

Friday 10th March

## Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

## Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators

Resilient learners

Now we are over halfway through the academic year (I can't quite believe where the time has gone), I have started to think in more detail about some changes I wish to implement for next academic year and one of these is the House system at Westhaven.

Pre-pandemic it used to have a reasonably high profile, but in recent times it has rather faded into obscurity as other priorities came to the fore. I have already mentioned the plan to re-invigorate this to your children in assemblies.

As we have grown over the past few years the time now feels right to add an additional fourth house. I have placed a suggestion box in the reception area for the learners to place their opinions of what they would like the new house names to be.

There are many benefits to a house system, they provide a sense of belonging by breaking down the size of gatherings in a school the size of Westhaven and they also provide leadership opportunities through house competitions, quizzes and events.

The school council will be involved in the short-listing process and the then whole school community will vote for their preferred choice. Once this has happened, the process of placing the learners and staff in their new house will take place. I will keep you all apprised of the situation as it develops.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock  
Headteacher

## Lower School

What an absolutely wonderful mid-week treat we had with the snow fall. The children had the most delightful time playing out in it and targeting the adults with their snowballs. Mr M has obviously been working hard with them all in PE as their aim and ability to hit a target was faultless!

Once again, I have been dazzled by the reading and writing taking place throughout the classes this week.

Well done Team Lower School - keep it up!

## Middle School

We've also had fabulous fun midweek with the snowfall. Middle school used their sensory circuit time to have fun and enjoy the snow. We had some great snowball fights and I'm delighted that middle school (despite throwing snowballs at each other) showed their ability to be respectful citizens when choosing their targets.

I am delighted that more students have been wearing uniform this week and would like to see this continue. The students who are in appropriate uniform are awarded Dojo points daily for this.

## Upper School

It's been another productive week in Upper School and as we're half way through the year, our thoughts start turning to coursework deadlines, exams and next steps!

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>

**Staff in the Spotlight:** Ms J Hall

<b>Favourite Book Quote</b>	"You will never really understand a person until you consider things from their point of view...Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
<b>Favourite Quote about Reading</b>	"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go" -Dr Seuss
<b>Favourite Book to Read to Children</b>	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
<b>Favourite Childhood Book</b>	To kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

## Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'The Three Little Pigs'.

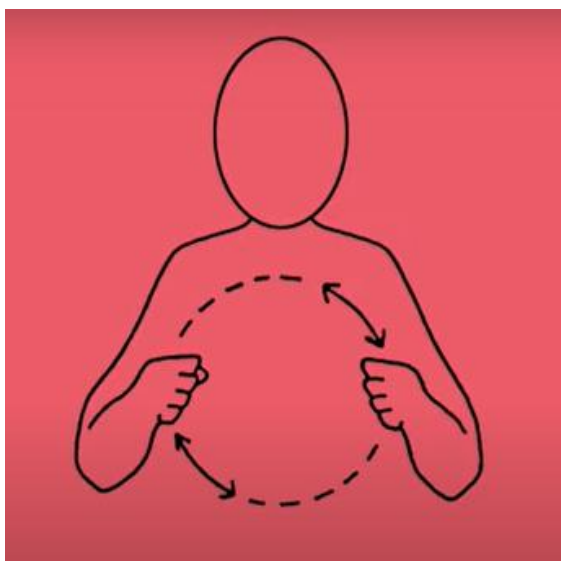


Can you guess this week's?



**Word of this Week:** Brisk

**Sign of this Week:** Bus



## Sports Desk:

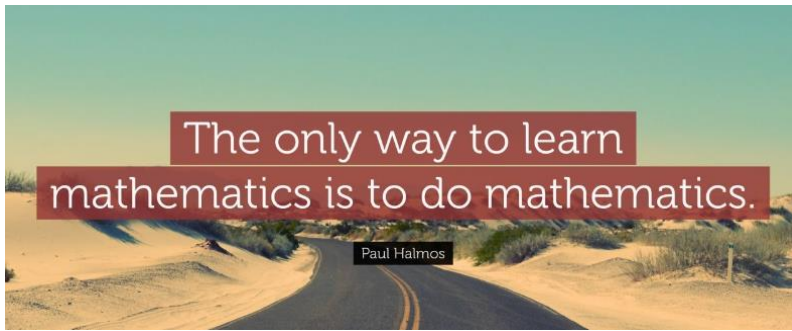
This week we have continued to have our 'Dance with Georgia' lessons and again it's been so nice to take a back seat and be able to just watch the learners absolutely love what they're doing and be creative with their dancing. They have also started to perform parts of dances on their own in front of the rest of the group, which has been amazing to see. In Middle and Upper School, we have continued our hockey and handball lessons and have been able to get out and use our new artificial pitch for matches of both sports. Next week is a really exciting week with a trip to the Somerset County Ground, home of Somerset Cricket Club on Monday and then the Dance Festival on Tuesday. I look forward to sharing this with you next week.

Last week's trophy winners were: Lower School- Chester, Middle and Upper School- Liverpool and Nottingham.

## Headteacher Awards

This week I was delighted by a visit from Ava in Leeds Class, who brought me her brilliant Maths work on 'Perimeters' - very well-done Ava!

## Maths Matters:



This week is a reminder that 'Every Moment Counts'. Include as much maths in your everyday life and conversations as you can!

## Westhaven Garden Club:

David Ray from Weston Rotary club came into school recently to talk about the work that the rotary club does to help others.

Last October they gave Westhaven School purple crocus bulbs to plant in the school grounds, each one represents a child in a third world country that was vaccinated



against polio; this is a terrible disease that is now nearly eradicated from our world due to the vaccination programme! We planted some of the bulbs in pots and sold them to our staff and parents/carers. We are delighted to say that we raised £70.00, which will vaccinate 350 children!!

Mr Ray will collect our contribution from school and send on to do the good work. Thank you so much to all who supported this fundraiser, it really is fantastic that we can help others with such an amazing project!!

Westhaven school is supporting Weston Hospice again this year by growing plants from

seeds for them and our learners have taken on the responsibility to plant the large planters outside the entrance to Weston Hospice! This is an important role as the entrance can impact on the mental well-being of the patients and visitors. Well done to all our learners involved with this!



*Design a menu for the King's Coronation*

*Draw, write or design a main and a pudding for the  
King's Special Day.*

*The winning menu will be served on  
Tuesday 9th May.*

*Deadline is March 31st*

*Entries to be handed into  
reception.*



The winner will also  
receive a mystery  
prize!



### Dates for your Diary:

Friday 10 March 1.30 pm	Parents meeting for Wells and Bath parents and carers
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