Westhaven Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26 April 2024



Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

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

It was lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday at Parent's Evening, and I know that many more preferred to hear about all the amazing work that your children have been doing online. In fact, this blended approach to these evenings has proven to be really successful. We will continue to offer both in person and online meetings in the future.

Yesterday evening I attended the Weston College 'Foundation Learning' information evening at their main campus. As many of our year 11s go on to this course, it was a valuable insight into what they offer.

This morning the school choir visited a local care home and performed to the residents, it was an absolutely wonderful experience for everyone concerned. The learners sang beautifully and it was the highlight of the residents' week. Thanks goes to all the staff that have rehearsed with and then supported the Westhaven learners at this event.

A date for your diaries, please see the flyer below about a Transition event at Baytree school on the 24th May. If your child is in year 8 and upwards, this may be something you'd be interested in attending, information about options beyond year 11.

Now for some wonderful news! It is with great pride that I can inform you that Mrs Sarah Netto, our talented and dedicated Assistant Head of Lower School, has been successful in achieving a promotion to Headship. She will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up the leadership role in both Shipham and Draycott schools within the Wessex Learning Trust. I am absolutely delighted for her and wish her every

success, but it is of course tinged with sadness as she has been an integral member of the Westhaven team for many years. We will miss her enormously but I'm sure you'd all agree she is ready and deserving of this exciting new opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend, whatever you have planned.



Jamie Peacock Headteacher

Across the School:

We started the week with an assembly in our house teams. Our focus was our 'Book of the Term, which this term is - The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf Onjali Q Rauf reads 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

We had a think about the word kindness - what it means and how we can show it.

Lower School:

We welcomed visitors over from Fosseway School this week to witness our fantastic phonics teaching in action. It is always lovely to work in collaboration with other settings and to share good practice with our colleagues. As expected, they were blown away with the high level of expert teaching and learner engagement that they saw.

You will have seen above that I will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Westhaven and will miss the team, the learners, and of course yourselves, immensely. Please rest assured that I will still be in post until July so that I can help ensure a smooth transition for your learners into their next steps of education at Westhaven.

Middle School:

This week Middle school learners have been looking at resilience during our SMSC assembly time. We have used a lovely animation about a cheese maker to prompt these discussions. Never Give Up, Traditional Cheese Shop (Music Score & Re-Design) We have also discussed the skills and attributes of character that help build resilience; determination, concentration and learning.

Upper School:

Upper school has had a relatively quiet week focusing on learning. It was lovely to see some parents and carers at parents evening and the Weston College open evening.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh learners enjoyed admiring the views and the peace and quiet on the Mendips during a practice walk on Tuesday.

Three W6 learners worked hard during work experience at Weston Pier.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs S Tuttiett

Favourite Book Quote	"If you can't say nothing nice, don't say nothing at all" -
	Thumper from Bambi
Favourite Quote about	"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long
Reading	enough to suit me." - C.S. Lewis
Favourite Book to	Dogger -Shirley Hughes
Read to Children	

Favourite Childhood	The Wishing Chair - Enid Blyton
Book	

Word of this Week:

KS1	certain
KS2	wholehearted
KS3, 4 and 5	zealous

Sign of this Week:



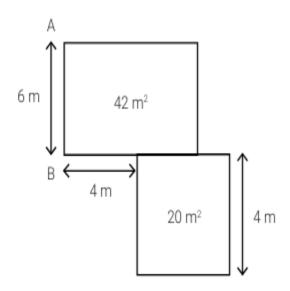
Shalom

Maths Matters:

The diagram shows a plan of two adjoining rooms.

Some of the lengths and the areas are given.

What is the perimeter of the combined shape?



Headteacher Awards:

- Ashanti from York class for her phonics work
- Jacob F from York class for his English work
- Daniel from Truro class for his IT repairing skills
- Naomi from York class for her English work

- Isaac R in Newcastle for his English work
- Kyra from Exeter for her shape knowledge in Maths
- Tyler, Max and Liam from Leeds for their work on 'The Pig Heart Boy' in English
- Riley and Stan in Newcastle for their discussion about school uniform
- Amber in Exeter class for completing all her tasks in lots of subjects
- Ibrahim in Chester for his independent work in poetry
- Sophie C, Sophie W and Lana-Rae in Cardiff for their English work

Sports Desk:

We have had a wonderful week of PE yet again; Lower School learners have continued with their ball skills and yoga whilst our Middle and Upper School have enjoyed some of the dry weather and been able to get outside for cricket and football lessons.

I would like to wish our Year 11s all the best in their PE moderation that is happening on Monday, they are most certainly ready and I know they are looking forward to showcasing their talents to our moderator.

Lastly from me I would like to share with you some exciting news, this will be on our school website and school socials. Please keep your eyes peeled and if possible give generously to our fundraiser. Story below....

'The Westhaven School PE fundraiser'

I am really excited to be sharing with you the news of our PE fundraiser that is happening this term. On Friday 17th May Westhaven School is being visited by a former World Champion discus thrower. James Tomlinson is visiting our school to give an inspirational assembly to our Middle and Upper School learners about how his dreams became a reality and to share with us all the highs and lows of his story.

After the assembly he will then be leading a fitness activity with the learners. We are asking for your support to help us raise money for our PE department. Over the last year we have spent a huge sum of money updating old equipment and, most excitingly, paying for a new state of the art outdoor gym facility for all learners to use. This is being done over the summer holidays.

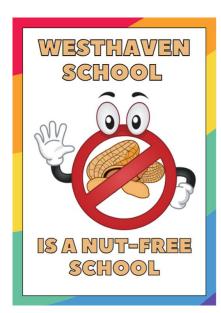
To be able to keep on updating equipment, keep running our different sports clubs and be able to attend the different sporting events, we do we are asking for your help. There is a live link underneath to our fundraiser, please give whatever you can and just as importantly share this link as wide and as far as possible inside the community.

Thank you as always for all your support and we look forward to sharing photos and videos with you of the amazing experience our learners are going to have meeting James.





Beef or Veggie Burger in a Bun Various Toppings Chips



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.





Careers/Transitions Event

Friday 24th May 2024 10am - 1pm

Conference room 2 & 4 - The Campus

Attending























Sally Matthews - Lead social worker - Adult Transition

Jenny Morgan - Dept. Work and Pensions Sarah Bishop

Jane Franklin Sam Gist

Kenton Mee

Gavin Hutchinson - North Somerset Autism Strategy

Please join us for our careers/transition event.

All SEND learners/parents/carers from Baytree, Westhaven and Ravenswood year 8 and above are welcome.

An opportunity to meet and talk to colleges, providers and others.

Tea, coffee and cakes provided by Baytree school POST16

Baytree School

For further information contact... amanda.stephens@baytreeschoo Dir. Line 01934 426650

LEISURE CENTRE

FREE Family Open day

Sunday 28 April

10:00-16:00

Activities include

- FREE Gym
- FREE Swim
- FREE Classes
- FREE Pool Inflatable
- HALF PRICE X-Treme Air
- PLUS Lots more

Special membership offers available

Bring your family and friends

LeisureCentre.com



Diary Dates:

, ,	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 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

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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Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all learners) - 2024/25:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Friday 8th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025