

School

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Message from The Editor, Miss Barker

Welcome back after the Half Term break and it won't be long before we are all back in the classroom again as the steps are in place for the start of lockdown easing. As you will have heard in the Government announcement on Monday, schools will re-open on Monday 8th March. We will keep you updated and give you all the relevant information you will need ready for this date.



'The plan is to start an orchard at the back of the school with the help from our local community as we want to try and improve the biodiversity within the school. Our goal is to attract birds, bees and other insects and animals to our school.' **Oliver B Year 11**



We have now planted the first three fruit trees in our orchard: apple, pear and plum. We have plans to plant more trees soon.

Photos taken by James L G Year 10

Mrs Rason & Mrs Devine, Science



Race to Tokyo House Challenge



Send your entries to Mr Chaplin via g.chaplin@warblingtonschool.co.uk

Please make sure your entry is in miles and that you include your House when emailing in. Amazing work everyone! Stowe and Mitchell, you have some catching up to do!

The Race to Tokyo Leader Board				
House	Mitchell	Norris	Paxton	Stowe
Miles Completed	414.5	1030.2	1120.9	203.9

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Testing Testing 1, 2, 3...

We would like to take a moment to recognise the work of our Warblington Covid Testing Unit for staff and students in school, soon to expand to all students when they return. This was a huge undertaking by our staff who had to be trained in how lateral flow tests work, how to safely oversee swabbing and then test the samples in full PPE.

Firstly, the dance studio was turned into a clean testing area and staff were trained. It was a steep learning curve but our team of testers have done an amazing job to allow staff and students to remain in school with the confirmation that they are negative for Covid 19. The role is soon to get a whole lot bigger when all staff and students return to school after the Government announcement. Everyone will need to be tested weekly to keep a safe school environment for learning and reduce the spread of the virus through asymptomatic people.

A huge well done and thank you to Dr Lansley, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Parry, Mrs Raistrick, Ms West and everyone involved in the Covid testing for everything they are doing and continue to do for our school to keep us Covid safe.



ECO School

Warblington is quickly becoming an Eco School with all the hard work our staff and students are putting into the school landscape by planting trees, creating gardens, feeding birds, encouraging bees and insects and generally being climate change warriors.

Through their hard work, Mistle Thrush have been spotted nesting in our Wildlife Area. They are an endangered species of bird and this is a huge positive for all the work we have been doing.

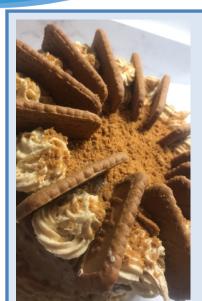
We are hoping that more species of birds and wildlife will come to the safe environment we are creating here are the school allowing them to thrive. Our small actions are making a big difference!

Warblington Environmental Society

For more information on how you can help our local environment and wildlife or to get involved with our Warblington Environmental Society please email admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk

We want to Build Back Better! Do you?





Food Preparation & Nutrition

Our students have been busy in their Food Preparation and Nutrition lessons this week. To the left is a Biscoff cake by Tilly D Year 11 for her controlled assessment and below are some brilliantly decorated focaccias made by our Year 7 students. Well done everyone!

Focaccias by Erin D, Freya Rose S, Sophie James and including a special one made by Sophie H for her Dad's birthday! What a unique food creation to celebrate a birthday!

Mrs Wilkins, Hospitality & Catering



Year 8 Art

A brilliant, bright and bold iguana painted by Tallulah D inspired by El Drac by Gaudi! Amazing work! Well done! We are very proud



Science Puzzle

Who can identify this? Send your answers to your Science teacher by Friday 5th March.

Mrs Rason, Science



Warblington Alumni

Congratulations to former student Hollie Brooker for being accepted to the Arts University in Bournemouth! Hollie is a very talented artist and we are extremely pleased that she is able to follow her passion to university level and beyond. Hollie is currently working on a commissioned piece in the genre of hyper realism and her progress can be seen below. Amazing work and we look forward to hearing about your further successes in the future!



Calling All Former Warblington Students!

Are you a former student of Warblington School or is your child, sister or brother? We would love to hear from you to see how you are getting on in college, university, work and beyond. Please get in touch with the school to recount your experiences so we can proudly share them with our community and inspire our current students.



This Weeks Top 10 Students for Pride Points

Well done to all of our students for their hard work this week!



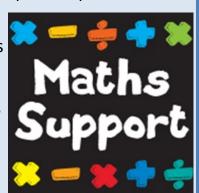
Maths Help Desk

The Maths Department are running a LIVE Maths Help Desk through Microsoft Teams to give students additional support from a Maths teacher for help with home learning.

The Help Desk will be available from 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday-Friday (2:00pm on Tuesdays) where students can be helped through specific problems or a quick recap of a topic.

A link will be sent daily on ClassCharts to all students.

Miss Horne & Miss Spooner, Maths



Year 7 PE

NELL DONE

As part of the Monoply fitness task, here is a photo of Gretel B completing a high plank. Keep up the great work! **Mrs Griffin, PE**

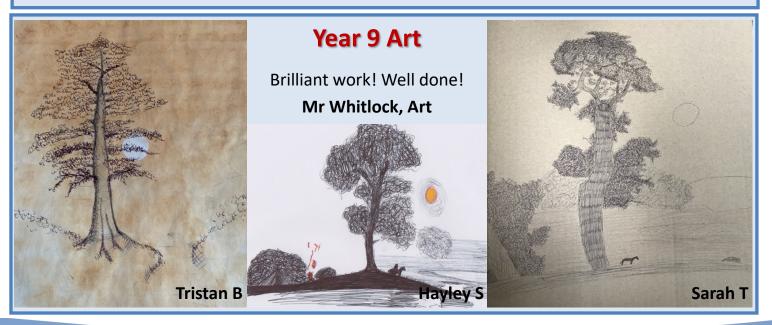


Warblington School: The Beginning

When Warblington school opened its doors on the 5th September 1955, the Headteacher, Mr George Alfred Richardson, knew it was going to be a hectic first day as the expected student numbers of 380 turned into 684! The first day was an INSET day so it started by frantically ordering extra furniture and equipment for classrooms to teach over 30 students each and extra seating for the dining hall. The day included an all day staff meeting for the 29 teachers, nine of whom were newly qualified.

The next day all 21 classes or forms as they were called then, entered the school for the first time. Students came by train from Emsworth, Rowland's Castle and Hayling as well as on foot from Warblington, Denvilles and Langstone. The extra pupils meant there had to be three different lunch sessions because the dining hall could only seat 242 at a time. Everyone sat down to a two course cooked lunch, staff as well as students. There were seven lessons a day lasting 40 minutes each with two breaks, as well as a 40-minute lunch so school did not finish until 4:10pm.

That first morning was spent sorting timetables and putting students into their forms, followed by an assembly and prayers. The whole school spent the afternoon taking English and Maths tests to make sure they were in forms of about the same ability. Visits from the Assistant Government Organiser for school meals, the Administrative Assistant for Secondary Education and the Domestic Subjects Organiser kept the Headteacher busy. The remainder of the week was spent with the staff and students settling into their new environment, while the Headteacher met a wide range of visitors. When school ended on Friday, the staff retired to the staff room to discuss the how the organisation for the week had gone and to celebrate the opening of Warblington School. **Mrs Rason (Historian in the making)**





No Mow May

If you have heard of this campaign, then you are already a hero! Thank you!

By not mowing your lawn, you are going to be giving the birds, bees and butterflies a better chance in life. You will be reducing carbon, helping climate change, cleaning the air, enhancing the local character of your neighbourhood and giving yourself and your community 'a thing beauty and a joy forever'.

Warblington School takes part in this campaign and since last year have left an area of the school site to grow wild and free. Will you take part?

Getting Started!

Here are a few guidelines to get you started. There is loads more information on Plant Life website <u>https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories</u>

1. Do cut – now is a great time to mow your lawn (when the wet and frosty weather allows).

2. Lift the cuttings because wild flowers thrive on a low nutrient diet and put the cuttings under the hedge.

3. Put your mower away until August/September and let nature do the work (you can cut once a month if you really need to but then try a Mohican, short sides, and long in the middle).

4. Enjoy the buzz of your admiring neighbours. Post your pics on social media and send them into the school.

5. Cut again in August/September, remembering to remove the cuttings again and repeat next year for bigger and better results.

And, if it doesn't suit to do a whole garden, then even a square meter will give the bees a buzzing chance.

Thank you for your support for our environment and lets make this years No Mow May bigger and better!

Mrs Rason, Science





Facebook

Twitter

Internet Safety: Apps

Social Media

Did you know that for most social media apps you have to be at least 13 to have an account?

Visit <u>https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/</u> for a parent/carer guide to apps.

Do you know what social media accounts your child accesses and what information they are sharing with the world? Having regular conversations with your child to understand how they use the internet and educating them will allow them to stay safe online.

Omegle

Omegle is a video chat website/app that everyone should be wary of. The BBC did an investigation into the website and you will be shocked with what they found.

Visit <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-56085499</u> for more information.

Both of the above links can be found on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Thank you for taking the time to read these important articles. The internet is an amazing tool but can be dangerous, education and monitoring is the key to keep children and young adults safe online as well as ourselves.



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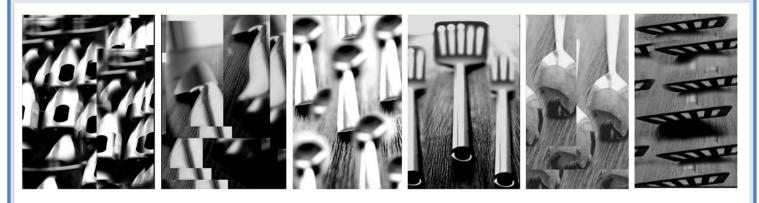
Year 10 Photography

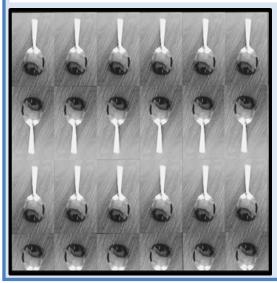
Some excellent examples of the photography work that our Year 10 students are producing. Well done! **Mr Whitlock, Art & Photography**





Above by James L G





Above, left and right by Lochlan L

Students take photos and edit them using Photoshop to create these amazing images. They make you look at household items very differently.



Milk Bottle Top Collection

Keep collecting your milk bottle tops for the Solent MS Therapy Centre and bring them into Reception when we come back to school. Thank you for your support!



School Age Immunisations Today 's Health, Tomassay 's

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

School Age Immunisation Teams are still vaccinating!

Our School Age Immunisation team are continuing to offer the childhood vaccination programme protecting against serious diseases.

The HPV (Humanpapilloma virus), and teenage booster vaccinations (Tetanus, diphtheria, polio and Meningococcal ACWY) continue to be offered either in school or at a community clinic.

You will receive an email with a link to the econsent. Please ensure this has been completed before arriving for the vaccinations.



"Will the vaccinating team be wearing masks?"

All team members will be wearing masks.

"What safety precautions will be in place?"

"Will my child need to wear a face covering?" We will clean the rooms at the start and finish of the session. Children will be invited into the vaccination room in small groups. We ask that parents wait outside and that children waiting observe the 2 metre social distancing rule.

> Yes, we ask that all secondary school age children bring a face covering with them.

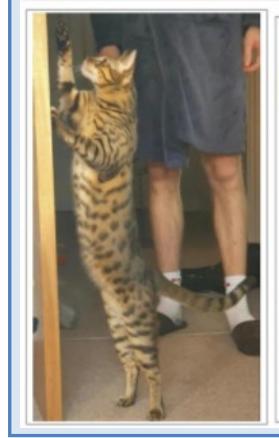
Your child's safety is our highest priority and we understand you may have some questions about the vaccinations.

Please visit https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/school-age-immunisations for more advice

MISSING CAT HAVANT AERA

REWARD £500 IF RETURNED.





Our cat has gone missing in the Havant area. Last seen around West street / Liberty close PO9 1LA. Is micro- chipped and neutered. Very distinctive and recognisable he is 1year 9 months old. Has been an indoor cat for over a year and a half and only been going out a couple of days. We are very worried and distraught over his disappearance. Please check sheds and garages and any CCTV anyone may have on their homes. Please call us if seen. If seen please get a photo or take to a vets. 07389186816.