

Westlea Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

Thank you Parents for all of your support to ensure that the return to school has continued to run really smoothly. The children have now completed a full week back and have worked hard to settle into their new class routines.

Last week I was contacted by the Food For Life Team, with some really exciting news. During the partial school closure the children were asked to write a range of questions to find out about farming and being a farmer. The questions were sent to Helen Browning, who is an organic farmer in Bishopstone. The farm questions have now been turned into a video. Everyone at Food for Life loved the questions that were sent in, proving the children at Westlea have very inquisitive minds!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UQkwnV0kzs> (video link)

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of covering Beech Class (Y6) for the afternoon and was impressed by the children's maturity. We discussed: would you choose to go back in time or into the future and why? The children compared different information clips, in preparation for designing their own to share with the younger children.

Maple Class (Y3/4) have had a very busy week. They have: written list poems and letters to special people; set goals for the term ahead; designed posters to encourage people to try and continue some of the good things they started doing during lockdown. Also, they have written their lockdown memories and spent time observing their surroundings.



Beech Class (Y6)

These are letters we have written about a special person or pet that has been in our life. Poems linked to our favourite places and oil pastel images of the oceans that have been inspired by the improvement of the environment during lock down.



Sycamore Class (Y2)

This week in Sycamore class we have continued reading the story 'Here We Are'. We have written poems inspired by the great outdoors, made endangered animal Top Trump cards, written questions we have about the Earth and postcards to Planet Earth. We have also talked about how to be kind and have become 'kindness ninjas' - see if you can work out what our secret kindness mission is this week!

Willow Class (Y2)

This week Willow class have been learning about being kind to each other and to our planet. We have written thankyou rainbows to key workers and a postcard to Planet Earth.

Rowan Class (Y3)

Rowan class have drawn constellations on the playground using pebbles as the stars after looking at Here We Are. We wrote letters to some of our favourite people, thinking about why they are so special to us. After discussing how lockdown has changed our planet and thinking about the positives, we made posters showing changes we would like people to make to help our planet.



Oak Class (Y5/6)

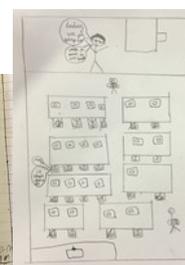
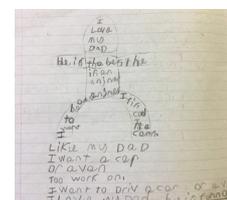
Some children in Oak Class had a fantastic afternoon at Forest School. They had fun learning about the different trees and how to know if they are healthy or not. They then learned how to use tools to cut the wood and made their own name tags to wear around their necks.



Pine Class (Y4)

We have been working really hard in Pine Class. We have been creating poems, letters, scripts and even attempting to write our own song.

Each of our creations has been to show our emotions on being back to school as well as what Covid-19 has felt for us whilst we were not able to be in school.



Our Stars Of The Week



Cherry (Y1) **Sophie** for showing great team work in PE
 Sycamore Class (Y2) **Kali** for good listening, always trying her best, producing some amazing work and being super helpful. She is a model pupil!
 Willow Class (Y2) **Chase** for giving everything a go and trying his very best.
 Rowan Class (Y3) **Julia** Working hard all week and setting a brilliant example with her behaviour!
 Maple Class (Y3/4) **Scarlett** for wonderful handwriting
 Pine Class (Y4) **Rebecca** for always participating throughout the day and trying her best in everything she does.
 Hazel Class (Y5) **Dylan** for such a fantastic start to the year—you are amazing!
 Oak Class (5/6) **Phoebe** for having such a positive first week back
 Beech Class (Y6) **Kian** for working hard, making sensible choices and most impressively, helping out



Twitter Handles for the Classes

Headteacher @westleahead	SRP @SrpWestlea
Elm and Ash @mrssgreenclass and @mrsIponsonby	Cherry (Y1) @westleayear1
Sycamore (Y2) @Y2SycamoreClass	Willow (Y2) @MissRewYear2
Rowan (Y3) @Y3Westlea	Maple (Year 3/4) @MrsBatchyr34
Pine (Year 4) @y4pineclasswest	Hazel (Year 5) @MissMsClass
Oak (Year 5/6) @Year5_6Westlea	Beech (Y6) @BeechClassY6



The EYFS children have had another busy week in school. It was lovely to see how happy and settled the children are.

Don't forget ...
Jeans for Genes
Jeans for Genes Day is 
 on the Friday 18th September.
 In exchange for a donation, the children can wear jeans, but with a school jumper.



Cherry Class (Y1)
 This week we have been sharing the story "Here we are" and thinking about how wonderful our world is. We have been learning about where we are in the world and thinking of ways to look after it. We created actions to "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong. We are settling well into the routines of Year 1!

Hazel Class (Y5)
 We have had a busy week. We have written letters, created adverts and posters reminding people how to stay safe and have written poems. We have also created some fantastic art work blending oil pas-

And finally ...
 During the partial school closure the children in the Y1 Class Bubble with Mrs Blewett wrote to the Queen. They were thrilled to receive a letter from Balmoral Castle....

