

Friday 24th March

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators

Resilient learners

The penultimate week of term has proven to be another very busy and successful one, only one more week until we break up for the Easter holidays. Let's hope we start to see some improved weather soon, March has been very gloomy and wet!

On Tuesday many of us wore odd or colourful socks for World Down Syndrome day and today lots of the school community dressed up for World Book day.

Also, this morning it was so lovely to welcome M & M Productions back to Westhaven for their first visit since 2018! The children and the staff loved the performance of Alice in Wonderland and we hope to be able to book them for a Christmas production later in the year.

The closing date for the new school house names is next Friday (end of term), and then in Term 5, the school council will short-list the best suggestions before the whole school community gets to vote for their favourite. The box will remain in the reception area for another week. There have already been many excellent suggestions put forward, it is exciting to see so many of you have an opinion on this.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the School

We had a fantastic performance of Alice in Wonderland from M&M Productions today. The learners from Lower and Middle School had a fabulous time watching.

A huge thank you and well done to everyone who took part in our extreme reading challenge.

The winners for Lower School were Seb and Ed. The winners for Middle School were Ollie and Dominik.

Lower School

Thank you to all our families who have been able to attend our recent transition meetings. It has been lovely to see you and to catch up over a cup of tea and biscuit.

If there are any other meetings you would like us to schedule in please let us know.

Middle School

Middle school students really enjoyed the Alice in Wonderland performance today and it was brilliant to see them dressed up in their Alice in Wonderland themed costumes.

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>

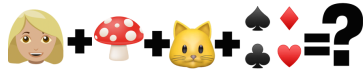
Year 11 and Year 13 parents - apologies but there has been a change of date for the leavers' prom due to difficulties in securing entertainment. **The new date is Thursday 6th July (evening) and will be held at school so that we can hopefully hold some activities outside.**

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr P Midgley

Favourite Book Quote	"The fact that you can only do a little is no excuse for doing nothing."— John le Carré, A Most Wanted Man
Favourite Quote about Reading	"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." C.S. Lewis
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Favourite Childhood Book	The Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'Alice in Wonderland'.

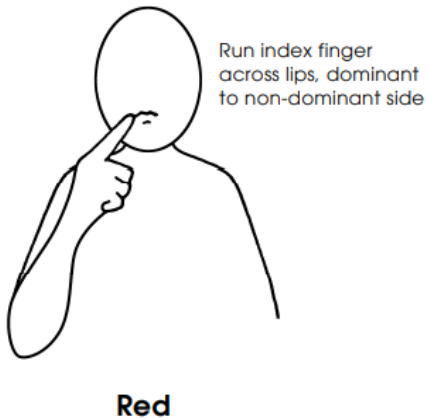


Can you guess this week's?



Word of this Week: entertaining

Sign of this Week: red



Maths Matters:



Did you know that the tallest dog in the world was Zeus, a Great Dane towering 1.12 m from the ground to his shoulders?

This week encourage your children to practise measuring objects at home. Measuring is a really useful skill and makes maths relevant and part of everyday life.

Sports Desk:

This week has been our final week of Dance, Hockey and Handball for all of our learners. Next week all classes will enjoy their reward lessons which they have earned for another excellent term of PE.

Last week's trophy winners were: Lower School- Wells, Middle and Upper School- Newcastle and Plymouth. Well done to those three classes!

Headteacher Awards:

This week I was delighted to award Sheila and Lillie-Ann from York class their Headteacher awards for their wonderful English work, well done girls! Then I had a first! The whole of Leeds class brought their English books to me. They had worked so hard to write a new chapter, completely independently, about Skellig. I now need to order some new badges!! Ibrahim in Bath class achieved his badge for being a wonderful tour

guide assistant, showing some parents around the school with Mrs Vincent and yesterday, Freyja in Cardiff class brought her English book to me again, it is so lovely to see the progress in her work. Anthony, Leo and Zyisha produced a wonderful Ocean Biome poster! Well done to all the award winners this week!

Advanced Notice:



Fundraising: Did you know your everyday online shopping can benefit our school?

We've joined easyfundraising, the online cashback site that turns your online spending into free donations. It's simple – when you shop with over 7,500 well-known brands, a percentage of what you spend is shared with us – for free! easyfundraising is a great way for us to fundraise for what our school needs and an easy and free way for you to support us.

If you haven't signed up already, get started. Until March 26th, there are double donations with selected brands, including eBay, Wilko, Morrisons, JD Sports, Dunelm, Boden, Fat Face, Domino's Pizza, John Lewis & Partners and more, so you can raise TWICE as much for us!

Sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=14zd0e&char=293321&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=educationnewsletter-2023&source=newsletter

Dates for your Diary:

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)
1st - 16th April	The Sovereign Centre Easter Egg Trail

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