



West Leigh Weekly News

March 12th 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

MARCH

Thursday 18th

6pm Parent Council meeting

Friday 19th

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Monday 29th - Friday 9th April

Easter break

MAY

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

Friday 28th

INSET Day

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

JUNE

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th

Half term

JULY

Thursday 1st

Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company

visit - "Hamlet"

Saturday 3rd

FOWLS Summer Fayre

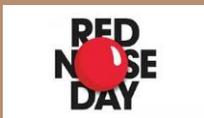
Friday 9th

Year 5 Taster afternoon at

King John School

Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 31st August

Summer break



You are no doubt aware that next Friday, March 19th, is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. As always we are inviting the children to join in the fun and the fundraising. It will be a non-uniform day (although no sports/football shirts please!) It would be great if the children could wear something red as that's the colour so associated with RND. Donations are most welcome. Please note - **no red noses** due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

Year Three

Well, after several months away from school we are finally back. The children have been absolutely incredible this week and have shown both resilience and a strong desire to resume learning on their return to the classroom. This is a testament to the hard work you, as parents and carers, have put in during lockdown and we cannot thank you enough for your support throughout this unusual time. There have been a number of assessments this week, we thought it was important to immediately gauge the level of every child's learning so that we can then tailor our planning to ensure any gaps are filled quickly and concisely. This will enable the children to quickly catch up on areas that may need attention and allow us to form specialised teaching opportunities for those that require extra input. In science we have set up an experiment to investigate the effect of fertilizer on plants. Having selected our three polyanthus victims, we will observe their foliage, flowers and size over the coming weeks. One is being fed *Miracle Grow*, one *Baby Bio* and the last plant will receive nothing. The children have made predictions and will note down any changes on a results table. We have begun our design and technology project which is to design and make a purse fit for a half-god Greek stable boy (aka Demon from our layered reading book). To begin with we looked at a number of different designs and then the children have drawn three different designs from which they will choose one to make. They will be doing quite a lot of sewing over the next few weeks so if you have any needlework projects at home it would be beneficial if they had a little practise.

Year Four

There has been lots of excitement as we welcomed the children back into school this week and introduced them back to the classroom routines. This week the children have begun to do some work on mosaics linked to our connected curriculum work. In addition, they learnt about the Celtic tribes and Boudicca and took on her role to write some rousing battle cry speeches! Our science work was largely revising the four key processes - freezing, melting, evaporation and condensation - with the children making observations of ice in the classroom. Through our English and maths we have gone back over some of the key ideas we have covered this term and begun to make some assessments to inform us as we move into the rest of the school year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support through the spring term as the children completed the remote learning and are enjoying seeing some of the physical work that the children completed rather than the view from a laptop screen!

Year Five

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 5 back to school and although, like us, we are sure they are in need of a break over the weekend, they have settled in almost as if the last 3 months never happened. Over this week in maths they have had the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of a wide range of mathematical concepts through assessments in arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in an abridged form has begun to capture their imagination through layered reading and drama. They have also considered what it would have been like to experience a theatrical performance in the Globe Theatre, at the time The Bard was writing. Artwork relating to our Fragile Earth topic has included experimenting with a wide range of items, creating different textures on paper to mimic natural elements including rocks and vegetation. Pathways and travelling in gymnastic lessons has allowed the children the opportunity to work in pairs and small groups discussing adaptations and considering how to improve their practice.

Year Six

It has been a real joy to have been able to have the year group together once again in school although there was also so much to enjoy about their remote learning. As a staff, we are incredibly proud of how they managed the learning at home during the challenging period of lockdown. This week, we have been so impressed with their attitude to learning and it certainly has been a busy week! In English, they have delved further into the characters of 'Flour Babies' and it is clear that it is a text that they are enjoying. This week has also been enhanced by our Awesome Art, with a focus being placed upon the study of local artists. Following a reflection on local personal places of significance, the pupils planned and created artwork combining the location with a style of art as chosen by them.



VACANCY POSITIONS

We are looking to appoint two **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS** to join our fantastic team of support staff. These are both full-time posts, term time only. Further details can be found on our website or by clicking on this link:

www.westleighjunior.co.uk/vacancies



SCHOOL STREET IS COMING TO WEST LEIGH!

Those of you with children in the infant school will be aware of their campaign to introduce the 'School Street' initiative to restrict car access to the Ronald Hill Grove school gates during drop off and pick up times. Their campaign has now been backed by the council and will start from **MONDAY APRIL 19th**. We are all aware of the congestion on the pavements and the difficulties with traffic and issues with parking around school at those times and this will make it safer for the children to be able to walk to the school gate, reduce pollution around school and, most importantly under current circumstances, it will allow for better social distancing between adults waiting outside. It will also help to encourage active travel to school which has to be good for the children's health!

From April 19th, the stretch of Ronald Hill Grove from the end of Marine Avenue to the junction with Westleigh Avenue will be closed to all traffic from **8.20-9.20** each morning and **2.40-3.40** in the afternoons. Non-motorised vehicles will be permitted. These arrangements are of course for term time only. The parents and carers of the infants have been very supportive of this initiative and we are sure that you will be too.

The scheme has already been very successfully introduced at other local schools including Leigh North Street.

Further details about the initiative can be found here:

<http://schoolstreets.org.ukn>

TEAM POINTS

The first winners of the **House Trophy in 2021** will be announced next Friday. But which House will win...?

Awards

Our first sports awards of 2021 go to **Tobias Lawman(4S)** who was the 'Most Improved in PE' and **Lily Flint (5H)** who was our 'Sports Performer of the Week'. Stanley Bear was awarded to the Jennings family – **Jamie (6F), Isla (4L) and Luke (4B)** – for their fantastic efforts in walking 550 kilometres during February to raise £750 for Brain Tumour Research. They are our Citizens of the Week. Congratulations!

MR LEAR and MRS WOOLF's MESSAGE

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back in to school this week; we just know everyone is delighted that they have returned. It was such a joy to see all their smiling faces on Monday morning and there was a genuine feel of excitement in the air – and that went for all the staff too! We are sure everyone is a little tired at the end of the first week in school for most in 2021, what with having to get up earlier, making the journeys to and from school and having to concentrate for a whole school day...probably with fewer snacks in between the learning! However, our body clocks will return to normal very soon but everyone involved should be extremely proud of how successful the return to school has been. The attendance this week was amazing – we had 99.4% of the children in school! Congratulations to **3D, 3T, 4L, 4R, 4S, 5H, 5U** and **6M** who all achieved 100%.

Lunch Menu Week Beginning 15.3.21

Monday

Homemade macaroni cheese with garlic bap
Homemade vegetable lasagne with garlic bread
Tuna mayonnaise baguette
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit biscuit

Tuesday

Pork meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta twists
Cheese and tomato pizza with tortilla chips
Ham baguette
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or apple and raisin cake

Wednesday

Roast turkey with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Roast Quorn with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit flapjack

Thursday

Homemade chicken and ham pie with mashed potato
Hot dog roll with vegetarian sausage
Hot dog roll with pork sausage
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or stick toffee pudding

Friday

Homemade pasta carbonara with garlic bread
Veggie finger bap
Fish finger bap
Carrot, cucumber and tomato
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate chip cookie



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