

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

11.05.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the children brought in some lovely animal art creations to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. There were over 60 entries at the Junior site and over 20 at the Infant site which made choosing the top 4 winners an extremely difficult but enjoyable task for me! The winner at the Junior site was Sienna, 2nd place went to Martha-Rayne, 3rd place to Amelia and 4th place to Joshua. At the Infant site the winner was Emelia. 2nd place went to Ava, 3rd place to Rebecca and 4th place to Ozzy. The 1st place winners received cinema tickets, 2nd place received Terrariums to create, 3rd place won items to paint and those in 4th place received chocolate. All children who participated received a certificate as I was so pleased with the effort that they showed and with their creativity. Art is so important in supporting our mental health. I am looking forward to holding more competitions in the future and to writing more certificates!

Thank you to everyone who joined in.

Mrs Birchall

Principal

The week ahead...

- Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATs Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Reading paper
- Tuesday 12th May - Nursery visit to Bernard's Farm
- Wednesday 13th May - Year 6 Maths Papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 14th May - Year 6 Maths Paper 3
- Thursday 30th April - 'Stay and Play' at the Infants 9.30am - 10.30am
- Thursday 14th May - Nursery visit to Bernard's Farm
- Thursday 14th May - Reception height and weight
- Thursday 14th May - Picture News Live assembly with Joe Wicks - Weston Federation - children only
- Thursday 21st May - Reception eye screening
- Friday 22nd May - Both schools closed to all pupils as the staff will be taking part in an INSET training day.
- Monday 25th May - Half Term week
- Monday 1st June - School starts for all pupils



Please remember that if you wish to contact a member of staff please phone or email the school offices. Class dojo will not be responded to when staff are teaching or out of hours. Class dojo should not be used to raise complaints.

What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Visiting Bernard's Farm and exploring life on the farm
- Reading the story 'Ruby Plants a Radish'
- Developing their skills using a knife and fork, cutting food, using mashers to mash the vegetables
- Name writing patterns
- Using carrots in paint to create patterns
- Exploring scales and weighing fruit and vegetables
- Thinking about 'food to fork' - how can we grow our own food and what do different animals provide for us
- Vegetable printing in paint
- Introducing the 'l' phoneme and learning how to write it
- Playing games and spotting sounds in words
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Reception are:

- Learning CVC words in phonics and using previously taught digraphs.
- Reading Oliver's Vegetables and growing plants
- Working and playing cooperatively - taking turns with each other
- Planting seeds for fruit and vegetables
- Continuing to practice our races for sports day in P.E.
- Reading and matching sentences to pictures and practising our high frequency words
- Taking away using fruit and vegetables - how many do I have now?
- Understanding how fruit and vegetables grow
- Creating fruit and vegetable art inspired by Guiseppe Archimboldo

Year 1 are:

- Learning the phonemes 'ew' (U Hoo), 'ie' I and 'ie' (ee), 'igh'
- Writing facts about Steve Irwin
- Learning the vocabulary for position and direction e.g. left, right, forwards and backwards, above and below
- Using spreadsheets to do simple calculations in Computing
- Practising running skills in athletics - running technique and relay races
- Focusing on small steps to accelerate and longer strides for speed.

Year 2 are:

- Learning the phoneme 'ar' as in war (or)
- Planning and writing a recount of events in Steve Irwin's life
- Recognising and finding one third
- Looking at unit and non-unit fractions
- Using spreadsheets to do simple calculations in Computing
- Learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot and building a Sukkah in R.E.

What are we learning?

At Weston Junior Academy...

J1 and J2 are:

- **Writing a narrative about the 'Enormous Crocodile'**
- **Adding and subtracting mass**
- **Measuring capacity in litres and millilitres**
- **Adding and subtracting capacity**
- **Consolidating all of the vocabulary that we have learned about ice creams into one sentence in Spanish**
- **Comparing the climates of cities from different regions**

J3 and J4 are:

- **Using senses to create atmosphere in our writing**
- **Interpreting line graphs**
- **Making line graphs**
- **Looking at Gods and Kings of the Shang Dynasty**
- **Writing more detailed sentences using conjunctions in Spanish**

J5 and J6 are:

- **Using all of their prior knowledge to complete their SATs in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths**
- **Developing their cricket skills in P.E.**
- **Creating optical illusion art**
- **Testing and analysing board games in Design and Technology**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Matters

A whole year has 365 days.

A school year has only 190 days.

That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs, and other appointments

0-9 DAYS MISSED 100% - 96% ATTENDANCE	10-18 DAYS MISSED 95% - 91% ATTENDANCE	19+ DAYS MISSED 90% ATTENDANCE OR LESS
Very good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a solid start.	Worrying Less chances for school success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.	Serious Concern Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in prosecution or an Education Supervision Order.

Track your child's absences

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	DANGER! YOUR CHILD IS AT RISK OF SCHOOL FAILURE

Adapted from School Leader's Guide to Tackling Attendance Challenges by Jessica Sprick & Randy Sprick



ADVENTURE DAYS

May Half Term



- THRILLING ACTIVITIES
- FAMILIAR GROUNDS
- CONVENIENT SCHEDULE
- AFFORDABLE FUN
- LUNCH INCLUDED

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J1 have been learning about organs of the body in Science.

