



# WEST THORNTON

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### West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

**16th June 2023**

It's been another warm week at West Thornton, and it's been great to see children adapting so well to continue with their learning. Our school Sports Days have begun, and the children have shown a fabulous mix of both competition and collaboration. The parent/teacher races have caused much discussion amongst the children too. Well done to those that have completed their Sports Days, and good luck to all those that will have them next week.

Year 6 have had a busy week, with some children attending year 7 transition workshops, others going to the theatre to see 42nd Street, and a trip to Chessington! The children have been models of responsibility on public transport and we thank them for being great ambassadors for our school.

The weather will remain warm next week, with some rain expected. Please remember that jumpers are not expected to be worn, and that children should be coming in with a water bottle, and sunscreen already applied. Have a lovely weekend.

\*For your information, please note that Mr. Owen will not be at Canterbury Road for the next two weeks. During this time, any questions or concerns should be directed to other members of SLT who will be leading in his absence.

### Attendance

Well done to all these classes who had attendance above 96% this week. This is notably fewer classes than usual so can we please have a real push on improving attendance - there are so many fun enrichment activities this half term - we'd hate for anyone to miss out!

Cedar 96.2%	Hawthorn 96.2%
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## Reception

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In English this week Year 1 have been working hard to design and make their own posters to help save the oceans. They thought carefully about which important facts to include in their posters and looked at other posters to get ideas on how to make it eye-catching.





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In Science we have been continuing our learning about plants and trees.

We went on a walk around the playground to see which trees we could identify from their leaves and fruit.

### Year Two

In English this week, the children have been learning how to write a setting description based on the film they watched last week. Then they created their own gnomes considering a range of features and described its appearance and personality using adjectives. The children then used their year 2 writers toolkit to form sentences when writing a detailed character description.

In maths, the children have revisited previous learning and solved more complex problems. They identified missing numbers in a number sentence which required them to work out the inverse as a step to successfully solve the problem.



In the wider curriculum subject Geography, the children looked at a range of human features and created a key when identifying them on a map of the United Kingdom. As for Art, the children explored the work of an Artist 'Eric Carle'. They were thrilled when they found out he was the author and illustrator of The Very Hungry Caterpillar! They learnt about how he produced his work to create a collage and got creative with a range of resources.

### Year Three

This week, year 3's have been working really hard to write their first ever playscript for Oliver Twist. As the children now understand the story of Oliver Twist, they were very excited about writing their own playscript. They did this through summarising the scene, adding in what each character will be saying and thinking about their feelings by adding stage directions.

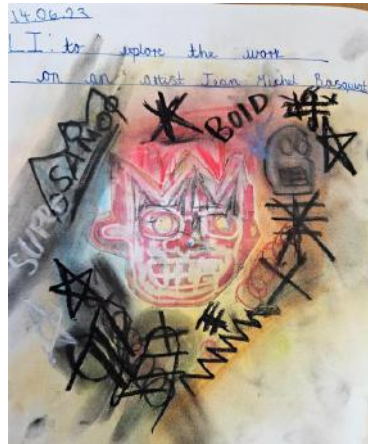
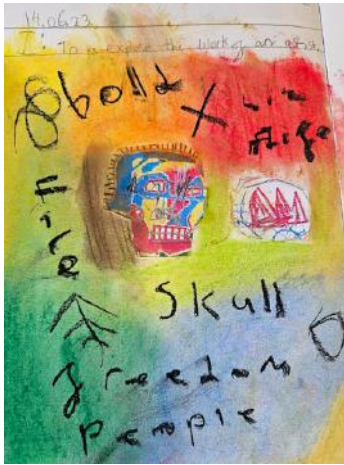
In Maths the children have been busy completing their assessments for the term. They have persevered and completed all three maths papers. In addition to this, the children have been learning about different types of angles; acute, right and obtuse. They also learnt how to measure accurately using a ruler.

In the wider curriculum subjects, the children were excited to learn more about the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. They found out who he was and explored his wonderful artwork in detail by understanding more about his skills.



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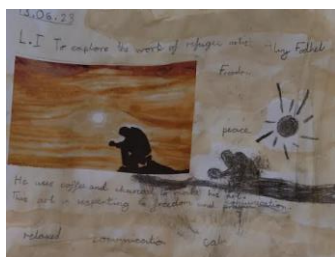
In RE the children learnt about Buddhism; they learnt the moral values and the symbols of Buddhism. In science, the children wrote a set of instructions on how to conduct a fair test on forming shadows. Finally to end the week, the children took part in their annual sports day. This time it was held at the grounds of Archbishop Lanfranc Academy.

### Year Four

It has been an extremely full-on week in year 4! The children have worked extremely hard on their summer term assessments, each day showing resilience, focus, and excellence - they should be extremely proud of themselves, as are all of us. Then, we travelled to Lanfranc Academy to compete in our annual Sports Day - it was lovely to see the children taking part and giving it their all in athletic competitions and games, not to mention enjoying the sunshine!

In English, the children have been further diving into our core text "The Boy at the Back of the Class." They have studied the features that go into writing an informal letter, which they have used to write their own informal letters, creating some gorgeous and engaging writing! In Maths, the children have been working on angles and turns and shown terrific understanding of the mechanics of the topic, which will continue into next week as we explore these and more in closer detail.

In Art, we have been studying the artist known as Alwy Fadhel, a refugee who uses coffee to create his art. We looked at the messages and themes behind his work and the skill of using coffee to paint. The children then used his work and built upon it to create their own pieces of work, using coffee and charcoal, and it's safe to say that the results were incredible. I'm sure we are all looking forward to what they will create next!





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### Year Five

In English class, our talented writers in Year 5 have been diligently analysing descriptions of settings and applying the skills to their own writing. Students have proven their creativity and ability to use their five senses to create an atmosphere.

In maths class, the students have been exploring how to convert units of measurement. This unit began with a fun activity that required students to make and throw a paper aeroplane and find the distance by using a range of measurement units.

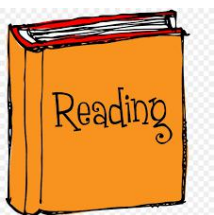
Sports day was a welcome inclusion in a busy testing week! The Year 5 students competed fairly in a range of fun games. Their effort and sportsmanship on such a hot day was a credit to themselves and the school!

### Year Six

Year six have had a busy week taking part in lots of activities. We started on Monday with the first session to support children with the transition to secondary school- it was a great workshop and a chance for the children to share and discuss their worries and find out who to talk to about their concerns. The children have also been writing their end of year reflections which has been a great chance to think about everything they have accomplished this year. At Canterbury Road, the children have also started reading this term's core text: Trash by Andy Mulligan which tells the story of 3 children who live and work on a dumpsite and make a lucky discovery one day. The classes had their own trash which they sifted through to find items which they could 'sell' to make a few pennies. The children then reflected on the lives of the children who live in these places.

Sports day was a great success and we are so proud of how every child took part and showed our West Thornton values.

### Reading



Don't forget, our KS2 Reading afternoon is taking place next week on Monday 19th June on both sites. If you can, please come along and read with the children. We really enjoy having you in our classes.



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### Enrichment



Save the date! Our school summer fair will take place on Thursday 13th July this year at the Canterbury Road site. More information to follow. If you are able to volunteer and help out on the day then please express your interest to the office on either site.

### Community



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## NEED HELP MANAGING YOUR ENERGY BILLS?



**Come and Talk to a Qualified Energy Advisor**

**2nd and 3rd Monday of every month**

**Time: 10am - 1pm**

**Brigstock Road Community Hub**

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### **CHARTWELLS PARENT TASTER**

**27 JUNE 2023**

**Time: 14:00 –14:30**

**Location: Dining Hall, Rosecourt Rd Site**

**Chartwells, your school caterer, is excited to invite you to join us on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 14:00 for a parent taster session in the dining hall at the Rosecourt Rd site.**

**You will be able observe and taste all the dishes featured on the menu that day, presented in the same way as it would during service giving you a full understanding of the children's experience.**

**Chartwells representatives will also be available to answer any questions or suggestions you may have with regards to school dinners.**

**We look forward to meeting you.**

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### **CHARTWELLS PARENT TASTER**

**29 JUNE 2023**

**Time: 14:00 –14:30**

**Location: Dining Hall, Canterbury Rd Site**

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### Phrases of the Week

**¿Qué tiempo hace?** - What's the weather like?



**Hace mucho calor.** - It's really hot.

### Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Loreran	Szymon	Olanre	Asher	
Idris	Thishaan	Scarlett	Jordanna	
Y1 Elder	Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Whole class	Leire	Whole class	Whole class	Whole class
	Eva			
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Lathixan	Eisa	Karim	Nishtha	Nevaeh
Anabiah	Grace	Rym	Moksh	Maiza
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Andric	Dylan	Azna	Harun	Areha
Srilaya	Skylar	Kaira- leigh	Sajoori	Samuel D
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Whole class		Darsh	Aisha	Daythan
		Keisy -Anne	Bailey	Adlyn



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Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Amalia	Lakai	Samuel	Aarav	Akshita
Sahesha	Adomas	Joel	Cyrielle	Hashir
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Arjunan		Dinodh	Ayra	Muhammad
Samrudhan		Sushant	Sabrina	Aaniya
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Keisy Anne Hornbeam			Keeyan Fir	Anaya Acacia