



Lizard Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

12th February 2021

Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week in lockdown complete and our final week before we start the half term holiday! Week 6! The highlight this week has been the weather. Will it snow? Will it settle? The odd flurry here and there early on Tuesday, brought much excitement in school, but sadly, a snow day, wasn't to be, much to the disappointment of many of the children I know.

The Prime Minister has also said that the Government will set out a 'route map out of lockdown on Feb 22', provided the coronavirus can be kept under control. A date not far away now and how we all long to hear of when there will be a full return to school and any sort of normality.

We are incredibly proud of how the children have approached their online learning whether in school or at home. The independence and resilience that the children are developing is a delight to watch— indeed, a life skill.

And so, the first half term is coming to an end. From everyone at West Moors Middle School, we hope you have a great half term holiday. Thank you once again for your continued kindness and support. We look forward to seeing everyone in school and/ or online again on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

Dr Craddock



Celebrating Diversity

Our diversity flower was created by the children with their colourful, rainbow hands to celebrate differences, facilitating equality and inclusion. At the heart of our school ethos, on our Rights Respecting School journey, we promote the importance of respect and tolerance for each other without prejudice and discrimination, whatever their gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, language or any other status within our school community, local community and more globally, in the world as a whole. Our school mantra, is in a world where you can be absolutely anything, be kind. During our RRS assembly, in LGBT+ History Month, two key UNCRC articles were shared, including:

Article 2 – non discrimination

Article 13 – freedom of expression

At an age-appropriate level, we encouraged our children to reflect on identity, gender, and sexuality, sharing ideas on how they can help everyone in our school community feel valued and included. They reflected on ways that they could show acceptance and kindness to all the people in their lives, and they shared what made them proud of who they were as individuals. We are incredibly impressed with how maturely our children have engaged in discussions and the excellent work we are doing as a school to promote diversity. Our school's efforts have been recognised by BBC South Today and Dr Craddock is being interviewed for an upcoming programme, celebrating schools' journeys to promote diversity in the South region.



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LGBT+ History Month Display



WMMS Diversity Flower Display

Drama Half Termly News

Over the past 6 weeks, KS3 have been focusing on how to produce a thorough and professional film review. Although this falls into the drama and English curriculum, it is also a cross-curricular topic due to the career element we incorporated whilst discussing what the job role of a film-reviewer is. This assignment was thoroughly enjoyed by all as it included watching a two-hour film of their choice, with parental guidance, at an age appropriate level, and then creating and writing an official report on the film in a true review layout.

I have attached some examples.



BRIDGET JONES'S Diary

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'THE BIGGEST AND FUNNIEST FILM OF THE YEAR'

Bridget Jones's diary is a hilarious comedy starring Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. The movie starts out as Bridget's single life soon brings her to her mum's house for New Year's Day, dressing in her own words "like a carpet".

This comedy hits the hearts of many people with the relatability as Bridget stumbles through life with her urban family, Sharon a journalist who like to say F**k a lot, Jude who is high up in the finance world but spends most of her time crying in the toilets over her no-good boyfriend (vile Richard), Tom who had a one hit wonder back in the 80's and is a confirmed gay.

This film is in my opinion a masterpiece of a women's mind. Bridget is at a point in her life where she decides to write a diary. This focusses on things she wants to happen in her life. The diary takes a complete turn when her old boss and childhood friend fight for her attention.

The story is written by Helen Fielding and her characters in the novel and movie are based on her real friends and are a mixture of people she has met in her life.

- Renée Zellweger (Bridget Jones)
- Colin Firth (Mark Darcy)
- Hugh Grant (Daniel Cleaver)
- Sally Phillips (Shazzer)
- James Corden (Tom)
- Shirley Henderson (Jude)
- Gemma Jones (Mrs. Jones)
- Jim Broadbent (Mr. Jones)
- Sharon Maguire (Director)



By Olivia Cook



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Released 12 July 2007

Who will win? The Dark Lord or the boy who lived...

Main Cast (and other films/TV shows they have been in):

Daniel Radcliffe-The *Harry Potter* movie

Emma Watson-Beauty and the Beast

Rupert Grint-Postman Pat The Movie

Ralph Fiennes-Skyfall

Michael Gambon-Paddington

Helena Bonham Carter-Clorella

Imelda Staunton-Maleficent

Gemma Lynch-G.B.F

Alan Rickman-Alice in Wonderland

Gary Oldman-Kung Fu Panda 2

Katie Leung-The Foreigner

Maggie Smith-Sister Act

Matthew Lewis-The Legend of Wolf Mountain

Ailie Waters-Mamma Mia

Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and Ralph Fiennes

Directed by: David Yates

Good points:

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix contains very realistic animation and sound effects.

The actors are all very believable and talented.

The plot becomes clearer as the film goes on.

The film contains a majority of the book.

Bad points:

There are some parts of the book that I would have liked to be in the film.

Some scenes are inaccurate.

The film does contain some bad language.

Favourite part:

My favourite part is in the middle of the film when in a Dumbledore's Army lesson, Hermione Defeats Ron with the stunning spell, Stupify.

2 hours and 22 minutes of a magical cinematic experience!

Genre:

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is a mixture of many different genres. It mainly contains romance, adventure and action.

Summary:

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, based on the original book by J.K. Rowling, is about a fifteen-year-old boy named Harry Potter (played by Daniel Radcliffe) who attended Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. But it wasn't always easy, especially with Professor Dolores Umbridge (played by Imelda Staunton) and the Ministry of Magic interfering at Hogwarts. As a baby, Harry and his parents were attacked by an evil wizard called Lord Voldemort (played by Ralph Fiennes). Unfortunately, Umbridge's parents were killed, however he was protected by his mother's love and so survived. After this attack, Lord Voldemort went into hiding and Harry was placed in the care of his aunt and uncle. At the age of 13, Harry began attending Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry where he went on crazy adventures with his best friends Hermione Granger (played by Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (played by Rupert Grint). This year, Harry was attacked by Lord Voldemort, possessed by Lord Voldemort and almost got expelled from Hogwarts.

Overall Opinion:

Overall, I think Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is a wonderful film and is definitely worth watching.



THE KISSING BOOTH

See Us Get Our Best Friend Anything Except Too Soon

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This film is a 2018 American teen romance comedy, which was written and also directed by Vince Marcello. The kissing booth was released on Netflix on the 11th of May 2018 and this film was based off of a novel written by Beth Reekles. The film is about a young teenage girl (Elle Evans) who has a best friend (Lee Flynn) and they have a set of rules, but Elle breaks rule number nine as she falls in love with Lee's older brother, Noah Flynn, they kissed for the first time at the kissing booth at the fundraising fair. They decided to keep their relationship a secret but then Lee found out and didn't want anything to do with either Noah or Elle. Lee walks into the arcade and Elle is already there, they ended up dancing together like they always have and Lee forgave Elle. Lee, his girlfriend Rachel and Elle all go to prom together, there is a huge memory lane with everyone's photos on the wall. The final photo was of the kissing booth, Noah emerged from behind the photo and in front of everyone, confessed his love for Elle. Finally, Elle confesses her love to Noah and he has to go off to college so they wave goodbye in the airport.

Main characters

Elle Evans- Joey King

Noah Flynn- Jacob Elordi

Lee Flynn- Joel Courtney

Rachel- Meganne Young

Mike Evans- Stephen Jennings

Brad Evans- Carson White

Sara Flynn- Molly Ringwald

Mr. Flynn- Monte Voss

This film is rated a 12, but in a few other reviews, people think it should be at least a 15.

Personally, I think this is a really great movie but many people would disagree with me. For example, one person was going on about how 'cringe' it is as well as how un-original it was. On the other hand, many people would agree with me, a couple people have said that it is their favourite movie, and no matter how many times they would watch it, they would never get bored of it.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I would give this film a 4/5. The reason I would give this film 4 stars is because although I love this movie, a few parts of it aren't the best. It can be quite cringe in parts, but overall it's a good film.

KISSING BOOTH

Careers Half Termly News

This half term KS3 have been exceptionally engrossed in researching a career that interests them. They were given various aspects of a career to research and directions to guide them through their understanding: Professional roles, wages, benefits, qualifications were all thoroughly researched. They then had to report back in the format of either a power point or word document. The projects are now coming in thick and fast and I am thoroughly impressed with the progress, creativity and effort that our KS3 have made.



Offline Friday

This afternoon the children enjoyed a variety of activities both indoors and outside. Craft activities and the Treasure Hunt was a huge hit with all the children.



THANK YOU!

Thank you once again for your continued support with the COVID guidance. We are all working together on this, following the guidance given, to keep our school community safe. It is appreciated by the whole West Moors Middle School team.



Finally.....For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter

School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2020/21

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 5th January
Term ends on Friday 12th February

Term starts for students on Tuesday 23rd February
Term ends on Wednesday 31st March 2021

Summer Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Monday 19th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May school closed
Term ends on Friday 28th May
Term starts for students on Tuesday 8th June
Term ends on Friday 23rd July

Inset Days:

Monday 22nd February 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

NEWS

We have now launched our new WMMS facebook page. Please visit us @ [click here](#)



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