



West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 2nd July 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

Week beginning Monday 5th

Olympics Week

Tuesday 6th

Sponsored Event Day 1

Thursday 8th

Sponsored Event Day 2

AM 6M Coastal Schools

Friday 9th

AM Sports Day @ Belfairs Academy

Week beginning Monday 12th

Final week of swimming

Year 6 Activity Week

Monday 12th

AM 4B Coastal Schools

Thursday 15th

Year 6 Bake Off final

Friday 16th

Year 6 @ Adventure Island

Monday 19th

Year 6 @ Stubbers Adventure Centre

Tuesday 20th

Year 6 Fun Swim

PM Year 6 Leavers Assembly Premiere

(Children only)

Wednesday 21st

6pm Year 6 Leavers Party

Last day of term

Thursday September 3rd

Children return to school

MUSIC TUITION LESSONS

We are currently working on new instrumental lesson timetables for flute, clarinet, violin, cello, trumpet, piano, keyboard and drum kit. If your child is interested in having individual tuition next year, please contact Mr Miell on 121musiclessons@wljs.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

SAINSBURY'S CAR PARK

Sainsbury's on London Road kindly ask that you do not use their car park when you are picking up your children from school. Thank you.

Year Three

Another busy week in Year 3 has seen the children continue their investigation into light. They experimented with shadows in order to see the difference between translucent, transparent and opaque materials. The results were illuminating and the children compiled their evidence to answer the question, "Do all objects create a shadow?"

Much of English was taken up with the year group writing their pupil comments for the reports. They really have put an incredible amount of work, and perseverance, into this and they should be very proud of the final versions. In mathematics, we have looked at unit fractions, non-unit fractions and fractions of amounts and ended the week by splitting the year group into fifths so that they could begin their maths groups for the rest of the term. It has been lovely for the staff to have spent time getting to know children from other classes now that we are able to mix more freely. Friday has been full of excitement in Year 3 as the children have met their new teachers for the next part of their journey through West Leigh. We are in no doubt that they are all ready to move into the next phase of their education, they have done so incredibly well considering all the interference from Covid and lost learning time. For the teachers this is a day of mixed emotions, whilst being happy, and extremely proud, to have watched the class grow and flourish as the year has progressed, it is also sad to see our class move onto someone new. The staff in Year 4 will continue to nurture and excite the children to reach their full potential; the children will be in very good hands.

Year Four

This week in Year 4, the children have been incredibly busy producing their fairground rides in our Connected Curriculum. It has been wonderful seeing the collaboration and determination of each group and we all look forward to seeing how the prototypes take shape over the coming weeks. In science, the children in 4L and 4S went to Belfairs Woods and engaged in outdoor learning about classifying living creatures. Unfortunately, 4B and 4R were unable to undertake their scientific field study due to rain and we hope that they will have the opportunity to go very soon. In maths, Year 4 have applied their learning of arithmetic to a range of scenarios including the production of board games. Finally, in English, the children have been working incredibly hard reflecting on their achievements and progress of this year in order to write their comments for the upcoming annual reports which we hope you will enjoy reading very soon.

Year Five

It's been a week full of changes in Year 5 - a little like the weather. The children have had the opportunity, due to the fact we can now mix as a year group bubble, to experience maths in their new bands. They will also now know and have met their new teacher in preparation for their transition into Year 6. In maths, we have reviewed the children's knowledge of shape and space, introducing them to new vocabulary and ensuring they have a secure knowledge of 2D representations of 3D shapes. During English lessons, the pupils have been practising the oral tradition of storytelling, relating their cultural story to a partner as a practice, before writing the resolution and ending. The Year 5 teachers all look a little greyer than usual as the children have enjoyed learning to use Modroc to add rigidity to the Mayan mask they are creating, working in collaboration with other members of the class.

Year Six

This week has been a very special week for year six cohort as, like the rest of the school, they have formed a year group bubble. As a result of this, it's enabled them to enjoy the performance of *Hamlet* by the remarkably talented Young Shakespeare Company on Thursday. According to many of the year sixes, this was one of the highlights of the year. In maths, many of the children also experienced a pub style maths quiz (no alcohol was consumed) which, in many instances, became highly competitive. There is also been a continuation of the work inspired by both Bridget Riley and Harris Burdick in art and English. With the year rapidly progressing, so too have the preparations for their virtual leavers' assembly with all the in-class filming having now been completed. The staff who have been present during those sessions have been thoroughly impressed by the attitude of the pupils in terms of following direction and their willingness to take risks.



TES AWARD

Last Friday evening the prestigious Times Educational Supplement (TES) held its annual awards ceremony celebrating the best in all things educational. West Leigh Junior School was one of only eight schools out of the whole of the country (secondary, primary and special combined) to be nominated in the “Best Use of Technology” category. Given that there are almost 33,000 schools in the UK, that in itself is an amazing achievement. The nomination was for our online remote learning provision during lockdown. At the ceremony itself, the school did quite win the trophy but were given a “Highly Commended” award which was rather like getting a silver medal! Our congratulations and thanks go to all our amazing hard-working staff and especially our fantastic technical support team.

TEAM POINTS/ATTENDANCE

Team points were not announced today but there was a certificate for the class with the best attendance and, once again, that went to **5C**. Congratulations to them!



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Awards

Congratulations to **Jessica Roberts (5G)** for being the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and to **Alexander Shipton (5U)** for being awarded the 'Most Improved in PE/Sport' trophy. Our Citizen of the Week was **Oliver Rogers (4S)** who raised around £700 for Cancer Research by organising his own bake sale. What a fantastic achievement, Oliver!

MESSAGE FROM MR LEAR AND MRS WOOLF

There was great excitement and anticipation today as the children met their new teachers for September and visited their classrooms that they be in for the next academic year, including the Y2 children who came over from the infant school. Here is the list of teachers:

YEAR 3: 3N – Mrs Bemister (Year Group Lead), 3E – Miss Bowes, 3G – Mrs Garrett and Mrs Aggus, 3T – Mrs Thompson and Mrs Halls

YEAR 4: 4B – Mr Boylan (Year Group Lead), 4D – Mr Dammary, 4L – Mr Loveridge, 4R – Mr Markham

YEAR 5: 5S Mr Buchan ((Year Group Lead), 5C – Miss Chapman, 5H – Mrs Millham, 5J – Mrs Wilson

YEAR 6: 6W - Mr Dunn (Year Group Lead), 6A – Mrs Nash and Mrs Carr, 6F – Miss Fletcher, 6P – Miss Poysden

Lunch Menu – Week beginning 14/6/21

Monday

Homemade creamy vegetable pasta bake with garlic bap
Jacket potato with baked beans
Baguette with tuna mayonnaise
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or doughnut

Tuesday

Homemade pork sausage and tomato pasta bake with sweetcorn
Homemade vegetarian sausage pasta bake with sweetcorn
Tuna mayo and lettuce wrap
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit biscuit

Wednesday

Roast gammon with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Roast Quorn with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Baguette with salmon and sweetcorn
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or fruit flapjack

Thursday

Homemade beef Bolognese with spaghetti
Homemade lentil and vegetable Bolognese with spaghetti
Baguette with cheese
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or carrot cake

Friday

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