



# West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

## MAY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

4S Coastal Schools

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

4B Coastal Schools

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

4R Coastal Schools

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

4L Coastal Schools

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Bank Holiday

## JUNE

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

4B Coastal Schools

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

4L Coastal Schools

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

4B Coastal Schools

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

4S Coastal Schools

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

4R Coastal Schools

## JULY

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company

visit - "Hamlet"

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

FOWLS Summer Fayre

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Taster afternoon at

King John School

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Activity Week

## Year Three

Our second week back after the Easter break has seen the children continue their dip into the exciting world of newspaper reporting during our English lessons. They built on their knowledge from last week and began to write the main text body using their previous skills and, in addition, learnt how to write in standard English and include fronted adverbials of time. As an extra challenge the children have added some direct speech to 'spice up' their reports. In mathematics we have revisited the topic of formal addition and multiplication, the children have taken part in mathematical scavenger hunts and a variety of other addition and subtraction activities. This is a vital skill to master as it underpins so many aspects of mathematics so any further practice they can do whilst away from school is always beneficial. There is a TT ROCKSTARS battle this weekend beginning at 4pm on Friday and ending at 8am on Monday so try to encourage the children to take part if possible. We're still throwing down some dance shapes in the gym for our P.E. sessions and the children are gradually adding to their growing repertoire of moves in readiness for any future school discos.

## Year Four

Year 4 have now reached the end of the 'Midsummer Night's Dream' story. It has been fantastic for the staff to see such tremendous excitement from the children as they have reached its conclusion and we hope that this comedic Shakespeare classic remains memorable for the children. In maths, the children have begun learning about geometry with a particular focus on shape properties and angles. Year 4 have continued learning about circuits in science this week by applying their learning of electrical components to real circuits which needed to be checked for mistakes; it was fantastic to see so many children taking risks and trying to improve the circuits! Finally, in Connected Curriculum, the children have been challenged to use a variety of maps – including atlases – to locate the most popular theme parks in the UK. They have then combined this knowledge with prior learning to create a leaflet promoting a popular theme park of their own choice.

## Year Five

Year 5 continued this week, to hone their research skills in preparation of writing an in-depth explanation text about an aspect of space. Formulating different types of questions for research has been quite a challenge and we have reviewed the difference between open and closed questions, including those which are most suitable regarding a research project. In maths, we have continued to focus our learning on statistics. The children have reviewed and answered questions on different types of timetables, which has also enabled us to assess their understanding of time. Many thanks for the support at home in continuing to help the children in this critical life skill. The creation of tally and frequency tables has been reviewed including a problem-solving focus. Knife safety skills have safely been demonstrated and the smell of onions has permeated the corridor as these have been practised in preparation for showing off their culinary skills by producing chilli con carne including dark chocolate. The children have been given the recipe to be prepared and cooked at home, and the Year 5 staff would like to thank you for your support including the completion of their evaluation and hope you enjoy the final result. In our science lessons next week, we will be introducing the children to the changes that will occur as they enter puberty.

## Year Six

During the course of this week, the pupils of Year 6 have experienced a diverse curriculum with learning topics varying from pie charts to the geography of the UK to the function of blood. As scientists, they studied the purpose of blood learning about the main aspects of red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets. Within maths, the focus has moved on to statistics; however, it has been pleasing to see how pupils have tried to link their existing knowledge of fractions and percentages in order to understand this form of statistics more fully. There were also some mean questions towards the end of the week relating to the arithmetic average. Connected Curriculum has also developed further with the Year 6 pupils learning about a diverse selection of locations, which subsequently informed their choice for their own independent research topic.

## Awards

Congratulations to **Connor Grantham (6W)** for being the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and to **Zara Fitcher. (4B)** for being awarded the 'Most Improved in PE' trophy.

We had only one class with 100% attendance this week (there must have been a few coughs, colds and tummy bugs around) – congratulations to **3D**.

### MESSAGE FROM MR LEAR AND MRS WOOLF

Thank you so much for your positive support of the 'School Street' initiative that started this week. It was lovely to receive such great feedback. You may have noticed that it got quite a bit of media coverage too. You might have seen Mrs London and Mr Nash on the BBC local news programmes and the pictures of Mr Lear and Miss Chaney spread like wildfire over various social media platforms. We are sure you will agree the first week of 'School Street' was a big success.

We hope you have a lovely long weekend with the Bank Holiday on Monday. Fingers crossed we get a bit of sunshine mixed in with the showers that are forecast. See you on Tuesday!



Today saw all the children take part in the first "England Does the Daily Mile" event. They (and the staff) ran the nine and a half laps of our 'running road' that make up a mile. Some of them had their Moki bands on too which will have really helped with their steps count! Great fun was had by all and, of course, it was a great way to keep fit and help build stamina.

### URGENT MESSAGE FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

The deadline for you to send your child's photo and bio for the Yearbook was the end of this week. If they are not received by **MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**, unfortunately your child will not be included in the Yearbook. The photo and bio should be sent to [westleighyear6@gmail.com](mailto:westleighyear6@gmail.com)  
Thank you

### TEAM POINTS

Here is today's set of results

**1<sup>st</sup> WYVERN 36 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CENTICORE 33 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> PHOENIX 31 points**

**4<sup>th</sup> PEGASUS 30 points**

### Lunch Menu–Week beginning 3/5/21

#### Monday BANK HOLIDAY

#### 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



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