

Friday 26th 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

As you receive this latest edition of the Newsletter, I will be in Torquay having attended the 2024 South West Leaders of Special Schools (SWALSS) Headteacher's conference for the past couple of days. It has been another great opportunity, not only to listen to the wonderful variety of delegates, but more importantly the chance to network with other Headteachers of Special schools from all over the region, picking up on all the latest guidance and best practices.

Mrs Payne has kept a steady hand on the tiller in my absence and I have been in telephone and email contact with her today and yesterday.

It has yet again been another very busy and productive week at Westhaven as you will see and read about below. One of the highlights of my job is witnessing first-hand the joy and pride of the learners that visit my office, either on their own or with a member of staff, to show me their wonderful work or something that they are proud of. There have been multiple visits already this term, well done to those named later in this newsletter. Keep up the excellent work everyone!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend whatever you have planned.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School:

We began the week with a house themed assembly, focussing on the challenge for the term, based around the book 'The Dam'. More information about this can be found later on in the newsletter.

School council invited some members of the local community in for a tea party and tour this week. They were fantastic at welcoming our visitors and made tea and shared cakes with them, as well as confidently giving a school tour.

Lower School:

Across Lower School this week, we have been focussing heavily on communication. This has included using our aided language displays and also holding debates.

In Oxford Class, the learners have also been looking at following sequences.

Middle School:

Middle School have been food testing in Science and are testing for items with starch in them. They are using iodine and testing for the change of colour in the food. Meanwhile we are also busy cooking and the smells of vegetable tagines coming from the kitchen have been irresistible this week.

Mr Orchard has been discussing with learners some play equipment for the playground, which has now arrived. The next step is learner roles in monitoring and looking after this so all can use this. Look out for more information on our play equipment monitor roles.

Upper School:

Upper School enjoyed starting the week designing dams in house teams (some wonderful creative designs were emerging) and partaking in the house boccia competition during PE lessons.

Year 11 photography learners enjoyed exploring the school ground and the local area taking photos for their chosen exam theme, whilst Hair and Beauty learners have been practising hand treatments and styling hair - all looking professional.

Staff in the Spotlight: Miss L McCormack

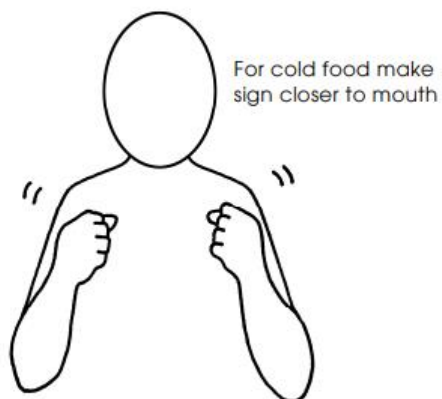
Favourite Book Quote	<i>"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then"- Alice in Wonderland</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island"- Walt Disney</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Favourite Childhood Book	The Witches by Roald Dahl
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Word of this Week:

KS1	chant
KS2	recite
KS3, 4 and 5	enumerate

Sign of this Week: cold



Maths Matters:

A hundred square has been printed on both sides of a piece of paper. One square is directly behind the other.

What is on the back of 100? 58? 23? 19?

Can you see a pattern?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Sports Desk:

This week learners across the school have participated in our Boccia house competition, it has been fantastic to watch the progress made in Boccia from all learners. The standard of the games have been so brilliant. Next week we will have details on the winning houses across each phase.

Last week's trophy winners were:

- Lower School - Chester
- Middle and Upper School - York and Plymouth

Well done to all classes.

Headteacher Awards:

- Jack from Plymouth Class for his amazing handwriting.
- Lillie-Ann and Ashanti from York for their super English work on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
- Aaron from Cardiff for his greatly improved reading and phonics levels.



PTA Committee Meeting

Westhaven School

Friday 2nd February at 3.00 pm

Please come along and support us - you can be sure of a very warm welcome!



Save The Date

'A Day of SEND'



Wednesday 23rd October 2024

@ Priory Community School,
WSM, BS22 6BP

NORTH **PS**
SOMERSET **WT**
PARENT CARERS WORKING TOGETHER

**Family
workshop**

Term 3



Westhaven School

A big thank you to the families that came to the third Westhaven family workshop. We had some great conversations and feedback. Look out for information coming soon about our next workshop which will have a SEND focus. I look forward to seeing more families attend next term.

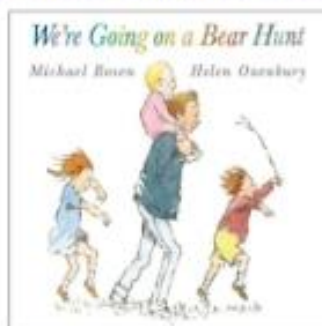


Makaton Signed Story Session



Join us in store on Sunday **28th January at 11am** for a
Makaton Signed Story Session

Makaton Tutor Nikki will be reading & signing the
book 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'



Waterstones

WESTHAVEN SCHOOL



IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

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.

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, lowercase font with a colorful dot above the 'i', followed by "parenting" in a regular, lowercase font.

Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help
you to engage with your children and boost your relationship



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

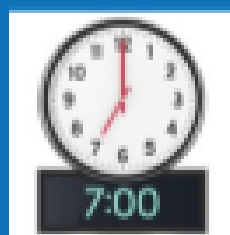
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

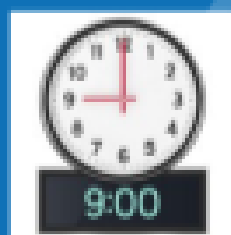
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

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

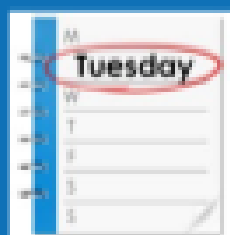
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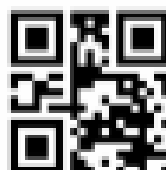


9pm



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Weston-super-Mare
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Enabling **choices**.



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Cycle lessons for young people with additional needs.

We have availability on Saturdays for free 1:1 cycle lessons, using our fantastic range of adaptive bikes and trikes. The 30 minute sessions are a great way to introduce cycle skills and develop further confidence.



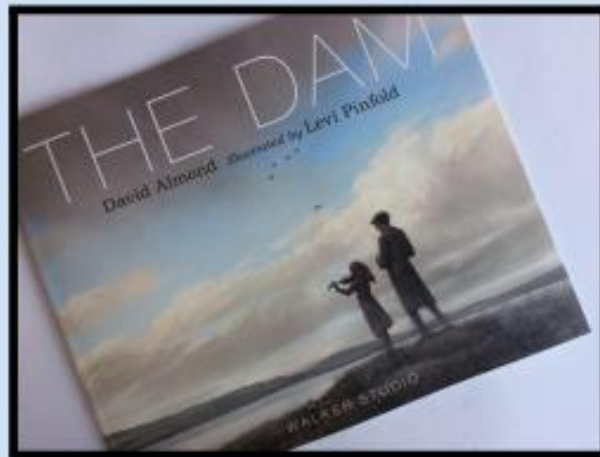
Email strawberrylinprojects@gmail.com for further information



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.

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