

Friday 19th January 2024

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

This week seems to have flown by, I can't quite believe it's Friday already. It was lovely to see many of you on Tuesday for Parent's Evening and I know that a great deal more of you chose the option of an online consultation. It was, in fact, a record turn out!

The weather has been on the cold side of chilly this week but your children have been very sensible, dressing in appropriate clothing with plenty of hats, gloves and scarves on display. The forecast next week is for slightly warmer weather but with the threat of rain, so please continue to send your children in with adequate and suitable attire.

As you can see, there has been lots going on across the school again. Thank you for taking the time to read the weekly newsletter.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School:

Lower and Middle School learners began the week with a Twinned City reading event in our assembly slot. These are always hugely popular times enjoyed by the staff and learners alike. On this occasion, Oxford paired with York, Hull with Leeds, Bath with Cardiff, Wells with Plymouth, Newcastle with Exeter and Chester Class with Mrs Netto.

Lower School:

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend a parent's evening session this week, either in person or online. We value the time being able to share all the positive experiences your children are encountering at school and also discuss next steps with you.

Our learners have been fully embracing their new topics for the term, most especially Oxford class. They are fully engaged with discovering and classifying types of materials everywhere they go!

Finally, with the weather drying up, some of our learners have been enjoying playing football again during lunchtimes. If you have any spare shin pads at home that you no longer require, we would be very grateful for the donation. Our skills are still improving and we are having a few bruises appear during our attempts at tackling. Thank you!

Middle School:

This week I have seen Middle School learners learning about safe use of mobile phones in Computing class and discussing the many ways we use our mobile phones. We have also been busy in Skills for Independence and learning how to do the washing up and this has included some practical tasks, hopefully you can put their learning into practice at home also!

Upper School:

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend parents evening either online or in person. We trust you found this a valuable insight into your learners continuing journey at Westhaven. If you have any feedback or queries, the tutor teams are more than happy to discuss with you, at a convenient time.

This week commenced with an assembly and reflecting on resilience and how we can help ourselves build resilience. Learners enjoyed discussions around a variety of scenarios, describing how they may feel and what actions they would take to help a positive outcome and build resilience.

Year 11 and Year 13 learners attending college link enjoyed their first sessions in either cooking or creative media. A great start to the link program.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs R Patterson

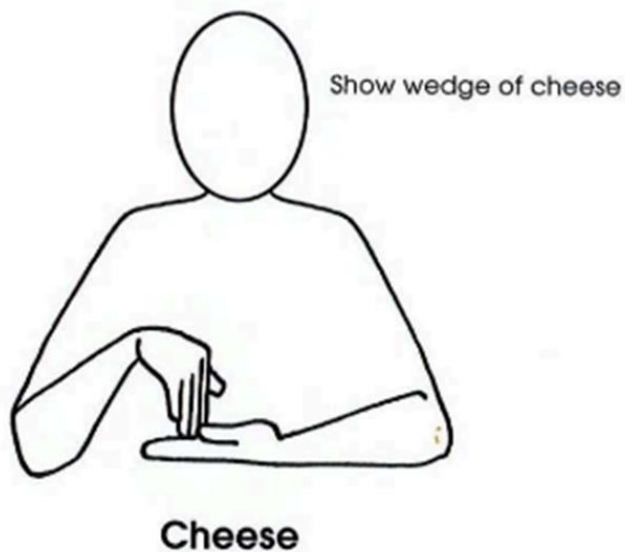
Favourite Book Quote	<i>"What's the point of having a voice If you're gonna be silent in those moments you shouldn't be?"</i>
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Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"You're providing them with a deep understanding about their world and filling their brains with background knowledge".</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl
Favourite Childhood Book	'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame

Word of this Week:

KS1	healthy
KS2	wellbeing
KS3, 4 and 5	prosperity

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:

Have a look at these two squares of numbers:

1	5	7
3	8	2
4	9	6

8	4	7
6	1	2
5	9	3

What do you see?

What is the same about the two squares? What is different?

'Magic' squares are square grids with a special arrangement of numbers in them. The arrangement is special because the numbers in each row, column and diagonal add up to the same total. (We could call this the 'magic total'.)

As a challenge, have a go at making your own 'Magic' square.

Sports Desk:

This week has been a little bit different to what was planned, but the learners have adapted so well and worked brilliantly during their lessons. We have been working on lots of boccia this week in preparation for our house competition. The standard of boccia has improved so much over the last couple of weeks. Last week's trophy winners were:

- Lower School - Wells
- Middle and Upper School- Exeter and Cardiff

Well done to all classes.

Headteacher Awards:

- Miley for her improved handwriting, she is now able to keep it on the lines which is not easy at all!

Save The Date

'A Day of SEND'



Wednesday 23rd October 2024

@ Priory Community School,
WSM, BS22 6BP

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PARENT CARERS WORKING TOGETHER



Westhaven School

House Boccia Competition

Term 3 2023/24 House Event



between Friday 12th January and Thursday 25th January.



Whole school:

All classes will be involved in a house Boccia competition this term. The competition will take place during one of this term's PE lessons.

1st in phase: 100 house points.

2nd in phase: 75 house points.

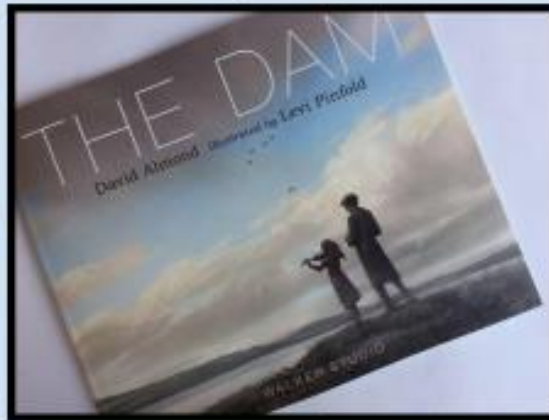
3rd in phase: 50 house points.



Westhaven School

Book of the term- Term 3

The Dam by David Almond



A link to a virtual copy of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9CldkW2xjs>

Whole school house challenge:



Create



a



model of a



dam.

Read through The Dam by David Almond.

Build a model dam, using any materials you wish.

Ideas:

- Build a den outside using natural materials and take a photo.
- Use recycled materials to build a dam.
- Use lego/blocks to build.
- Get creative with your food and take a photo.

Entries close Thursday 25th January.



We have some learners in our school who have nut allergies. *Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products.*

For their safety, please can we request that you do not send your child into school with any nut-based products for packed lunches, break time snacks or for any other occasion. This includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

With very many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Family workshop

Term 3

Westhaven School

Family wellbeing

Led by Tammy Chaplin, Joanne Evans
Guest: Adrian Hemmings

Where: Westhaven School

When: Monday 22nd January {9.30-10.30}

What to expect: Signs of poor mental health - Five ways to wellbeing - Capacity cup theory (Dr Emma Hepburn, 2021) - Mental health and wellbeing support team at Westhaven - Who can help

Time Out For Parents



Handling Anger in the Family

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date

Friday, 12.30pm – 2.30pm
26th January, 2nd February, 9th
February, 23rd February 2024

Venue

Locking Castle Church
Jasmine Way
Locking Castle
Weston Super Mare,
BS24 7JW

Booking & Further Information

Contact Cathy Bond
Mobile 07875 442139
Email parentinglcc@gmail.com

The logo for 'positiveparenting' features the word 'positive' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'parenting' in a lighter, lowercase, sans-serif font. Above the 'i' in 'positive' are three small circles in red, yellow, and blue.

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Time Out For Parents

Handling Anger in the Family

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children aged 5 to 16, then *Time Out for Parents – Handling Anger in the Family* is for you. Over four sessions, you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to help you and your children deal with the ordinary, everyday anger that all families experience.

The Sessions

- Session 1 Managing our anger – part 1
- Session 2 Managing our anger – part 2
- Session 3 Helping children manage anger – part 1
- Session 4 Helping children manage anger – part 2



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GAMES GROUP



Weston-super-Mare

Winter 2023—Spring 2024

December: 5th, 19th

January: 2nd, 16th, 30th

February: 13th, 27th

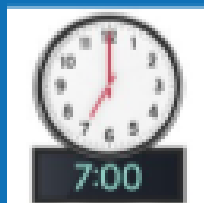
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

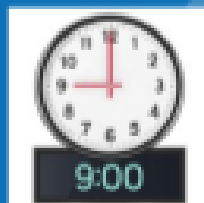
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

NSPF groups are free of charge. Bring a game along if you wish.

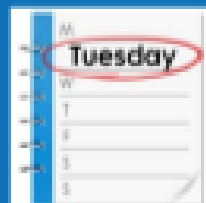
Start at Finish at



7pm



9pm



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Diary Dates:

Thursday 22 February 2024	School Valentine's Disco (during school hours) Wear What You Like Day
Friday 22 March 2024	M&M Production of Oliver Twist
Friday 19 July 2024	Last day in school for learners this academic year (Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July are INSET days)

North Somerset Term Dates - 2023/2024:

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 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024

North Somerset Term Dates - 2024/2025:

Term 1	Monday 02 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 04 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 06 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 02 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2024/2025:

May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 05 May 2025
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