



West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 7th May 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

MAY

Wednesday 12th

4B Coastal Schools

Tuesday 18th

4R Coastal Schools

Wednesday 19th

4L Coastal Schools

Friday 28th

INSET Day

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

JUNE

Monday 7th

Return from half term break

Monday 14th

4B Coastal Schools

Tuesday 15th

4L Coastal Schools

Monday 21st

4B Coastal Schools

Wednesday 29th

4S Coastal Schools

Thursday 30th

4R Coastal Schools

JULY

Thursday 1st

Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company
visit - "Hamlet"

Saturday 3rd

FOWLS Summer Fayre

Friday 9th

AM Sports Day at Belfairs Academy

PM Year 5 Taster afternoon at

King John School

Monday 12th – Friday 16th

Year 6 Activity Week

Year Three

It's been all about time in Year 3 mathematics this week. We began the week recovering quarter to, quarter past, o'clock and half past to embed the information into the children's knowledge banks and then progressed through time to the nearest five minutes and finally ended at time to the nearest minute. Time is always a tricky subject due to its somewhat abstract nature and not all children will progress at the same rate so the lessons were fairly fluid so that all students abilities were catered for. It is a subject that will be revisited many times in future months and years but it is always a good idea to take every opportunity, both at home and at school, to push the boundaries of their time knowledge.

In English, we have begun work on creating a persuasive poster based around the theme of plastic in our oceans. This generation of children will be so important to the way we approach the problem of plastic pollution, their voices and opinions will be a force for change in the future. They have had such wonderful and thought provoking ideas this week and it is obvious that they have a passion for the subject and we are looking forward to reading their final pieces.

In P.E. we have continued our journey through dance with a variety of different approaches across the year group and have concentrated moving to the beat and rhythm rather than the hundred miles an hour dancing that younger children sometimes do. It has been particularly impressive to see how the children have built on their knowledge each week to create new and exciting dance moves.

Year Four

The children in Year 4 have begun learning about Michael Morpurgo and reading one of his most exciting books – *The Butterfly Lion* – in our reading lessons. They will be reading this together in class over the next couple of months and there is no expectation for the children to pre-read it themselves at home. In addition to this, Year 4 have also been learning about nonsense poetry through the use of *Jabberwocky* by Edward Lear; the teachers have found these lessons particularly exciting with children using very amusing and bizarre vocabulary in their own writing! In maths, Year 4 have been continuing their learning on geometry with a particular focus on symmetry and manipulating the position of shapes on a grid. Finally, the children have begun learning about sustainability in Connected Curriculum and they are starting to realise which theme parks are contributing best towards running in the most eco-friendly way. Due to the Bank Holiday on Monday, Year 4 will continue their science learning next week by developing their own circuits with their own switches.

Year Five

Continuing from the chopping and cooking of last week, the children have reviewed the evaluation they produced at home of their chilli con carne with dark chocolate. Improving and widening their vocabulary to enable them to describe the senses relating to food and eating, has been a target. Using their knowledge and skills they will be creating their own healthy eating recipe containing chocolate. In maths, we have revisited multiplication and division. The children have been practising their mental skills drawing upon know facts, considered the rules of divisibility and practised using the most efficient written method of short division and interpreting remainders. Research for their explanation text on an aspect of space is proceeding well and the children are excited to use their findings to create a top quality piece of work.

Year Six

Without a shadow of a doubt, the most memorable moment of the week for the Year 6 pupils involved them taking risks as a part of a Bushtucker Trial inspired by the characters' experiences in *The Explorer*, our layered reading book. Beyond this excitement, they have been reflecting on their own impression of their chosen UK location, making creative links to metaphorical ideas and also applying their creative use of the subjunctive verb form. As scientists, they have learned more about the function and structure of the heart and also considered whether there is a link between height and peak flow.



Have you moved recently? Or changed your email address or telephone number? If so, please could you inform the office of any changes to your contact details **asap** so that our records are up to date. Just drop a message to our wonderful office staff office@westleigh-jun.southend.sch.uk and they will amend our records accordingly. Thank you

MESSAGES FOR STAFF MEMBERS

We have noticed that some parents and carers are continuing to leave messages for teachers and other staff on *Showbie* as they were during lockdown. Now all the children are back in school, if you wish to contact a member of staff or leave a message for them please could you call the school office staff on 01704 478593 or on the contact email office@westleigh-jun.southend.sch.uk and they will ensure your messages or requests get passed on. It is not guaranteed that messages left on *Showbie* will be seen.

TEAM POINTS

Here is today's set of results

1st **CENTICORE** 44 points

2nd **PEGASUS** 37 points

3rd **PHOENIX** 36 points

4th **WYVERN** 32 points



West Leigh is part of the Portico Academy Trust

Awards

Congratulations to **Alice Walton(6W)** for being the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and to **Ayaan Ahmed (5G)** for being awarded the 'Most Improved in PE' trophy.

ATTENDANCE

We had only one class with 100% attendance again this week (there must still be a few coughs, colds and tummy bugs around) – congratulations to **5C!**

WLJS 'CITIZEN OF THE WEEK'

Stanley Bear and our Citizen of the Week award this week goes to **Isabelle Cook** in **3E**. Isabelle raised an amazing £1850 by donating 28 centimetres (11 inches) of her own hair to the Little Princess Trust to help make wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. What a fantastic gesture!

MESSAGE FROM MR LEAR AND MRS WOOLF

Many thanks to vast majority of you that are pre-ordering your child's lunch online via ParentPay – this is working very well. However, there are still a few children whose lunch is not being ordered before 8am on the day. Please can we ask/beg you once more to ensure that you do so if you wish to book a lunch. It makes it very difficult for our lovely office staff to organise the day's lunch orders if the meals have not been prior booked. Thank you so much for you assistance.

Lunch Menu–Week beginning 10/5/21

Monday

Cold tuna pasta with garlic bap
Jacket potato with baked beans
Baguette with cheese
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or raspberry mousse

Tuesday

Homemade creamy chicken and chick pea korma and rice
Homemade lentil and butternut squash korma and rice
Cheese and tomato pizza with tortilla corn chips
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or chocolate cake

Wednesday

Roast pork with roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy
Mediterranean vegetable pasta bake with garlic bread
Baguette with tuna mayonnaise
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or cornflake crispies

Thursday

Homemade beef lasagne with garlic bap and sweetcorn
Homemade vegetable lasagne with garlic bap and sweetcorn
Chicken nugget mayo and lettuce wrap
Carrot and cucumber
Fresh fruit, yoghurt or banana cake

Friday

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