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Dear Parents/Carers,

Class Names – September 2023

In readiness for September, Wellesley Park's Student Council have been working on a new and exciting project. We have been exploring renaming our classes for the new school year.

While we have enjoyed our literary character class names for a number of years, our School Council felt that now was the time for new class names.

As part of this, our School Council children have researched a number of options that fit their desired brief: inspirational characters that embody our school values, 'grown up' class names that could link to our learning. After much discussion, they have settled on 'explorers, voyagers and famous firsts', which also links nicely with our preschool.

The children also decided that they would like their class *explorer* to be represented within the classroom. Therefore, expect to see nods to our new inspirational explorers in our displays, book corners and pieces of learning.

From September, our new class names will be:

- Sharman Class (Helen Sharman, astronaut)
- Armstrong Class (Neil Armstrong, astronaut)
- Peake Class (Tim Peake, astronaut)
- Cousteau Class "coo-stow" (Jacques Cousteau, oceanographer)
- Earhart Class "air-heart" (Amelia Earhart, pilot)
- Norgay Class (Tenzing Norgay, Sherpa mountaineer)
- Shackleton Class (Earnest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer)
- Henson Class (Matthew Henson, Arctic explorer)
- Darwin Class (Charles Darwin, naturalist)
- Spruce Class (Richard Spruce, botanical explorer)
- Attenborough Class (David Attenborough, naturalist)
- Kingsley Class (Mary Kingsley, ethnographer)
- Bell Class (Gertrude Bell, explorer, diplomat & spy)

The organisation of these explorer class names, will be shared with you later this week as part of our staffing communication update - for next academic year.

Thank you to our school council children for respectfully discussing, debating and deciding our new class names. Your ideas and enthusiasm for the project were fantastic!

Mrs L White
KS1 Lead
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Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Tolerance, Responsibility, Excellence

Wellesley Park is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share this commitment