



West Leigh Weekly News

Friday 23rd April 2021

(New dates in BLACK)

APRIL

Monday 26th

'School Street' road restrictions begin

Tuesday 27th

Class photos

Wednesday 28th

4R Coastal Schools

Friday 30th

'England (and West Leigh) Does the Daily Mile'

MAY

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th

4L Coastal Schools

Wednesday 12th

4B Coastal Schools

Tuesday 18th

4R Coastal Schools

Wednesday 19th

4S Coastal Schools

Friday 28th

INSET Day

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

JUNE

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

Year 5 Taster afternoon at
King John School

Year Three

What a busy week it's been in Year 3! We have managed to take advantage of the, mostly, sunny weather we have had this week and carry out a field trip to Old Leigh. We began by walking down to Marine Parade and looking down over Belton Hills to the estuary beyond. Linking to our connected curriculum, the children were able to locate a variety of geographical river features from our lofty vantage point. The tide was just ebbing away across the mudflats and the meanders and tributaries of Leigh Creek were clearly visible for children to see. We then ventured through the old town pointing out the fishing industry that has been so important to the local area and finishing on the beach next to Bell Wharf. Although the walk did tire out the children they all thoroughly enjoyed their time away from the classroom and it was delightful to see their smiling faces and hear their laughter as they completed various activities. In maths we have been visiting the topic of rounding with the children completing rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 100. English has concentrated on building their knowledge of newspaper reports. They began by picking out the key features of a report and moved onto creating their own opening paragraph based on our new layered reading book by Michael Morpurgo 'This Morning I met a Whale'. In science we have continued our investigation into magnetic forces with the children carrying out a series of tests to determine if objects are magnetic or non magnetic. They tested both in the classroom and outside on the playground and will use their results to write up the experiment details in a scientific format next week.

Year Four

Year 4 have continued working through the story of 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children have enjoyed the antics of the fairies and their hilarious mistakes with magical potions whilst developing high quality comprehension answers that used evidence from the text. They have also been successful developing and applying grammatical knowledge in their creative writing. In maths, Year 4 have started learning about a new topic – measures – with a particular focus on the different units involved with length, weight and capacity. The connected curriculum topic 'All The Fun of the Fair' has continued with a historical study about the changes which fairgrounds have undergone over the last 100 years. The children have also started to learn about the Ferris Wheel and enjoyed producing posters about its development. Finally, in science, the children have begun learning about the different components found in electrical circuits in preparation for an investigation next week.

Year Five

It is amazing to think that we are at the end of a second week of term, but the children continue to work hard and also have some fun. In English, the children have been fine-tuning their research skills to prepare the way for independent research enabling them to produce a detailed explanation document on a 'big question' about space. Statistics has been our focus in maths where the children have looked at various ways of presenting, analysing and using data to solve problems with particular reference to line graphs and continuous data. Our technology topic was introduced with a personal letter to each class from Willy Wonka challenging them to make a healthy, savoury dish containing chocolate for sale in his new restaurant. Safe food storage and hygienic practice have also been discussed, with the children who have produced a poster to explain their understanding. 5H and 5U were excited to finally go to the fields for their PE lesson where they played games and took part in activities to help them develop good pace, correct running form and build stamina. 5G and 5C will be heading over to 'fields' next half term.

Year Six

Building upon their recent learning of animal adaptation, the children have been extremely busy developing their explanatory reports based upon their own newly discovered species, with some impressive results that even David Attenborough would find intriguing! Time was dedicated to reviewing and refining a range of important features including the use of expanded noun phrases, parenthesis and the use of varied, higher-order punctuation to ensure that their final written reports were well-structured and engaging. As mathematicians, they have been consolidating their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages when solving increasingly complex problems and many children achieved a new, all-time best in arithmetic. During connected curriculum lessons this week, the children have applied previous learning about settlements, focusing on the cities, towns, villages and hamlets within the county of Essex.

Awards

Congratulations to **Harry Albon (6F)** for being the 'Sports Performer of the Week' and to **Lottie Lumsden (4R)** for being awarded the 'Most Improved in PE' trophy. Our Citizen of the Week was **Curtis Redgwell (5C)** who raised over £1000 to support the cause for the endangered animals, pangolins. He was sponsored to litter-pick and raised this amazing amount of money.

MESSAGE FROM MR LEAR AND MRS WOOLF

Just a final reminder that the safety initiative 'School Street' starts this Monday. You may have seen that the council have put the signs up in readiness which show that the section of Ronald Hill Grove between Marine Avenue and Westleigh Avenue will be closed to vehicles between 8.20am and 9.20am and 2.40pm and 3.40pm. We thank you for your support. Hopefully we will have more sunshine this weekend, we have been certainly lucky this week with the weather which has been lovely for the Year 3 children as they made their visits to Old Leigh. Fingers crossed there is more of the same over the next few days. See you all on Monday

PARENT PAY/SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you know, school lunches should be pre-ordered. We still have a few children whose lunch has not been booked before the day. Please can we ask you once again to do so. You need to order your child's lunch through Parent Pay and select the options they would like from the menu. You can order the lunches in advance or on the day, but you must order before 8am if ordered on the day. There is no longer be an option for your child to order their lunch in school. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

YEAR GROUP BULLETINS

Our termly curriculum bulletins detailing the learning and events for the summer term are published today. You should have received a ParentPay notification about them and they have also been published on FaceBook. In case you haven't had the chance to access either of those platforms the links for the video presentations are listed below:

Year 3:

<https://youtu.be/ma6bZ4XHADI>

Year 4:

https://youtu.be/LrliuPi4_eQ

Year 5:

<https://youtu.be/bcyoxy89w3E>

Year 6:

<https://youtu.be/6KbzMMcaO7E>

Lunch Menu – Week beginning 26/4/21

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

TEAM POINTS

Here is the first set of results for the summer term

1st PEGASUS 44 points

2nd CENTICORE 37 points

3rd PHOENIX 36 points

4th WYVERN 33 points



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