



West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 18th June 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

Monday 21st

AM 4B Coastal Schools

Thursday 24th

AM 6W Coastal Schools

Monday 28th

PM 4B/4R Science walk to

Belfairs Woods

Tuesday 29th

AM 4S Coastal Schools

Wednesday 30th

AM 4L/4S Science walk to

Belfairs Woods

PM 4R Coastal Schools

JULY

Thursday 1st

Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company

visit - "Hamlet"

Friday 2nd

AM Meet the new teacher

Week beginning Monday 5th

Olympics Week

Tuesday 6th

Sponsored Event Day 1

Thursday 8th

AM 6M Coastal Schools

Sponsored Event Day 2

Friday 9th

AM Sports Day @ Belfairs Academy

Week beginning Monday 12th

Final week of swimming

Year 6 Activity Week

Monday 19th

Year 6 @ Stubbers Adventure Centre

Tuesday 20th

Year 6 Fun Swim

Wednesday 21st

6pm Year 6 Leavers Party

Last day of term



Year Three

Two weeks in and the children have really hit the ground running with some absolutely stunning English work based upon *The Lighthouse*, a short animated film. The poor lighthouse keeper really has a terrible night when the vital lights go out in the village lighthouse. In addition, out at sea, heading towards the treacherous rocky outcrop, a boat steams obliviously in a building storm. Grabbing his trusty toolbox, the lighthouse keeper rushes up the winding staircase in an effort to remedy the problem. When he opens up the lantern to fix it, he stumbles over his tool box and smashes the delicate lamp all over the floor. I think we've all had one of those days, especially on a Friday evening after a few of our favourite drinks. Thankfully, all the villagers come to the aid of the poor, unlucky fellow and, at the last moment, they manage to change the boat's course. The children really enjoyed the animation and have created some outstanding pieces of writing using a mixture of powerful language and excellent vocabulary choices. Mathematics has seen the children investigate the links between division and multiplication and progress onto developing their formal multiplication skills. Perhaps you might want to test their skills by giving them real life events to use their newfound knowledge. For example; if England score 3 goals in every game of the European championship, how many goals will they score in total for the seven games it takes to win the trophy. Obviously, this is just a hypothetical situation and incredibly unlikely to happen, but we can only hope. Science has seen us continue our investigation to light with the children looking at the difference between reflectors of light and light sources. They have showed some very sound and complete knowledge of the subject and we have all been impressed with their efforts. Now that the assessments are over, we can assess and evaluate the results in order to give the children the best possible start to their life in Year 4. Any gaps will be plugged over the last few weeks they have with us in Year 3 and they will be fully prepared for the next chapter of their West Leigh Journey.

Year Four

This week, Year 4 have continued working diligently through test week and the teachers are proud of what the children have achieved so far. In English, the children have been analysing texts in preparation for writing a persuasive argument next week; they have also linked this work to the *Butterfly Lion* which has allowed them to compare formal and informal language. In maths, Year 4 have undertaken investigative problem solving and practised the skill of making organised lists to find the answer. Connected Curriculum has allowed the children to generate ideas and prepare more designs for their sustainable theme park ride by analysing the art work of Fred Fowle and in science, the children have continued their learning about classification of living creatures. Some of the classes have been to Coastal Schools this week with more to come next week!

Year Five

Despite the hot weather, the children have risen to the challenge of test week with great resilience, of which they should be very proud. In English, they have continued to hone their writing skills both for the selection test but also with a view of improving their written English as they progress into Year 6, and beyond. We have also concluded the reading of our cultural story '*Cloud Tea Monkeys*', looking in depth at the conclusion of the story and how this resolved the dilemmas faced by the main characters in preparation for writing their own story next week. The sounds of sniffing and slurping in the corridor were present as the children enjoyed a tea tasting experience stretching their vocabulary to create their own tasting notes for a variety of teas. In connected curriculum, the children have been considering the reasons for the use of masks within Mayan culture. They have started to design their own for future digitisation and a group creation of a mask related to a specific purpose.

Year Six

It has been another fun filled week for year six with almost every subject bringing an alternative angle to their learning. In connected curriculum, they have had the opportunity to bake a quintessentially British delicacy, and there was great excitement in finding out who would represent their class in the West Leigh Great British Bake-off final later this term. In English, they have learned about the mysterious case of Harris Burdick and used his images to inspire their own mysterious narrative writing. As designers, they have generated varied questions for their quiz boards and designed their products. Beyond the traditional curriculum subjects, a key aspect of the West Leigh curriculum is now in full flow and many children have already been involved in filming aspects of their upcoming virtual leavers assembly which, if what they have produced already is anything to go by, is going to be highly, highly entertaining.

HARES ABOUT TOWN

The Hares about Town trail will be launched on July 1st and you may have seen that hares and leverets are popping up all over Southend! We are incredibly excited that our very own leveret is standing in pride of place in The Royals Shopping Centre so why not pop along and take a closer look?



SPONSORED EVENT FOR OUR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

This week, as part of our Team Challenge, the children had lots of fun redesigning our school playground and were excited about the forthcoming sponsored event to raise funds, in July. Many thanks to all those children who have already begun obtaining sponsors Don't forget that there will be a prize for the class that raises the most money so keep those sponsors flooding in! Also, if there are any parents, carers or other relatives and friends who work for companies that would like to sponsor us in our efforts to improve the playground environment for the children please let us know. Everything will be gratefully received!

TEAM POINTS

Here is today's set of results

1st **PEGASUS** 50 points

2nd **CENTICORE** 40 points

3rd **PHOENIX** 39 points

4th **WYVERN** 31 points



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Awards

Congratulations to **Owen Smith (3D)** for being the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and to **Addison Gilder-Lawson(5U)** for being awarded the 'Most Improved in PE' trophy. There were two classes with 100% attendance this week who were awarded our special certificates. Congratulations to **3T** and **5C!**

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

This week's Citizen of the Week award goes to **Scarlett Sharp (6W)** who raised money for charity by donating 13 inches of her own hair! We must apologise that we missed putting the name one of our recent Citizens of the Week in to the newsletter. **Daisy Berry**, also of 6W, was awarded Stanley Bear for being an extremely kind and supportive person when a friend was 'down in the dumps'. Well done, Daisy!

Lunch Menu—Week beginning 21/6/21

Monday

Homemade macaroni cheese with garlic bap
Jacket potato with baked beans
Baguette with tuna mayonnaise
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit biscuit

Tuesday

Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta twists and sweetcorn
Hot dog roll with vegetarian sausage
Hot dog roll with pork sausage
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit biscuit

Wednesday

Roast chicken with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Roast Quorn with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Baguette with cheese
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit flapjack

Thursday

Cheese and tomato pizza with tortilla corn chips
Vegetable fajitas with tortilla corn chips
Baguette with egg mayonnaise
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit muffin

Friday

Jacket potato with cheese
Veggie finger bap
Fish finger bap
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate chip cookie