

Headteacher's Update

I want to thank you all for your support and positivity to one another during a very difficult term. The children at Westlea are truly amazing. They have managed the challenges of home learning and since coming back to school have been working so hard and shown such resilience and positivity. As we start the holidays I want to wish you all a wonderful break and wish you all a very Happy Easter.

I would especially like to pay tribute and thank all of the Westlea staff. We know we are a very special school and this past term has shown just how incredible the school is. The staff are incredibly hard working and without exception, they have done everything possible and more to make sure your children have been learning, have had fun and that families have been well supported at this time. The children's well-being is at the heart of all that we do and the success of the school is a result of a magnificent team who give their time and energy to get the best from everyone.



One Way System

From the 19th April, we will be trialling a one way system in the mornings for all of the children, except Mrs Batchelor's Y3/4 class. All of the children and parents/carers will enter school using the Y5/6 gate at 8.45am and then drop off as necessary at the class fire doors.

The adults will leave the school site via the KS1 entrance. Mrs Batchelor's Y3/4 class will continue to enter school through their class fire door.

Home time: Children will be collected or leave through their designated exits as they have been. KS1 at 3.20pm and KS2 at 3.30pm.

Have an EGGCELLENT Easter Break!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ash Class	<p>Lincoln — Really trying hard to develop resilience.</p> <p>Isla—Always tries, even when it's tricky.</p>	Maple Class	<p>Nikola—Hard work in every area, especially reading.</p> <p>Aiden—Such hard work over teams during lockdown, continued now in class.</p>
Elm Class	<p>Ollie—Hard work during lockdown & having lots of great ideas.</p> <p>Emilie—Hard work during lockdown & settling back into School brilliantly.</p>	Rowan Class	<p>Eliza—Fantastic effort into learning & brilliant behaviour.</p> <p>Jessica—Great effort & positive attitude towards work.</p>
Cherry Class	<p>Molly—Always being the best she can be.</p> <p>Ashton—Mature attitude since coming back after lockdown.</p>	Pine Class	<p>Taliyah—Making incredible improvements in her work, especially reading, writing & spelling.</p> <p>Jackson—Wonderful attitude to work & spectacular improvement on his presentation</p>
Willow Class	<p>Olivia—Positive attitude during lockdown & enthusiasm for learning.</p> <p>Rebecca—A delight in class & keeping us entertained during lockdown.</p>	Oak Class	<p>Kaan—The progress made in Maths this year has been amazing!</p> <p>Layla—Perseverance & determination in Maths, especially during lockdown.</p>
Sycamore Class	<p>Alana—Showing great resilience during lockdown & since being back.</p> <p>Qhuinn—Incredibly kind, caring & conscientious member of the class.</p>	Hazel Class	<p>Yusuf—Very positive attitude to learning.</p> <p>James—Working hard independently & to a high standard.</p>
		Beech Class	<p>Isaac—Consistently working hard & smiling.</p> <p>Isabelle—Being a model pupil. Outstanding work & behaviour.</p>

Class News

Ash Class

In Ash class this week we have been learning about Easter. We have read the Easter story and have decorated eggs by printing and collage.

We have also enjoyed the sunshine. We've explored drawing and writing with the chalks outside, some of us even practised our Maths by drawing the faces of dice and by writing numbers.



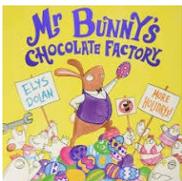
Elm class have had a lovely week. Easter is coming. Learning about Easter has been fun. We made some pictures out of natural objects and loose parts this week.



Elm Class

Cherry Class

This week in English we have been listening to the story of Mr Bunny's Chocolate factory. Mr Bunny had to learn how to work as part of a team! We had fun inventing our own chocolates for Mr Bunny's chocolate factory. Can you ask us about this? In Maths we have been practising finding number bonds for numbers up to 20! We have also been practising our sewing skills. We are getting skilled at doing a running stitch! We have been working so hard and our teachers are very proud of us.



Here is this week's news by Sycamore class! Locals report that three men, Boggis, Bunce and Beans have been excavating near here in order to flush out a skulk of foxes, led by Fantastic Mr Fox!! Our detailed newspaper reports will give you all the latest news on this development! In Maths, the 'long and short of it' we have used metre sticks and rulers to draw lines and measure objects in centimetres and metres. We can certainly 'measure our success' this week! We have continued to talk about the Easter story and the different events during this Holy Week, plus in Science, we have discussed the importance of exercise and how it helps to keep our heart healthy. We enjoyed our sprinting on the spot but were not as keen on the push ups!!

Sycamore Class

Willow Class

Who? What? When? Where? Why? Are all questions Willow Class have been answering this week as they have donned their news reporter hats and written newspaper reports about the facts of the 3 horrible farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean, trying to capture Fantastic Mr Fox and his family! We have nearly completed our art unit about Henri Rousseau by learning sculpting techniques and creating clay animals. We are hoping to paint these before the holiday and then they can go on display around the school. Science and PSHE has seen us learning about how to keep healthy and how to keep ourselves safe around medicines.

Maple Class

This week Maple class have worked very hard we're still dealing with tricky fractions in Maths and in English we wrote our own story to show off our amazing writing skills. In art we have been learning about Andy Warhol and have been doing some printing in his style - I hope you enjoy the photo's of our



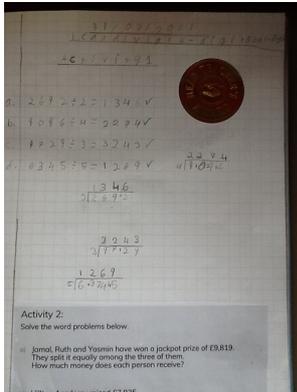
In English this week we have been writing a letter to the general public, persuading them (as Benjamin Franklin did) that electricity is the way to the future. In Maths we have been completing multiplication, division and decimal tests. In science we have been experimenting with different types of switches and deciding which switch is the best and why it's the best.



The final week of the spring term has been a busy week! We've identified tenths in maths, written our own sequel to Ottoline and the Yellow Cat, and conducted an experiment in science to see which magnet is the strongest. We've researched lots of information about lots of different countries, continued to practise our tennis skills, and created our own Andy Warhol style print of random everyday objects, such as strawberries, smelly socks and cupcakes! As the weather has been so lovely this week, our hard work in the classroom has been rewarded with extra time on the field, playing and chatting, which we have all loved. Have a lovely Easter break!



Oak Class have been practicing how to divide using the short division method. They have all worked so hard and Eliza even got a Headteacher's sticker!



Hazel Class have been focusing on Easter traditions around the world this week. We have decorated (paper) eggs to hang on an Easter tree, a tradition that began in Germany. We have created sand paintings, similar to the sand and sawdust artwork that decorates the streets in El Salvador. We have been working hard to begin creating our Easter Bonnets today, a tradition that began in Europe but that became very popular in America.



This week we have found out the fate of Macbeth in English and reported about it. In Maths, we have been actively collecting data to answer questions, using scatter graphs and evaluating correlations. In art, we produced our clay models of different birds.



And Finally...

Attendance this week was **95.9%**. Well done!

We still had **20 Children with a LATE** mark this week. Please can we try and get Children to School on time!

Thank you.



In Other News....

April Fool's Day

April Fools' Day is celebrated on April 1st each year. Although its exact origins remain a mystery, April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when

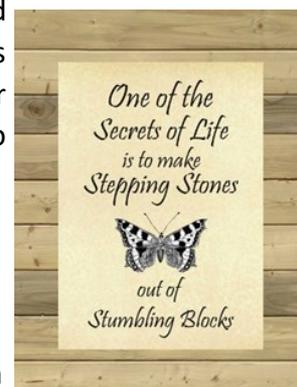


France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting spaghetti from trees.



Wellbeing Tip

Do you find yourself feeling demotivated or like you've lost your sense of drive? It's hard to get back into the swing of things or feel excited about the future when your life has been disrupted for so long. Try to get your drive back by reflecting on what inspires you or what you're curious about and then come up with some goals that you would like to achieve. A lot more confidence and feel positive about ourselves.



WPSS Easter colouring competition

Well done to our class winners of the Easter colouring competition, who each received an Easter Egg: **Lincoln, Grace M, Molly, Logan D, Timothy, Alice S, Maysie, Taliyah and Fiona.**



The overall winner is....

Sayam. Well done!! What a great effort.



Stranger Danger

Now that restrictions are beginning to lift and your Children will be venturing out more, please remind your Children of some important information, here a few things you could discuss....

- Who they can trust in an emergency (e.g: the emergency services, store security guards, a parent with young children etc..)
- What to do if somebody makes them feel funny / weird
- That they should never be made to have physical contact with somebody they don't want to
- When it is appropriate to speak with strangers.
- How to call the emergency services
- Maybe agree a password, in case you ever need somebody to collect them in an emergency. Make it short and easily memorable
- That they can tell you ANYTHING that is worrying them, without fear of repercussion.

Have a lovely half term break—See you on Monday 19th April

Wishing each of you who have had a
Birthday in School, since
January, a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Mrs Ponsonby's class

Ethan
Peter
Jack
Eliza
Hannah
Beatrice

Mrs Green's class

Idris
Charlie
Isla
Hannah
Amoolya
Everleigh

Mrs Blewett's class

Oliver
Amelia
Tazia
Leo
Chloe



Mrs O'Brien &

Mrs Day's class

Hollie
Lillie
Tymon
Faith

Miss Rew's class

Lucas
Hanna
Izaac
Rebecca
Georgia
Kerim
Louie



Miss Webster's class

Liyana
Jake
Sienna
Harry
Cyrus
Tegan
Chloe
Hope



Mrs Batchelor's class

Luke
Jenson
Maysie
Edith
Connie
Tom
Nikola
Bella
Metete



Mr Bagley's class

Samantha
Rose
Jaxon
Leon
Isabelle
Mikaila
Amelia K
Theo
Emily M
Bailey
Zachary
Liam



Miss Mundy's class

Fiona
Mia
Tyler
Emily

Miss Watson's class

Haima
Sayam
Kerem
Jordan
Tianna
Felicity
Christian
Neave
Szymon
Kieran
Logan
Kaan



Mr Breeze's class

Parshwa
Demi
Jayden
Lola
Kian
Seraphina
Kyle
George
Dexter

