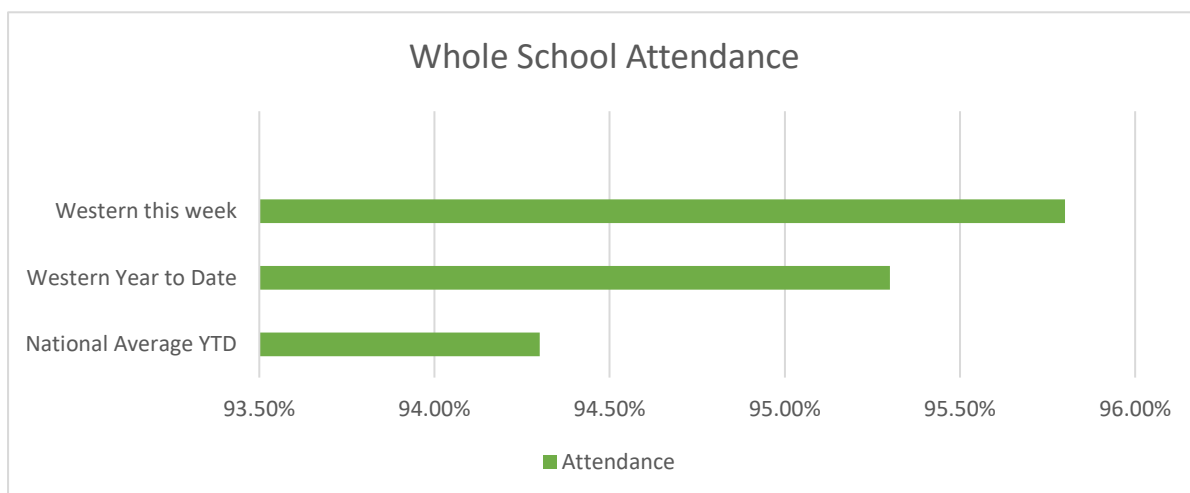


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Western Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024



BREAKING NEWS ...

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Green Room

This week we shift our attention to 'The Great Outdoors'.

Our chat times have been very fun because we have been talking about camping and asking the question: "What do you think you would need to go camping"? We had lots of lovely answers.

In our creative area we have been busy making lots of wonderful things. We have used glue to make a tent out of lolly pop sticks and we have used red and orange paint to make a camp fire picture. Our particular favourite was making some binoculars so we could see the birds and the insects whilst we're playing outside.



In our Maths area we have enjoyed a game of eye spy. We looked at an activity sheet to see what we noticed and we had to make a note of the amount of the same items we could see. We have also enjoyed grouping together natural treasure that we have found whilst being out and about enjoying the dry (ish) weather.



We have enjoyed playing outside. We especially enjoyed using the climbing wall which is based in the big playground. This really helps our gross motor skills and is so much fun.



We have, as always, enjoyed listening to lots of wonderful stories; a firm favourite this week was " Maisie goes camping".

Have a great weekend!



Turquoise Room

At the beginning of this week the children in the Turquoise Room celebrated St George's Day. They enjoyed painting a castle for the knights and we made some flags too. Our flags were made following the children's interest in learning how to cut so we made strips for them to snip and glue to the flag.



This week we have found a lovely book with Incy Wincy Spider in and the children have become really interested in this so we have followed their lead and had a spider theme as part of our mini-beast learning. The children have enjoyed exploring the mini-beast small world play and also playing in the compost where we found some pasta worms.





Whilst playing in the sensory tray, the children had some lovely cooking ideas so we extended their play and brought over the toy kitchen as they wanted to serve breakfast. It is lovely to observe their play and see where it takes them.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.



Purple Room

This week we have enjoyed exploring the great outdoors. We have talked about camping and our own experiences of camping. Toasting marshmallows seems to be a big hit on your camping adventures!

We have been enjoying lots of crafts. We have made binoculars to do some bird spotting whilst we are outdoors. We have also been painting with marshmallows on sticks, mixing the yellow and red to make orange. This reminded us of our campfires. We have also enjoyed making tents with lollipop sticks.



In Maths we have been having a recap of all our prior knowledge. The children have been excited to show what they know and were very proud of their successes.



In phonics we have been creating our own stories using the Tales Toolkit symbols to support. Our stories have been around a campsite setting in our tuff tray. We have had fire engines visit the camp site when one fire got out of hand and we've also had a T-Rex try to join the children in the tent! What brilliant imaginations and excellent story telling language.



The children have also been enjoying showing their skills of recognising their names and practising writing it on whiteboards. We have been focusing on letter formation and ensuring we are correctly forming each letter in our name.

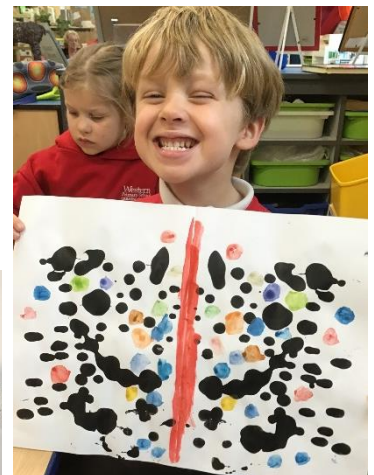
It won't be long until summer now (where does time go?!) so each day we have had a little visit to the Reception classroom so we can familiarise ourselves with the setting. The children have enjoyed story times on the Reception carpet and have also enjoyed exploring with the toys in the room. Great preparation for September.

Reception

We have continued to look at life cycles this week, focusing on the life cycle of a frog. The children have learnt that frogs are amphibians (can live in and out of water) and that they have 4 stages to their life cycle.

In conjunction, we have talked about a human life cycle; baby, toddler, young child, older child / teenager, adult and then old age. The children have been enthused by this topic and have wanted to talk about their own families. We have discussed talking to parents / grandparents about family trees and looking at photographs of different family members at different stages of their lives.

In Maths we have been focusing on the concept of length and the vocabulary of long, medium and short. The children have been introduced to a ruler and the measurement of cm.





Year 1

Our Year 1s have been learning about David Attenborough in history and why he is famous. They created a timeline of events that have happened in his life and learnt many interesting facts about him. Did you know he is 97 years old?

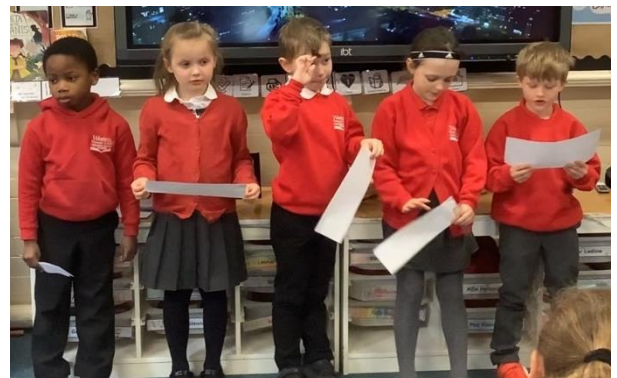
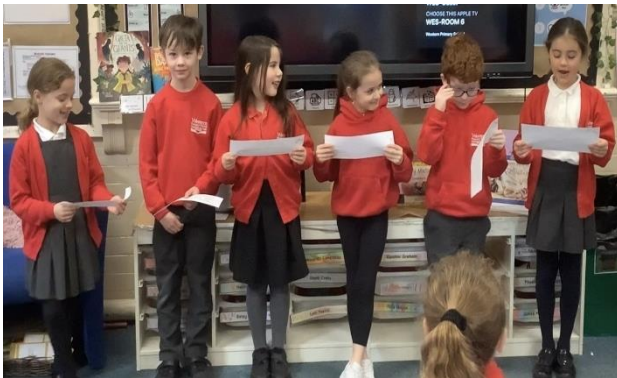
In English the children have been focussing on spelling and reading common exception words that they need to have learnt by the end of Year 1. They have played many fun games to help them learn these words and at the end of the week were able to spell them correctly in their sentences.

In science the children have learnt about the functions of plants and completed week 3 of their seed diary. This week the pea plants have grown leaves and the shoots have got taller. Hopefully, some peas will appear soon!



Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard on their public speaking skills by performing speeches to the class and Mrs Magill. They focused on intonation, body language and clarity of speech to effectively deliver messages about creating a cleaner, greener future. It has been fantastic to see them develop confidence and eloquence in expressing their ideas.



In art, the children have been exploring tonal palettes by painting monochromatic landscapes. They considered perspective, learning how objects in the distance appear smaller and lighter while those in the foreground are bigger and darker. Their artwork truly demonstrates their understanding of these concepts.



In our science lessons, the students have been investigating seed dispersal and exploring the various ways different plants spread their seeds. This hands-on learning has allowed for a deeper understanding of the natural world and the mechanisms that plants use to propagate.

Furthermore, in our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education sessions, the focus has been on the local community and the individuals who contribute positively. The children have recognised the invaluable efforts of various community members and, to show their appreciation, have written letters expressing their gratitude. This activity has helped them develop empathy and a sense of community spirit.

Year 3/4

Year 3/4 have continued their work on stretching and relaxing, using yoga. We have been focusing on our breathing too:



Our non-chronological reports are now finished and we are very pleased with the results! We especially enjoyed finding out 'fascinating facts' about food:

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How can we eat a balanced diet?

Food is essential for human survival. It contains vital substances that our bodies need. There are five different food groups. We must only eat a balance of foods from each of these food groups to get a balanced plate. The food groups are:

- dairy
- protein
- carbohydrates
- fruit and vegetables
- fat



Carbohydrates

Carbohydrates give us energy for our bodies to function properly. Humans use a huge amount of energy. Foods such as: brown pasta, brown rice and bread are great sources of carbohydrates. Some foods that contain carbohydrates, such as brown pasta, have more calories than other foods because they are brown.



Protein

Protein is a very important food group because

it helps our bodies to grow and repair. Some sources that contain protein are: egg, fish, meat, fish and beans. Our bodies need protein for growth, to get taller.



Dairy

Foods that contain dairy are very crucial for when eating a balanced diet. This is actually because that children's foods made from milk contains a mineral named calcium. Calcium makes our teeth and bones stronger. Examples of some dairy foods are: cheese, milk, yogurt and ice cream. Humans need to eat at least a little bit of dairy each day.

Fruit and vegetables

As part of a healthy diet, we need to eat at least five portions of fruit a day and also with vegetables. They contain vital vitamins and minerals that keep our bodies in good condition. They also provide fibre to keep our digestive system working properly. Some examples of fruit and veg. are: cabbage, apples, oranges and peas.

Fats

We also need some fats in our meals but not all fats are equal. Sources of fats include animal and

vegetable fats. Vegetable fats such as olive oil and avocado oil are better for us. It's ok to eat a little bit of fat but too much is enough. Foods that contain fat are: chocolate, crisps, candy, lollipops and more.

The Eat well plate

The government has produced a plate to advise us about how much of each food group we need to eat, at each meal. They designed an eat well plate.



Amazing facts!

- eating a well balanced diet can improve your mood.
- apples are one of the healthiest food.
- oranges have more nutrition than apples.

Glossary

nutrition - important substances that we get from food

protein - provides us with growth and repair.

carbohydrates - these give us energy.

dairy - foods made from animal milk.

fat - can be stored on the body to be used later or, burned as fuel.

minerals - the substances in food that help our bodies to function properly.

fibre - our bodies can't break down in food. It helps our digestive system.

vitamins - these are essential for caring our bodies.

In science, we have been learning all about the muscles in the body. We linked it to our work in yoga, where we are stretching out our muscles:

Muscles

Our skeleton cannot move without muscles. Muscles are attached to our bodies using tendons. Muscles always come in pairs. They can only pull. When the muscle pulls it contracts and shortens. The opposite muscle, relaxes and lengthens. There are over 600 muscles in the human body!



The heart is an involuntary muscle that pumps blood round our body without us even thinking about it.



Year 5/6

Our tennis skills are really improving in Year 5/6. We have been focusing on our forehand and backhand swing in PE and we're not losing as many tennis balls each week now: a real positive!

In English we have been creating our own Ancient Greek hero and monster for our myths which we will be writing next week. We used AI to describe our monsters and this produced an image. Some of them are terrifying!



MY GREEK MONSTER

RYPHIS





A Farewell



Some of you will already be aware that this is Mr Franklin's last day at Western before he moves on to work with the Fire Service after serving Western for seven years. During that time, Mr Franklin has proved to be an extremely valuable member of the staff team. He is a popular character with staff and particularly with our pupils and I know he will be sadly missed by us all. I know you will want to join us in wishing him every success in his new career but, considering the work he is going into, I hope that none of you see him again too soon!



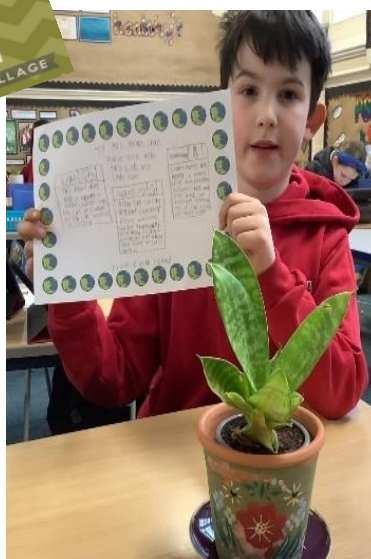
Ofsted

For those of you who may have missed the news earlier, we received our Ofsted report yesterday, following inspection at the end of March. We are delighted with the outcome and are sure you will enjoy reading the report which you can find on our website [here](#).

A BIG THANK YOU to our
WONDERFUL **P.T.A.** who have
recently funded the upcoming Y1 trip
to Tropical World and Y2 trip to
Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Thank you!

Earth Squad News





SMASHING THE LONDON MARATHON

Congratulations to Rafe who smashed the London Marathon on Sunday raising £7k for Brain Tumour Research. Rafe is an old boy from Western and given the special relevance of this charity to our school, we were thrilled to support him and delighted by his huge success. Well done Rafe!

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Join HHCC for an action packed, fun filled day to remember!

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£25 per person

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Support for young people's Mental Health in North Yorkshire

There is national and local support available on the Go-To website, for parents, carers and professionals.

www.thegoto.org.uk



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AWFUL AUNTIE by David Walliams COMING TO YORK

We are delighted to let you know that a brand new production of AWFUL AUNTIE by David Walliams is coming to the Grand Opera House York from 26 to 29 September 2024. Produced by the Birmingham Stage Company, this funny and thrilling play is suitable for pupils at infant, junior and middle school level (ages 4 to 12) and it will help you cover part of the National Curriculum.

Tickets are just £12.50 per student with free tickets for supervising teachers. We've also created a teacher's resource pack to assist with your lessons, available at birminghamstage.com/education.

When Stella sets off to visit London with her parents, she has no idea her life is in danger! When Stella wakes up three months later, only her Aunt Alberta can tell her what has happened. But not everything Alberta tells her turns out to be true and Stella quickly discovers she's in for the fight of her life against her very own awful Auntie!

The schools performances are at 1.30pm on Thursday 26 and at 10.30am on Friday 27 September. It follows our sell-out productions of Gangsta Granny, Billionaire Boy and Demon Dentist. To book tickets you can call 020 7206 1174 or send an email to groupsales@atgtickets.com. If you have any questions about the production, please call the Birmingham Stage Company on 020 7437 3391.

"The Birmingham Stage Company's adaptations of my books are always brilliant, so I cannot wait for the fun to begin again!"
David Walliams

Find out more at birminghamstage.com

Studio Schedule

Enchantica's
Workshop

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

MONDAY

★ Rising stars Yr 1&2 @3:30
★ Musical Theatre Yr 1&2 @4:45

TUESDAY

★ Suzie Beats @10:00
★ Creative Dance Yr3-6 @5:00
★ Adult Yoga @7:00
★ Visit Suzie Devidson to book

WEDNESDAY

★ Baby Ballet @9:30
★ Visit Baby Ballet to book
★ Adult Yoga @7:30
★ Visit Suzie Devidson to book

THURSDAY

★ Suzie Beats @10:00
★ Family Rising stars @4:30
★ Fitsteps @6:15
★ Adult Yoga Magic @8:15

FRIDAY

★ Suzie Beats @10:00
★ Rising stars Preschool @11:00

Booking:
<https://enchanticas.co.uk/workshop/>

Take Part in the Western Primary Sunflower Challenge!

Pick up a sunflower seedling from the playground at pick up time on:

26th April

3rd & 10th May

£2 each – please bring cash if possible!

Prizes for the tallest sunflowers will be given out after the summer break to give the seedlings enough time to reach their maximum height!

Please send pictures of how your seedling is coming along to anna.slatcher@westernprimarypta.org



With thanks to B&Q for donating sunflower seeds and prizes!





thesendacademy@gmail.com to book your place.



