Westhaven Weekly Newsletter



Friday 23 June 2023

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens
Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Thank you to all of you who have managed to complete the Parent/Carer survey, so far we have had 47 responses. If you haven't done so yet but would like to, simply click this link https://forms.gle/pyBmXEbZXJJhUXph7. I will leave the survey open for another week, so please complete it by Friday 30th June.

The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly supportive, all comments are carefully considered as we strive to improve the Westhaven experience for all our learners and families, so please do take the time to complete it and I will respond to you all as soon as possible with the results.

Some of you have commented on how much you enjoy receiving the weekly newsletter. I am so pleased about this as it was something that I put in place following last year's survey where you asked for more regular information sharing with key dates for your diaries.

So, enjoy reading and seeing what has been going on this week in school and what is coming up over the final 4 weeks of a very busy summer term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely



Around the School:



Please help us to win some money for our school to help us develop our library spaces. Click on the link below and nominate Westhaven to win!

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Win a signed book - click the link to enter!



https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/win-a-copy-of-granny-came-here-on-the-empire-windrush/

Lower School:

There has been lots to celebrate in Lower School this week, not least the fact that many classes have been offsite visiting the local area as part of their geography learning.

Wells and Hull classes also had a great time in Tyntesfield practising their map reading skills.

Please remember to check Class Dojo for photo updates.

Middle School:

Lots has happened in middle school this week and the learners have continued to take their learning outside where possible.

Learners have been working hard on their autobiographical work and have been partaking in some rather messy layered printmaking experiments, alongside this there has been a smell of popcorn coming from forest school making us all hungry!

Some life skills have been learned this week with lots of learners now remembering to take off their jumpers or blazers (after Mrs Cantello spent playtimes last week instructing them to do so) and with one learner learning how to put on his own sunscreen!

Upper School:





Due to the hard work of the Year 11 hair and beauty group this year, we dedicated ourselves to celebrate with a reward trip on the final lesson. Learners caught the number 7 bus into Weston town centre and went to Jade's Nail Salon for a manicure, followed by lunch at McDonalds and a visit to the local park. Everyone was polite, friendly and demonstrated increasing confidence on road safety and using

public transport.

Thank you for a wonderful day out! Mr Lugg and Ms Wells





This term the Year 10 hair and beauty group are studying the unit 'Hand Care' with the overall outcome being to know how to prepare and provide basic hand care treatments. As part of the learning, we visited Jade's Nail Salon in Weston for learners to experience a manicure at a professional nail salon.

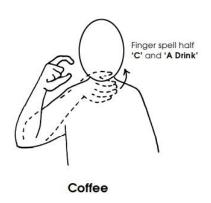
The afternoon was fabulous, with lots of smiles, laughter and relaxation. Everyone chose their own nail varnish colour - all very different but suited to them. It was a great opportunity to see a working, busy salon and speak to a nail technician. Learners will now write the experience up and practise giving a manicure to others at school! A wonderful learning experience.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr J Innes

Favourite Book Quote	"It does not do well to dwell on dreams and forget to live".
Favourite Quote about	"Reading is a passport to countless adventures".
Reading	
Favourite Book to Read	Dogger - Shirley Hughes
to Children	
Favourite Childhood	The Broons and Oor Wullie - Dudley D Watkins
Book	

Word of this Week: Mammoth

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters: Double Trouble!

If you can help your child double and half the numbers to 10 you will give them a strong foundation of mathematical knowledge.



To help with this:

- Do them little and often
- See how many you can do over breakfast
- Create a poster and put it up somewhere you can see every day
- Use games
- Do not try and learn them all at once!

Sports Desk:

We've had another busy week in PE; classes have been carrying on with their Sports Day preparation and are looking ready for the big day next Monday (3rd). Looking

forward to seeing as many of you as possible and don't forget to bring your trainers for the adult's race!!

Last week's trophy winners were Lower School - Hull Class and Middle and Upper School - Exeter and Cardiff Class. Well done to all three classes!

Headteacher Awards:

• William and Liam from Plymouth for their fantastic phonics progress.

Other News:



Westhaven Summer Fayre:



Stall holders wanted! £10 per stall and you will need to provide your own tables.

If you are interested, please email pta@westhavenschool.org.uk

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Dates for your Diary:

26th - 30th June	Year 11 Work Experience week
3rd July	Sports Day
4th - 6th July	Year 11 leavers fun week
4th July 6pm - 8pm	Open Evening at Weston College for year 10 and year 12 students, parents and carers
6th July (evening)	Year 11 and Year 13 prom at Westhaven
7th July	Year 11 and Year 13 leavers' assembly 11.00 am - 12 noon (students can leave after with parents/carers)
	Last day in school for Year 11 and Year 13 (Year 11 learners who will be attending W6 at Westhaven in September - invites will be sent re: transition days)
8th July	Westhaven Summer Fayre, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
11th July	Whole school move up day, including 'Meet the Team' after school

Summer holidays



The summer reading challenge is coming soon!

North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 6	5 June - 21 July 2023
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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