

Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators – Resilient learners

Good Afternoon to you all, I hope you all have some wonderful plans for the weekend ahead which marks the historical event of King Charles III coronation. A reminder that school will be closed for the additional bank holiday to celebrate the occasion. Today in school the learners and staff have worn their red, white and blue clothing and we have just had the most wonderful celebratory lunch of quiche and coronation chicken!

I am now able to reveal the new school house names as chosen by us all. As you know, there were numerous suggestions shortlisted to 5 by the school council. The whole community has had the opportunity to cast their vote and we had a total of 287 votes and the results are in. The new house names for September will be:

Elements: Air = Yellow, Earth = Green, Fire = Red and Water = Blue

The new house colour will be blue. I will write to all parents and carers next week to ask whether you wish your children to remain in their existing colour (e.g. if your child is in Barrington which is green, they will be in Earth and remain green) to avoid any extra costs of buying a different PE t-shirt. Alternatively, you may decide that you have no preference and wouldn't mind if your child was reallocated.

Many of you will know that the exam season is upon us. I wish all the key stage 4 learners every success over the next few weeks. Have a lovely long weekend and I look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday next week.



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School

We took advantage of the quieter day in school again on Tuesday and were able to explore all the play spaces across the school grounds. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their time on the larger playground and it has helped ease the worries of the children who will be transitioning over to Middle School in September.

We have also had a wonderful week preparing for the coronation of King Charles III, culminating in our tea party this lunchtime. We hope you all manage to watch the event tomorrow, either on the television or in London!

Middle School

I am pleased to report that play times for Middle school learners have calmed and on the whole we are seeing more positive behaviour. We have decided to keep the forest school area open to learners. We are no longer restricting MS learners to an area of the playground and they are now able to play where they like (with a limit on numbers in forest school). This has been successful this week and it has been lovely to see different learners playing with new or different friends.

Upper School

After much anticipation, the GCSE exams for Year 11s started this week for photography. Well done to all students who completed the 2-day exam! This marks the start of exam season here at Westhaven, as well as the countdown to their next placement. Letters about the college link programme for Year 11s will be sent home next week to all learners who requested a place via their review before Christmas. Although we have still not received confirmation from the Local Authority, we recognise that the link programme is vital for a smooth transition, so are assuming all students have a place. Thank you to all parents/carers who have let us know so far.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr T Sully

Favourite Book Quote	"Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden".
Favourite Quote about Reading	"Just saw a person reading my favourite book. It's like a book recommending a person".
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Each Peach Pear Plum by Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Favourite Childhood Book	The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was Matilda

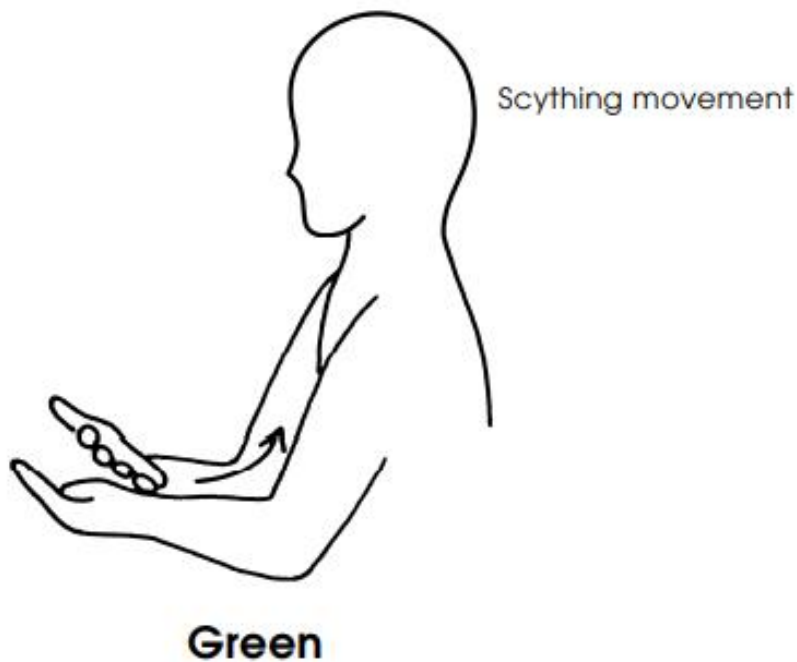


Can you guess this week's?



Word of this Week: Adore

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:

The Coronation Counting Activity

Invite children to decorate a new crown for The King by counting coloured gems onto crown pictures. How many gems of each colour do they need?



Sports Desk:

As always, a fantastic week of PE across the board. We have finally had some sun!! Most classes have been able to enjoy some long-awaited outdoor PE time, and been able to make the most of the new brilliant artificial pitch during our cricket and football lessons.

A special mention to our Year 11's who today had their PE moderation for their Entry Level Qualification. They have put in so much effort over the last two years and did themselves proud today with a fantastic session. Well done to all of them.

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

Headteacher Awards:

I welcomed a visit from Sammy and Abigail to show me their wonderful Maths work - very well done to them both.

Other News:

Westhaven has a new designated SEN officer: Emily Moorghen. She is not solely designated to Westhaven and is also designated officer for other schools. Her email address is emily.moorghen@n-somerset.gov.uk

Just a Reminder:

- School is closed on Monday 8th May 2023 - Bank holiday in honour of the coronation of HM King Charles III.



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:

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