

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

13.3.23



Thank you to everyone for your patience during the two snowy weather days, that occurred last week. A decision to close a school is always taken as a last resort and we will always try to keep the schools open as much as we possibly can. The staff, including the kitchen staff, did a fabulous job of getting into school as usual, which meant that we could open. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to clear a safe path on site so that both school sites were safe too. I think that the children who were able to attend enjoyed the opportunity to get outside and have some 'snow' fun (photos on classdojo).

Mrs Birchall



The week ahead...

- Tuesday 14th March 2023 - 'Stay and Play' session for pre-school children at Weston Infant Academy 9.30 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 15th March 2023 - Both schools are open as usual
- Thursday 16th March 2023 - Weston Infant Academy is open as usual. Some classes at Weston Junior Academy will be closed - see separate letter.
- Friday 17th March - Comic Relief Day - Donate £1 to wear non-uniform



What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Learning the phonemes 'c' and 'k'
- Enjoying the story, 'The Train Ride' and making a story map, thinking about what they will see on the way
- Ordering train carriages with numbers on and counting out the puffs of smoke to show the values of numbers to 5
- Playing with transport themed small world play, including boat races in the water tray, and building a train with boxes and objects in the construction areas.

Reception are:

- Learning the phoneme 'or'
- Making Mother's Day cards and writing messages inside using key vocabulary
- Combining other numbers to make the values of 9 and 10.
- Thinking about people who help us to be healthy e.g. doctors, opticians, dentists etc.
- Learning about nurses from the past e.g. Florence Nightingale
- Taking part in role-play and thinking about parts of the body

I1 are:

- Looking at the phonemes 'ai' (train), 'oi' (coin) and 'ay' (play)
- Continuing to create their 'That's not my...' book after creating and exploring their ideas this week
- Looking at missing number problems and how to work out the answers
- Focusing on throwing and catching with increasing accuracy in P.E.
- Learning about Jewish celebrations in R.E. and how the Shabbat links to the creation story
- Asking a Beebot to follow directions
- Designing a puppet in Design and Technology

I2 and I3 are:

- Using a variety of conjunctions e.g. but, because, or when writing sentences
- Starting to think about what a fraction is e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.
- Thinking about how to find the fraction of a shape and a set of objects
- Tracking the journey of the Titanic as it visits different places
- Learning about what made the Titanic sink in History and what events took place

What are we learning?

I2 and I3 continued:

- **Learning different ways of jumping in P.E. and how to jump off apparatus safely**
- **Completing work on spreadsheets**
- **Using the counting function to make an animal counting machine**

At Weston Junior Academy...

Year 3 are:

- **Completing their piece of writing for moderation based on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan**
- **Reading the next chapter of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and focusing on vocabulary**
- **Learning how to measure length in centimetres (cm), millimetres (mm) and metres (m)**
- **Learning the Spanish words for fruit (la fruta)**
- **Thinking about Stone Age houses in History**
- **Carrying out shading in Art**

Year 4 are:

- **Continuing their piece of writing for moderation**
- **Looking at adding and subtracting fractions**
- **Learning the Bill Withers song, 'Lean on Me'**
- **Programming using LOGO in Computing**
- **Learning about endangered species**

What are we learning?

Year 5 are:

- **Completing their piece of writing for moderation**
- **Looking at comprehension while reading Chapter 2 at Kensuke's Kingdom**
- **Looking at decimals and problem-solving**
- **Learning the Spanish vocabulary for habitats**
- **Learning about lines of latitude and longitude and time zones**
- **Looking at spreadsheets in Computing**

Year 6 are:

- **Working on their piece of writing for moderation**
- **Looking at comprehension while reading Chapter 1 of Harry Potter**
- **Adding /subtracting while looking at time**
- **Learning about World War II vocabulary in Spanish**
- **Reflecting on salvation and thinking about Jesus' sacrifice**

Comic Relief day will be taking place on Friday 17th March where we will be raising funds across the Weston Federation for the charity, by allowing the children to wear non-uniform for a voluntary donation of £1.00, which we will then send to the charity. You will also be able to donate through Parent Pay.

If you have any urgent queries then please remember to phone the school offices as classdojo messages may not be responded to immediately.

Our 'Be Weston' Values

Be Weston:

- Well-being and confidence
- Empathy and Respect
- Strength and Resilience
- Tolerance and Trust
- Openness and Honesty
- Neighbourhood and Community

Please remember that the main school gates and the gates off Brookwood Drive will be open from 8.40am daily.