll need homes for all of our scarecrows around the village. If you'd like to host one of our scarecrows in your front garden, we'd love to hear from you.
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For more info: <http://fows.westwoodwithiford.org/scarecrow-trail>

To get involved in making/hosting a scarecrow, please talk to trail organisers: Julie Cleave, Bryony Green, Jo Hill, Debbie Augusztinyi, Elaine Caddy or Lilly Webb or email us at: [westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk)

**Please get in touch no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

All proceeds from the Scarecrow Trail will go to:  
Westwood Nursery & Westwood with Iford School

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Make It! Half term workshops

This half term Make It! Workshops will be at Made in Bradford on Avon, helping youngsters to make themselves some wearable art, and animate their own 'green screen' animations.

#### **Design Your Own T-Shirt Workshop**

Friday 20th February 10am til 1pm - 8 yrs or over - £11

This is your opportunity to create your own designs to print onto a plain t-shirt. We'll be making quick printing blocks and using stencil and masking techniques to turn your t-shirt into a wearable work of art. And if that wasn't enough, you also get to choose the colour of your t-shirt, as well as short or long sleeves (just add £1 for long sleeves). Please book early in time to pre-order your t-shirt .

#### **Green Screen Animation Workshop**

Friday 20th February 2pm til 5pm - 8 years and over - £11

New for 2015! One of our most popular workshops, but instead of making our own 'mini film sets', we'll animate our models in front of a green screen. Which means you can set your stop motion film anywhere you like - outer space, under water...

Make It! Workshops also happen for after school clubs and birthday parties. We love inventing workshops for you, but we're always happiest when you put your own creative stamp on them.

To book your workshop place or to ask about parties, please email [claire@makeitworkshops.com](mailto:claire@makeitworkshops.com) or call 07940 497848. For more information go

to <https://www.facebook.com/MakeItFunWorkshops>



**make it!**  
fun workshops for making cool stuff

### Half term Workshops in Frome & Bradford on Avon

**Design a t-shirt**

Mon 16th Feb at the Round Tower in Frome or Fri 20th Feb at Made in Bradford on Avon  
Both venues 2pm til 5pm. Under 8's with an adult - £11  
Create your own designs to print onto a plain t-shirt. We'll be making quick printing blocks and using stencil and masking techniques to turn your t-shirt into a wearable work of art. You even get to choose the colour of your t-shirt!  
(Add just £1 for long sleeves)

**Green screen animation**

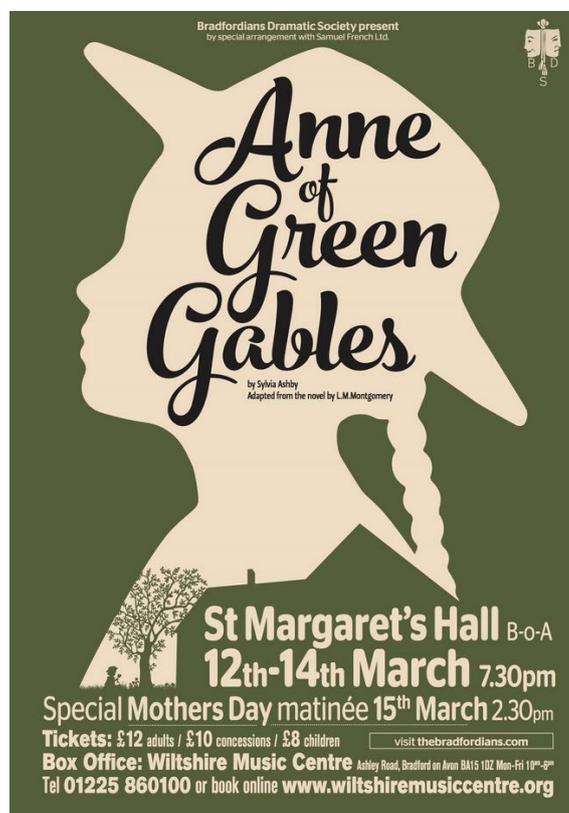
Weds 18th Feb at the Cheese & Grain in Frome from 2pm til 5pm or Fri 20th Feb at Made in Bradford on Avon from 10am til 1pm  
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## NEWS FROM BRADFORDIANS DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Bradfordians Dramatic Society present  
by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

# Anne of Green Gables

by Sylvia Ashby  
Adapted from the novel by L.M. Montgomery

St Margaret's Hall B-o-A  
12th-14th March 7.30pm  
Special Mothers Day matinée 15th March 2.30pm

Tickets: £12 adults / £10 concessions / £8 children [visitthebradfordians.com](http://visitthebradfordians.com)  
Box Office: Wiltshire Music Centre Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon BA15 1DZ Mon-Fri 10am-5pm  
Tel 01225 860100 or book online [www.wiltshiremusiccentre.org](http://www.wiltshiremusiccentre.org)

