

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

29.9.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the children at Weston Junior Academy participated in an Emile spelling tournament and finished in first place! Well done to all pupils who worked hard and helped us to gain first place! The Emile online spelling approach is really helping our children to develop their spelling recall and the aim is that they will then apply their knowledge in their every day writing.

Also, at the Juniors the Upper Key Stage 2 children joined in with the Bonkers bootcamp on Friday, which was a real success.

The cricket sessions continue at the Infant site and the coach that is coming in to support the children is working so well with them all.

Thank you

Mrs Birchall, Principal



The week ahead...

- Wednesday 1st October 2025 - Celebration Assembly Infant site 9am
- Wednesday 1st October 2025 - School Council Election Day
- Thursday 2nd October 2025 - Cricket sessions for pupils at Weston Infant Academy
- Thursday 2nd October 2025 - Special lunch menu
- Friday 3rd October - Celebration Assembly Junior site 9am
- Friday 3rd October 2025 - Flu Vaccinations for pupils from Reception to Year 6
- Please remember that the before and after school club is now based at Weston Junior Academy each day
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What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Identifying day and night sounds and listening out for Brown Owl's loud and quiet sounds
- Sharing our story of the week, 'The Tiny Astronaut'
- Building confidence by sharing their ideas during circle time sessions
- Moon walking on stilts and using the tweezers to count out asteroids and moon rocks to develop their fine motor skills
- Mark making on foil
- Looking at fiction and non-fiction books
- Exploring 2D and 3D shapes and arranging them into space rockets
- Learning about the planets and creating their own earth creation
- Balloon printing planets and creating astronaut masks

Reception are:

- Learning the phonemes, 'o, c, k, ck' and the high frequency words 'to, into, go, no, the'
- Learning space vocabulary and sharing the story, 'Whatever Next'
- Discussing how we can build a rocket using items at home
- Learning the Golden Rules and thinking about how we can work as a team
- Continuing to develop throwing and catching skills using the balloons in pairs
- Hearing, finding and writing initial sounds linked to space words
- Thinking about which group has more and which has fewer. Are there any groups that are the same?
- Thinking about what happens when astronauts eat in space and what the food is like that they eat
- Creating rockets to blast into space

Year 1 are:

- Learning plurals and using the phoneme 'a-e'
- Matching verbs (bossy words such as mix) to pictures linked to instructions for making oatcakes
- Writing simple instructions for making oatcakes
- Learning place value to 10, comparing numbers to 10 and ordering objects and numbers to 10
- Making a timeline about Dame Emma Bridgewater - placing a small number of events from her life, understanding that the past has already happened
- Working with a cricket coach

Year 2 are:

- Learning phonemes 'le', 'el' and 'il'
- Writing instructions for making oatcakes using time words, bossy verbs e.g. mix, and a what you will need list
- Estimating numbers on a timeline
- Ordering numbers and objects
- Creating a timeline for Dame Emma Bridgewater, adding dates and labelling events

What are we learning?

Year 2 continued:

- Using the tools area in Purple Mash
- Using the icons to save, new, print, open
- Working with a cricket coach

At Weston Junior Academy...

J1 and J2 are:

- Answering inference and retrieval questions for 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'
- Carrying out addition and subtraction and adding ones
- Learning column addition with no exchanging
- Learning column addition exchanging across 10
- Understanding the difference between opaque, translucent and transparent materials
- Researching puppets in Design and Technology
- Learning the Spanish words for colours

J3 and J4 are:

- Writing a diary entry in the first person using all of the skills that we have been learning during the last 2 weeks
- Carrying out subtraction with and without exchanging
- Using reasoning and problem solving for addition and subtraction
- Looking at climate graphs of North and South America
- Learning about asthma and what to do
- Thinking about promises and agreements and how they link to Noah's Ark
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J5 and J6 are:

- Writing a newspaper article about the destruction of Mr Tumnus' house
- Looking at the application of the rules of using inverted commas, embedded clauses and passive voice
- Carrying out short division using the appropriate method
- Using long division with double digit divisors
- Learning about factors and multiples
- Taking notice of myself in P.S.H.E. and writing a self-care calendar
- Using Spanish vocabulary to say at what time we study each school subject



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know?

We can administer medicines at school.

When children need prescription medication such as anti-biotics or over the counter medicines such as Calpol, these can be safely administered at school.



Simply complete a form from the school office which tells us the details of the timings and dosage for the medication.

All medicines are administered by two experienced members of staff .



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Upper KS2 Bootcamp

Year 5 and Year
6 pupils
really enjoyed
taking
part in the
Bootcamp
activities on
Friday

