

Friday 17th March

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators

Resilient learners

Yet another eventful week at Westhaven with so many exciting things happening across the school, I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and looking at the photos as much as I do each week.

On Monday, a large group of learners from Lower school, Middle school and our 6th form travelled to Taunton to visit Somerset Cricket Club. Whilst there, they were given a tour of the ground and were awarded 'School of the Term' following the nomination from Tilly, our visiting coach who has been leading sessions last term.

Tuesday evening saw our amazing dance team perform at the Playhouse Theatre in town at the North Somerset festival. I know that I am biased but Westhaven were by far the best and received the loudest round of applause of the night. Well done to all and thank you to all the staff that have supported the learners all term and also gave up their own time on the night.

There have been lots of ideas flooding into the suggestion box for the new school house names. Keep them coming, the box will remain in reception until the end of term so you still have two weeks to get them in. Next term the School Council will short-list and then then the whole school community will get to vote on their favourites.

Unfortunately, we were disrupted by the Industrial Action again this week, but the learners and staff showed great resilience and got on with things as best they could. I hope this is the end of the strikes, but I will of course continue to keep you all informed.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School

Another week has passed that has been full of such wonderful learning. Please keep checking in on our Class Dojo pages to see the photos shared by the class teams.

We were so proud of all who took part in the dance festival; it was lovely to see the children beaming with pride and excitement about taking part.

Don't forget we have a couple of different days featuring next week:

On Tuesday we can come to school wearing odd socks, for World Down Syndrome Day.

On Friday it is our World Book Day with an Alice in Wonderland dress-up theme.

Middle School

Middle School learners have been enjoying their new playtime areas and resources. Learners have been enjoying skipping, playing catch and have had a noughts and crosses competition on the playground with chalk.

The students who went to the dance competition told me they were nervous when they left, but reported a wonderful time upon returning to school. We are very proud of them for a fantastic performance and for their resilience.

Following parental feedback, the Year 11 run tuck shop, "Sweet Treats", will now only be open to MS learners on Tuesdays.

Upper School

Year 10 parents - Weston College are holding an open evening on 29th March from 5pm - 7pm. The majority of our learners go on to the Inclusive Practice department at Knightstone Campus. To book a place on the open evening, please use the link below, which takes you to the Weston College website. Any queries, please contact the college directly.

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/march-open-evening-adults-courses-and-school-leavers>

Year 11 parents - we have been informed by the local authority that parents / carers will find out at the end of March their child's confirmed placement for September. Once we have received all confirmations, we will be able to finalise the "College Link" arrangements for those learners who will be joining Weston College (Foundation Learning) in September. This involves learners attending Weston College every Friday morning from May, accompanied by Westhaven staff. Transport to and from Westhaven will remain the same. Please look out for further details after Easter.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs A Colvin

Favourite Book Quote	"A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly... if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely".
Favourite Quote about Reading	"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." Margaret Fuller
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Kitchen Disco' by Clare Foges and 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson
Favourite Childhood Book	'George's Marvellous Medicine' and anything by Roald Dahl and Jacqueline Wilson

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

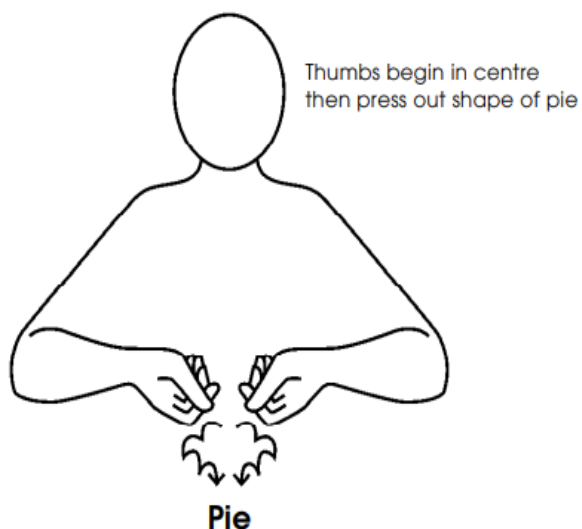


Can you guess this week's?



Word of this Week: Provide

Sign of this Week: Pie



Maths Matters: Let's keep practising counting!



Did you know the earliest form of mathematics that we know is counting, as our ancestors worked to keep track of how many of various things they had. The earliest evidence of counting we have is a prehistoric bone on which have been marked some tallies, which sometimes appear to be in groups of five.

Sports Desk:

Wow! What an unbelievable week we have had. Firstly, on Monday we had our trip to the County Ground. Home of Somerset County Cricket Club. It was a fantastic morning that started with our learners having a specialised cricket coaching session where they experienced having turns at bowling, fielding and batting. We then were given a tour around the ground and were able to see the corporate boxes and press boxes.

We were also very lucky and bumped into the Somerset and England legend Marcus Threscothick who walked past us in the part of the ground named after himself.



The following day it was the turn of the dancers. We arrived at the Playhouse at lunchtime for our rehearsals; there were definitely some nerves in the air when some of our learners saw the size of the room and stage. Those nerves soon disappeared when the music started and they absolutely smashed their rehearsal and got a huge round of applause from the other dancers there on the day.

That evening the dancers arrived back at 6.00 pm for the main performance, again there were lots of nerves and excitement backstage, but they went onto stage and were absolutely amazing!! With a huge round of applause from the audience and the atmosphere backstage after

was amazing to see - the smiles and the buzz was so fantastic to be part of.


A huge thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to help, it is truly appreciated. My biggest thank you goes to Georgia, our dance teacher, who choreographed our dances and put in so much time and effort to make it what it was.

Last week's trophy winners were Lower School-Hull and Middle and Upper School-York and Leeds. Well done to all the classes.

Headteacher Awards:

This week I have been delighted by visits from Freyja in Cardiff Class and Jayden from Wells Class to show me their phonics work. Both were very happy to leave my office with a sticker, badge and one of my new Headteacher pencils!

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 17 March 1.30 pm	Parents meeting for Hull and Chester parents and carers
Friday 24 March 1.30 pm	Parents meeting for Oxbridge parents and carers
Friday 24 March	World Book Day (for Lower School, Middle School and Manchester)
Tuesday 21 March 	World Down Syndrome Day - With Us Not For Us Wear odd socks to school!
Wednesday 22 March (9.30 am - 2.30 pm)	NSPCWT Event - Social Communication and Autism Fayre (SCAF) at the Tropicana
Friday 24 March	M&M Production of Alice in Wonderland (for Lower School, Middle School and Manchester).

North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 4	20 February - 31 March 2023
Term 5	17 April - 26 May 2023
Term 6	5 June - 21 July 2023

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2022/2023:

May Day Bank Holiday	1 May 2023
Bank holiday in honour of the coronation of HM King Charles III	8 May 2023

Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) - 2022/23:

- Friday 26 May 2023
- Monday 5 June 2023

Next Academic Year

North Somerset Term Dates - 2023/2024:

Term 1	04 September 23 - 20 October 23
Term 2	30 October 23 - 20 December 23
Term 3	04 January 24 - 09 February 24
Term 4	19 February 24 - 28 March 24
Term 5	15 April 24 - 24 May 24
Term 6	03 June - 23 July 24

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2023/2024:

May Day Bank Holiday	6 May 2024
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Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) - 2023/24:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Monday 30th October 2023
- Thursday 4th January 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024