

*He nui te akoranga ki Waterlea Great learning happens at Waterlea*

Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Bonjour, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula Vinaka, Ni Hau, Namaste, Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Sagutom, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Dia daoibh, Sillaw, Huan Ying, Hola, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте

## Newsletter 22 November 2023

### Important Dates

23 November	ROI Orientation Morning 9am - 12:30pm
24 November	Waikowhai School Yr 6 'Meet the Teacher'
27 November	Interschool Athletics Day Yr 4 - 6
30 November	Year 1 Games Day 9:15 - 11:15am
1 December	Visit 1 Cohort starting 2024
6 December	Y3 - 4 visit to Waterlea Park 9:15am
6 December	Year 1 Kihirimete Concert 2pm
7 December	Mangere Bridge Santa Parade
7 December	Y2 Whaanau Picnic & Games 9:30am
8 December	Visit 2 Cohort starting 2024
8 December	PTA Sausage Sizzle
11 December	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
12 December	Year 6 Graduation
12 December	Year 6 Dine & Dance
14 December	Y2 Art Exhibition 3 - 5pm in School Hall
14 December	Year 6 Pool Party
15 December	Last day of school, 1pm finish



Many of our tamariki and whaanau recently celebrated Diwali with their friends and families. At Waterlea School many of our classes learnt about Diwali and our staff got to eat lovely treats left for us in the staffroom. Diwali is considered to be one of the most important festivals of lights, a celebration of light over darkness. Some of our tamariki learnt that during Diwali, families decorate the front of their house with Rangoli patterns. In Room 3 and Room 18 the children learnt about these patterns and created some themselves. Traditionally Rangoli patterns were made out of sand, rice, grains and chalk. Drawings and patterns were often inspired by animals and plants from nature such as swans, peacocks, mango or flowers. Check out Room 3 and Room 18's Rangoli patterns below.





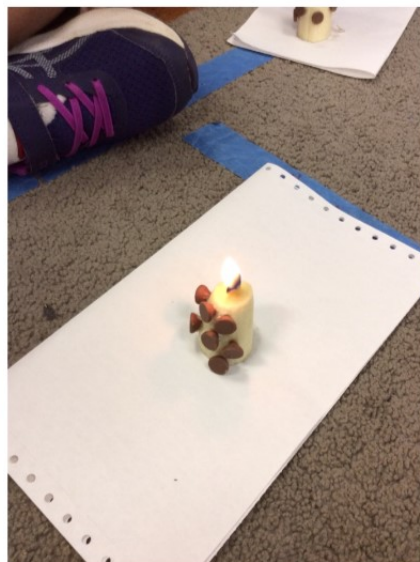
Also, keeping with the Diwali theme of light, Rooms 1 and 22 made Diya or Diwali candles using bananas, chocolate chips and almonds! Read on to find out how.

**Our Diwali science experiment...**



Thank you for the great idea Whaea Linda!

**TAKE A SLICE OF BANANA, SOME CHOC CHIPS, A PIECE OF ALMOND & A MATCH...**



**..AND YOU HAVE A BURNING CANDLE!**

**THE CHILDREN WILL TELL YOU THAT THE NUT WITH ITS OILS ACTS A WICK, AND THAT, COMBINED WITH OXYGEN, PRODUCES A FLAME...  
VERY COOL SCIENCE!**

# Little red riding hood

By Alvis Gray

Once upon a time there lived a daughter of a delightful mother in a small cottage out in the meadows of green and blue. The cottage was made with logs and had a coat of white wool all around the walls. Everyday her mother would make her a glass of milk and some delicious sourdough bread. Her mother was a talented knitter and she made her a red riding hood, so everybody called her “

Little Red Riding Hood” and she loved the name and wore her red riding hood all day long. But as winter approaches, her mother made a basket full of freshly picked onions, lettuce and all kinds of healthy fruit and gave it to her to take to grandma.

”Take this to your grandma. Grandma is unwell today.” and as she was walking out she told her, “Please go through town and not the Forest dear! I've heard there was a sinister monster stealthily hiding between the trees' ' but Little Red Riding Hood was too busy dancing, and singing so Little Red Riding Hood ”couldn't hear her voice.

Little Red Riding Hood ”chose to go through the forest to see all the birds, but as Little Red Riding Hood” saw one they flew away scaredly. Little Red Riding Hood” thought to herself

“They are just flying happily” but “happily” was a poor choice of words for what was going to happen. One by one as she saw an animal they flew away right as she looked at them.

“Maybe it's just a mystery.” but it was more obvious than it seemed. As wind went by and animals came past,

A bird replied with “Wolf, Wolf, **WOLF!** A very cunning one!” As the bird flew away Little Red Riding Hood knew she had made a mistake. A terrifying wolf snuck up like a prowler and snarled, the wolf ambushed her and said

“ Oh dear! I'm not that bad am I? I mean Where are you going with those delightful fruits you have there, *(This might be a precious meal hmph!)* ” *In a charming voice, suddenly the sky turned dark with no available stars to find, the wolf's ferocious eyes stared at her waiting for an answer...*

“Oh these? They are for my grandmother, she is sick today,” She said.

*(If I just trick her I can get to her grandma before she does and have a delicious lunch!)*

“If your grandma is sick, why not warm up a fire with sticks this winter? There are some Pretty flowers down that end.” the menacing wolf explained while being incredibly aggressive and broke into a frenzy. Little Red was delighted to have heard what the wolf said, so she grabbed some sticks and picked a bunch of flowers, only to see more pretty ones. While she was grabbing more, the wolf had been crashing and stomping through the towering trees, not caring if anyone overheard his thunderous pounds, the unpleasant wolf ploughed and dashed for his expected feed, the wolf came to her grand home and knocked on Little Red Riding Hood’s grandmother's door...

“Hello grandma! It is your daughter. ”The wolf said in a chomping voice  
“Open the latch and come in, I am too tired to get out of bed.” said grandma.

So the wolf did as he was told, and grandma felt peril enter her home, and was cornered by the wolf and devoured. The vulnerable grandma was gobbled up with his gnashing jaws . His conquest was complete and he swapped grandma's clothes.

Little red came to her grandma and said

“May I come in? It is your daughter Little Red, I have some flowers and a basket full of fruits for you!” “Just open the latch and come in dear.” and she did as so. She made her way to grandma's bed and noticed something off

“Grandma, Why do you have such big ears?” she said

“All the better to hear you with” the wolf replied

“Then why the big eyes?” she said back

“Well all the better to see you with” the wolf said again

“Grandma, why so big arms?” she said

“Oh forget it, what big teeth I have, can't you say? Well I'm gonna eat you up anyway.” and the wolf ate her up in one, great, **GULP**.

A Lumberjack happened to walk by and saw some unusual footprints on the ground, he walked inside and saw a wolf in someone else's bed with a large tummy. He knew the wolf had consumed a citizen, so he went and slashed his axe into his stomach. Releasing Little Red and her grandma, and they all lit a fire and had a glass of milk and some delicious sourdough bread.



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Last issue for term 4 is out!

Could be a good opportunity to buy some gifts!

**LAST DAY TO ORDER THIS FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

From the office...

Please remember to contact the office should any of your contact details change.

Phone: (09) 6364233

Email: [reception@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:reception@waterlea.school.nz)

## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you are after any secondhand uniform items, such as tee-shirts, polo shirts, skorts, shorts, or sweatshirts, please get in touch with the Waterlea PTA and we will do our best to help you find what you need.

All items are \$2, except the fleece sweatshirts which are \$10.



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Thank you all!

Waterlea School raised \$279.60 with the loose change  
Donations during Sunsmart Week!

