

Friday 28th April 2023

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Another busy and productive week at Westhaven with lots of amazing work going on around the school as you will read about and see from the photos.

A busy week for me too, I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Hope Parkins as the new Key Stage 3 Teacher and Mrs Emma Wells as the new Assistant Headteacher for Key Stages 4 and 5, congratulations to them both!

I visited New Siblands school in Thornbury on Wednesday, it is always interesting to see other schools in action and magpie ideas to bring back to Westhaven.

The learners and staff that were in school yesterday coped really well with the changes due to the industrial action.

Thank you to all of you that have voted so far for the new school house names, can I remind you that the deadline is 12 noon next Friday 5th May.



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School

Another week in Lower School has flown by! The children have once again had a fantastic week of learning.

Thank you to the families that were able to come and watch the staff and learners touch rugby game on Wednesday after school. The event was great fun and the support was much appreciated. Thank you to Mr M for organising the occasion.

Middle School

We've had another good week in Middle School. On Friday we interviewed for a teaching position we have available for September and I would like to thank York class especially for their fantastic demonstration of the Westhaven Way whilst they were taught by the candidates. I would also like to thank our two head students who took part in the interview process and helped the candidates find their way around the school. They did a fantastic job.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Miss Parkins who will be our new Middle School teacher when Mr Midgley retires. Whilst we are sad to see Mr Midgley leave us we are grateful to have a talented and dedicated teacher to take his place.

Upper School

Year 10 parents - you will see that Tuesday 11th July is the whole school move up day. In Upper School, our learners stay in the same tutor group for year 10 and 11 so on this day, we are looking at planning a year 10 school trip (details to be confirmed)

Year 11 parents - we are aware that a number of you have still not heard about your child's year 11 placement and we are in regular contact with the local authority to chase this up. Unfortunately this means that the college link programme is on hold until we have all placements confirmed.

Please let us know as soon as you receive confirmation from the local authority about your child's placement for September

Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs C Kay

Favourite Book Quote	"People tend to think that happiness is a stroke of luck, something that will descend like fine weather if you're fortunate. But happiness is the result of personal effort. You fight for it, strive for it, insist upon it, and sometimes even travel around the world looking for it. You have to participate relentlessly." — Elizabeth Gilbert
Favourite Quote about Reading	"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet." — Jhumpa Lahiri, The Namesake
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Anything by Julia Donaldson
Favourite Childhood Book	The BFG - Roald Dahl

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'The Snail and the Whale'

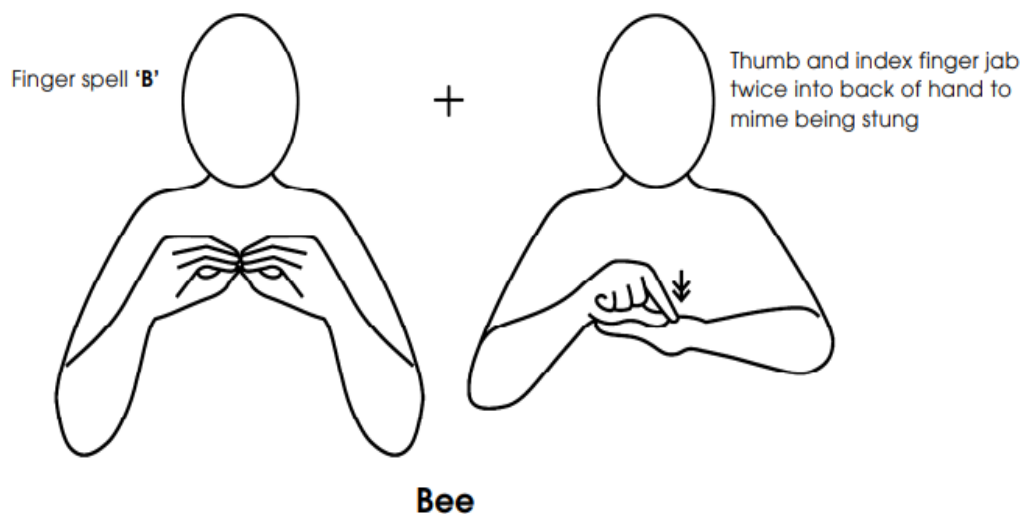


Can you guess this week's?



Word of this Week: Reluctant

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters: Here are some royal facts!



King Charles has two birthdays. This is because the monarch's birthday is marked by a parade known as the Trooping of the Colour and Edward VII, who reigned from 1901 to 1910, decided it wouldn't be very fun to celebrate this in November (when his birthday was) because it was cold so moved his own birthday to June.

Sports Desk:

Another fantastic week of sport here at Westhaven. We have started our cricket and football lessons this week to the delight of lots of our learners who have been asking for football since September and there have been some great skills on show.

Alongside this, on Wednesday this week we had our Staff Vs Learners touch rugby match. A huge thank you to all adults and children who made it such a fun afternoon. It was a pleasure to see all the smiles on faces enjoying themselves. There will be a final Staff Vs Learners event in Term 6, so keep eyes peeled for the announcement.

Trophy winners last week were Lower School- Wells and Middle and Upper School- Newcastle and Plymouth. Well done to all 3 classes!

Other News:

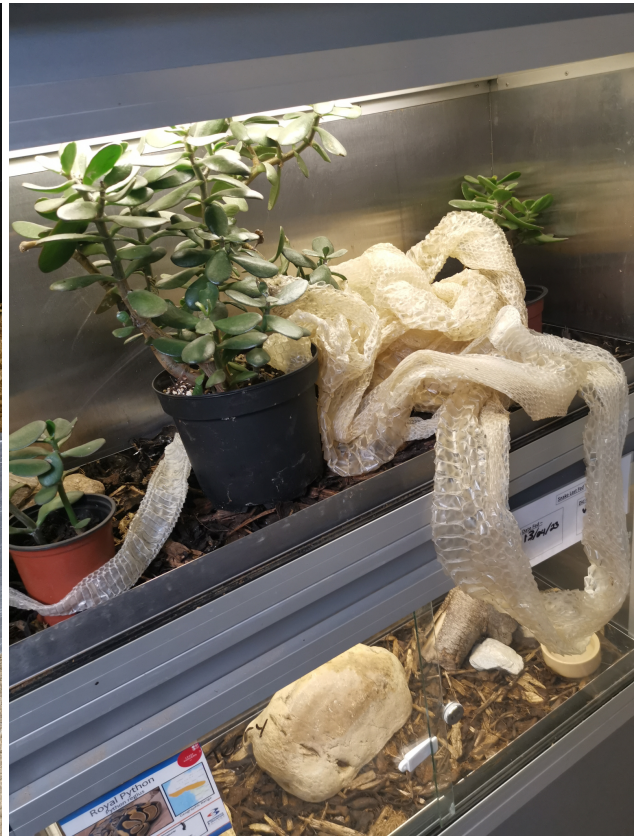


Headteacher Awards:

Juliette from Cardiff visited me and displayed her confidence in reading.

Visit to Cannington Campus:

On Monday 24 April students from Years 9, 10 and 11 with an interest in animal care, agriculture and horticulture visited Bridgwater and Taunton College's Cannington Campus. It was a wet but brilliant day where students learnt about different animals, as well as the different post 16 courses available at the college.



Just a Reminder:

- School is closed on Monday 1st May for May Day Bank Holiday
- Change of menu on Tuesday 2nd May - Cheese and Tomato Baguette Pizza or Baked Cheese and Tomato Risotto - Fruit Oatie Cookie (usual baguettes and

jacket potatoes also available)

- If you haven't already done so, please click the link below and vote for your preferred choice of new school house names. The voting will close at 12 noon on Friday 5th May, so that we can inform you of the winning names in next week's newsletter. <https://forms.gle/X3ppZ7zKuSq7VZaH9>

Dates for your Diary:

3rd July	Sports Day
4th - 6th July	Year 11 leavers fun week
6th July (evening)	Year 11 and Year 13 prom at Westhaven
7th July	Year 11 and Year 13 leavers' assembly. Last day in school for Year 11 and Year 13 (except Year 11 learners who will be attending W6 at Westhaven in September)
11th July	Whole school move up day, including 'Meet the Team' after school

North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

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 24 – 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