



# West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

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

AM 4R Coastal Schools

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

AM 4L Coastal Schools

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

6.00 Parent Council

**Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Test Week

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

INSET Day

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

Bank Holiday

**JUNE**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3/4/5 Test Weeks

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

AM 6F Coastal Schools

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

Team Bubble Challenge

AM 4B Coastal Schools

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

AM 4L Coastal Schools

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

AM 6J Coastal Schools

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

AM 4B Coastal Schools

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

AM 6W Coastal Schools

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

AM 4S Coastal Schools

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

PM 4R Coastal Schools

**JULY**

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

Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company  
visit - "Hamlet"

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

Provisional FOWLS Summer Fayre

**Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Olympics Week

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

AM 6M Coastal Schools

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

AM Sports Day @ Belfairs Academy

## Year Three

It's not only been raining outside this week, inside the gym it's been raining funky dance moves. We have continued our adventure into the world of dance by adding to the children's ever growing repertoire of shapes and have begun to form a series of dance moves which link together seamlessly. The children should be highly commended for their enthusiasm and effort. Dance is not always considered one of their favourites but they have been introducing their own flavour to each set of moves to create truly unique masterpieces. Talking of masterpieces, we have begun our 'Awesome Art' section of the Connected Curriculum by looking at the works of Claude Monet. This influential artist of the early 1900's produced a vast amount of work based on the River Thames. Linking to our overarching topic of rivers, and in particular the Thames, the children have been sketching London's skyline in preparation for next week when they will be creating a silhouette based on their sketches. To give their silhouette some depth, they are adding a sunset background which they are creating using oil pastels. This week have practised their blending skills in their sketchbooks with great success. Did you know that the students of West Leigh are passionate about stopping plastic pollution? They need your help to turn off the tap of pollution that enters our oceans every minute of every day. In case you were wondering, the children have been writing a persuasive letter to the residents of Leigh to help in their fight against marine pollution. They have used a variety of literacy tools such as rhetorical questions, facts and emotive language to try to get everyone to join their battle against plastic. If you are not convinced, read some of their beautifully written letters. Maths has revolved around capacity and volume with the children looking at scales and comparing the volume of liquid in various containers. We've had great fun using measuring cylinders and coloured water to demonstrate differing volumes.

## Year Four

Year 4 have continued to read *The Butterfly Lion* in their English lessons and they have enjoyed finding out about the introduction to this exciting story. The children have also started to learn more about the author of the book (Michael Morpurgo) in order to write a biography about his life including relative clauses to extend their ideas. In maths, Year 4 have been reinforcing and revising the important skills involved with multiplying and dividing numbers of increasing size. It is very important that the children keep trying their best to learn their tables facts and play 'TT Rockstars' as often as possible to help them succeed in these lessons. In Science, the children have investigated making circuits with components and controlled the flow of electricity by designing their own switches made from resources in the classroom. Finally, in Connected Curriculum, Year 4 have begun their artist study on Lowry in preparation for a piece of art about Southend's Adventure Island.

## Year Five

Year 5 have concluded their research project on an aspect of space, written their explanations and are currently putting the final additions to their presentation quality piece of writing of which they should be very proud. Their own savoury and scrumdiddliumptious recipe creations relating to their brief from Willy Wonka have been written up and reviewed. In RE we have learnt about 'Rights of Passage' ceremonies that new-borns from Christian and Muslim faiths attend to welcome them into their religious life. Interesting discussions have been had, regarding the similarities and differences between them and those of other religions of which they are aware. In maths, we have reviewed conversion of units of measurement and mass using these skills with all four operations to hone and refine problem-solving skills.

## Year Six

This week has seen the children further develop their poetic devices by writing a personified rainforest poem from our layered reading book, *The Explorer*. In Connected Curriculum, the children have continued to explore locations around the United Kingdom by investigating interesting sculptures. By sharing their personal responses, the children have started to design a sculpture to represent and encapsulate their chosen location. Year 6 are excited to commence making their own sculptures next week.

Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Activity Week

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Leavers Party

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 @ Stubbers Adventure Centre

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Last day of term



### COVID TESTING

Please can we remind you that the lateral flow tests carried out at home are not for use if your child or a member of your family have COVID symptoms. If they show any of the three symptoms, you should organise a PCR test and isolate until you receive the results.

A reminder that COVID symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to the sense of smell and taste

Please click on this link for further information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus>

### TEAM POINTS

Here are this week's results:

1<sup>st</sup> **WYVERN** 42 points

2<sup>nd</sup> **PHOENIX** 41 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **CENTICORE** 40 points

4<sup>th</sup> **PEGASUS** 37 points

## Awards

Congratulations to **Sienna Tucker (3T)** for being the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and to **Will Keighron-Charles (5C)** for being awarded the 'Most Improved in PE' trophy. Our Citizens of the Week are **Anna Waughman (4R)** and **Joseph Waughman (6W)** who devoted their spare time to collect three sacks of litter during a 5km walk around Leigh and Chalkwell.

### MESSAGES FROM MR LEAR AND MRS WOOLF

We are sure you will agree that it feels quite positive as we embark on the next step of the government's COVID 'roadmap' from Monday. However, due to the close proximity of the adults dropping children off and then collecting them at the end of the day, we still need to follow DfE and public health guidance and would kindly ask you to wear a face mask/covering when outside the school gates and the surrounding area. Hopefully we will be able to relax this request when the government updates us on the next step of the 'roadmap'. Thank you.

### TES SCHOOL AWARDS 2021

We are thrilled to announce that today we have been shortlisted for a prestigious Times Educational Supplement (TES) Schools Award in the category for "Best Use of Technology". There are only 8 schools shortlisted out of the whole country, both secondary and primary, and we are extremely proud. We are sure you will be too. Here is a link to today's announcement:

<https://www.tes.com/news/tes-schools-awards-2021-shortlist>

### Lunch Menu – Week beginning 17/5/21

#### 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



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