# Westhaven Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26 May 2023



# Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared Our values We shape our learners to be: Safely independent - Respectful citizens Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Here we are celebrating another completed term already, and what a busy one Term 5 has been! I hope you enjoy reading about and seeing all the lovely things that your children have been learning in the class termly newsletters.

Wishing you a wonderful, sunny, half-term break and I look forward to seeing everyone again when we return to school for the last term of this academic year on Tuesday 6 June.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock

Headteacher



# Lower School

It has been a great final week to the term.

I am, as always, extremely proud of the learners in Lower School. Their phonics and reading is coming on so much and many have attempted their reading and spelling assessments with great success.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss Philp this term. Miss Philp has been away from school, looking after her baby, Otis, and has decided not to return after her maternity leave. We wish her, and her family, all the best for their future.

We also must say goodbye, for now, to Mrs Francis, who leaves us to begin her maternity adventure. We also wish her lots of luck and will keep you updated when baby Francis arrives safe and well sometime in the coming weeks.

We were able to hold interviews this week and have successfully appointed Miss Bohnert and Miss Geremesz to the Lower School team for September.

# Middle School

Last week we all did our Reading and Spelling assessments and learners persevered to do their best. This week it has been wonderful to see Middle school students out and about in the community representing Westhaven so well and putting learnt skills to the test! There have been groups going out for life skills trips to the park, practising road crossing and to the cafe.

We have also had some of our new learners for next year visit us this week and the MS students were, as expected, welcoming and friendly towards these new learners.

# **Upper School**

Well done to our Year 11 learners who have continued to impress us with their resilience and positivity towards their exams. Also, to our Year 10 learners who have been supportive and understanding of the need for quiet in the Upper School area whilst exams have taken place.

We hope all of our Upper School learners have a restful break ready for the final term of the year and the end of Year 11 celebrations!

# Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs J Mohide

Favourite Book Quote	"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one	
	teacher can change the world". Malala Yousafzai	
Favourite Quote about	"Books are uniquely portable magic". Stephen King	
Reading		
Favourite Book to Read	The Tiger who came to Tea by Judith Kerr	
to Children		
Favourite Childhood	Mrs Pepperpot Stories by Alf Proysen	
Book		

# Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'Elmer'

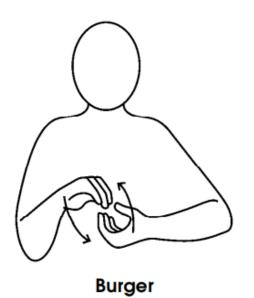


Can you guess this week's?



Word of this Week: Drained

Sign of this Week: Burger



#### Maths Matters:



In Upper School our learners have been taking external qualifications - Entry Level, Functional Skills and GCSE Mathematics. One of the hardest aspects of this for our learners is having the patience to check their work for mistakes. If, as adults, we model making mistakes and showing that they can be a positive learning experience, it is helping everyone prepare for taking exams in the future!

#### Sports Desk:

As always, I can report on another fantastic term of PE by everyone around the school. This term has easily been my favourite so far during my time at Westhaven. Being able to get outside and use the new amazing astroturf space we have and seeing our learners enjoying PE out in the sun has been amazing!

This term's Sport Superstars of the Term are- LS- Chase from Bath class, MS- Lucy from Leeds class and US- Terry from Bristol class. Well done on an amazing term!

#### Headteacher Awards:

I was delighted to receive visits from the following learners:

- Jacob and Gregory from York Class for their brilliant English work.
- James from Wells Class for his inspiring idea for a new logo for our PE kit.
- Joshua from Cardiff and Chloe from York for writing their autobiographies.

A huge 'well done' - I am very proud of them all!

# Westhaven Summer Fayre:





We just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for all getting involved with Wear It Green Day this Mental Health Awareness Week - you really were superstars! You turned the day Green and made a real difference!

# Dates for your Diary:

14th June 9am - 11am	SALT coffee morning for Lower School parents and carers
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 10.45am - 11.45am (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

# North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 5	17 April - 26 May 2023
Term 6	5 June - 21 July 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:

# 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