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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

7th July 2023

As we enter the last few weeks of the summer term, it is fair to say that July is going to be action packed! This week of course was no exception. Teachers have been working hard finishing off school reports for children in their classes. Year 5 had a wonderful time on their trip to Kidzania on Monday. It was a great opportunity for them to learn more about different careers and think more deeply about their own aspirations for the future.

There are still plenty of other exciting activities, events and experiences to come such as next week's summer fair, the up-and-coming Year 6 production, Year 1's trip to a Sikh temple and so much more! Do try your very best to come to school every day so that you don't miss out!

We will be celebrating our annual Spanish day across West Thornton (whole school-both sites) on Thursday 13th of July. Children may wear Spanish traditional clothes or red/yellow and Chartwells is providing a Spanish themed menu for school dinners on that day (see menu attached).

¡FIESTA DAY!

Don't forget, after school on Monday 10th July, you have the chance to meet someone who already has high aspirations for the future. Alayna Ghandi, an 11 year old budding author will be at the Rosecourt Road site after school, selling copies of her very own book, 'The Unwanted Child'. Do come along.

After a very busy week, we would like to wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you and your families at next week's summer fair on Thursday 13th July.



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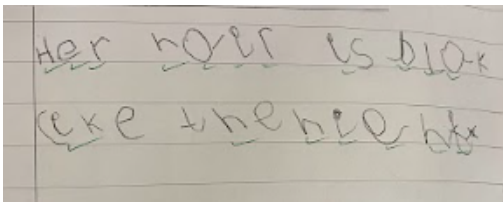
Attendance

Well done to all these classes who had attendance above 96% this week.

Rowan 96.84%	Larch 97.67%	Yew 96.6%	Magnolia 97.5%
Blackthorn 98.61%	Cherry 96.38%		

Curriculum Focus

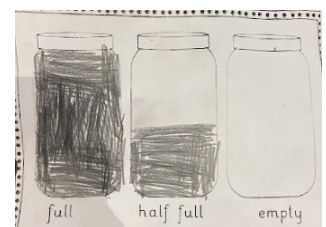
Reception



This week in literacy the children have continued learning about character descriptions. This time they have been exploring different adjectives to describe their friends. They have then continued exploring similes and likening their friends' features to different things. They have written similes such as 'Her hair is black like the night.'

'He is tall like Big Ben.' The children have continued using their writer's toolkit to check their work afterwards, ensuring it has a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

In maths, reception have continued exploring shape, space and measurement. This week they have learnt about capacity and have begun to explore full, half full and empty. They even had an experiment where they estimated how many cups it would take to fill a container up. As part of their arithmetic learning, the children began to explore the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols to compare numbers.



In their topic learning this week, reception have been reading their next core text 'Ruby's Worry'. They have used this as a way to discuss their own worries and what they can do when they feel sad. They have also discussed their transition to Year 1, and what they are worried about. As part of this, they have also discussed our core value of 'Respect' and having sensitivity towards others.



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Year One

This week we have been planning our own stories based on the story 'Tidy'. We used adjectives to expand our sentences to make them more interesting. We have been working on the character and setting descriptions this week. Next week we will begin to write our stories using the story plan.

In maths this week we have been practising days of the week and months of the year. We have practised ordering them and used them in sentences using yesterday, tomorrow, the day before and the day after. These children really enjoyed using a visual timetable to tell people what they do at school on a day to day basis. This also linked with our science work this week as we have been learning about months of the year and their seasons in Australia and compared them to what we experience in the UK.

The children have been really interested in history learning this term. This week they have been comparing homes from the past and present. We talked about different household things and discussed the differences during the times.

In Art we have been making jelly fish using recycled materials. We used tissue paper, and cling film to make the head of the jelly fish, we will be focusing on the tentacles next week. Have a look at what we have done so far.



Year Two

This week in Year 2 we have been reviewing fractions in Maths. Throughout the week we have focused on different fractions, such as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. The children reviewed what the denominator and numerator are and the importance of using the correct vocabulary. Earlier in the week we started with fractions of a shape and continued our learning with fractions of a number. On Friday we applied our gained knowledge of fractions to solve word problems.

In English the children have been reflecting on all their learning this year to write their report page. The children considered their strengths and weaknesses this year and what they wish to improve for next year. The children enjoyed looking through their old Writing books and seeing the amazing progress that they have made. The Year 2 children are immensely proud of all their achievements and hard work and are looking forward to what they can achieve next in Year 3.



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In Science we have been learning about the things that plants need to survive. We created an experiment to discover what conditions plants need to grow and tested water, soil, air and rocks. The children were excited to work together and create predictions based on our prior knowledge. For the next two weeks, we will continue to observe the changes and record our observations.

Year Three

It has been another productive and eventful week in year 3. This week in English as a year group we have been finishing off our alternative endings to our Oliver Twist play-scripts using our imaginations to come up with fun and exciting endings to the story. In maths we have been learning about the use of picograms and tallies and how to represent the different amounts of data onto a bar graph. Also we have been learning how to interpret data and comparing it. In the wider curriculum we have produced some really nice colourful backgrounds for our final Art piece of the year inspired by Jean - Micheal - Basquiat. To produce these backgrounds the children used a variety of brush techniques to create interesting rustic effects.

In other wider curriculum subjects such as R.E the children have shown great engagement over the term learning about the different beliefs and practices of Buddhism. This week as a year we have learnt about the 4 noble truths and how these truths affect your life and how you can overcome them. The children were inspired by these truths to think about how their actions could make the lives of others better.

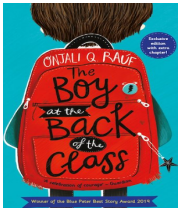
Year Four

This week in English, the children have worked really hard to develop their prequel based on our core text, 'The Boy at the back of the class'. The children began the week by looking at the language and structural features of a prequel. Using their new found knowledge, the children created a plan in order to write their own prequels. They were able to demonstrate skills learnt in year 4 such as: generating effective expanded noun phrases; selecting appropriate fronted adverbials as well as using ambitious vocabulary and phrases to express mood of the text.



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In Maths, we began our learning journey on position and directions. The children were able to show the value of excellence when describing and plotting coordinates on a 2-D grid. By the end of the week, they were able to draw polygons using coordinates and describe how different shapes were translated. Overall, it was a very successful and enjoyable week.

In RE, we continued learning more about Buddhism and its main teachings. Following on from the previous lesson on the four noble truths, the children focused on the 4th noble truth (The way to the end of suffering). They learnt that the eightfold path guides people to help them overcome their anguish, sorrows and suffering. It was lovely to hear children express the importance of having our core values at West Thornton. The children also learnt about Buddhist places of worship and the five elements the structure of the temples symbolise. E.g The square base at the bottom of the temple represents the Earth.



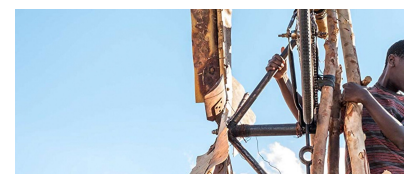
Year Five



Year 5 had an exciting week filled with fun activities. They went on a field trip to KidZania in Shepherd's Bush, where they experienced different careers and learned how to manage their salary. The children enthusiastically participated in various jobs, such as firefighters, couriers, spies, pilots, and more. They also represented West Thornton and demonstrated courteous behaviour while taking public transportation.



The Year 5 students at West Thornton have been reflecting on their learning journey in English class. They





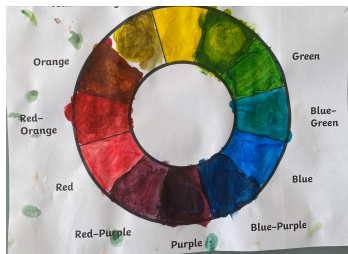
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remembered, brainstormed, and wrote about key learning events they experienced. The students also discussed their challenges and demonstrated resilience and perseverance by explaining how they overcame them. In addition, the students are exploring the core text 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind' and analysing what motivated William to build a windmill for his community in Malawi, ultimately saving them with his invention. They summarised each key event and generated graphs representing William's emotions throughout the story.



In our math lessons, the children learn about volume and use hands-on manipulatives to reinforce their understanding. They used their prior knowledge to estimate the importance of different objects by constructing shapes resembling 3-D objects using cubes. In art, the children explore African patterns and colours and experiment with creating their colour wheel in the style of artist Charis Tsevis. In history, the students discover the difference between primary and secondary sources and determine which is



more reliable. They are looking at various artefacts from the Anglo-Saxon period and comparing them with the resources available today while wearing their historian's hat.



Year Six

This week, the children have shown determination, effort and excellence whilst practising for their productions! They have been rehearsing tirelessly to ensure that they are ready for their performances next week! Don't forget to look out for the letter regarding tickets to see your child's performance!

Additionally, the children have had an exciting week visiting their new secondary schools with lots of induction days. They have all come back beaming and excited with lots of stories to tell about their new teachers and classes.

In their core subjects, the children have been preparing for secondary school by doing Maths based projects that they can apply to real life, and recapping/consolidating key learning that they will need for next year.

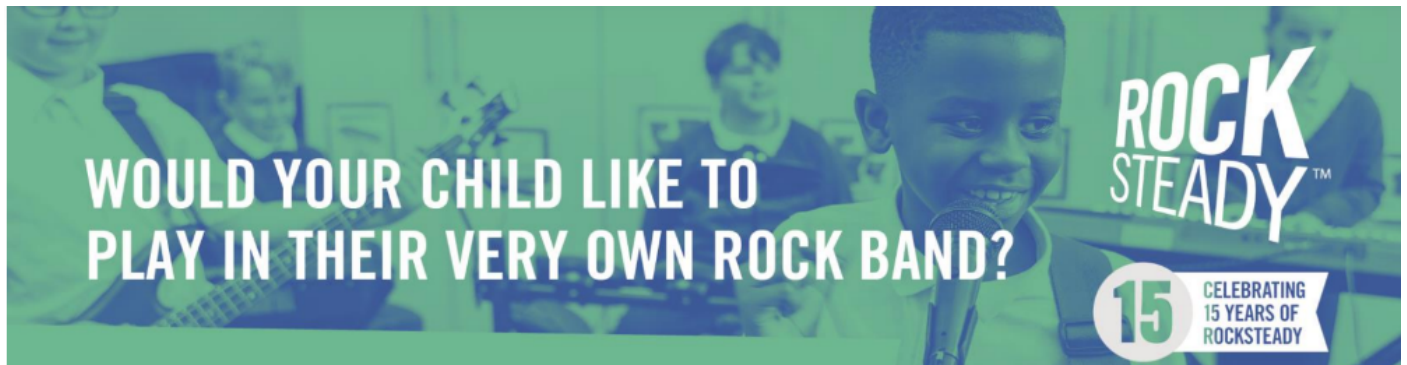


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Enrichment

Coming soon to West Thornton - 'Rock and Pop' Music Lessons!



Exciting news! From **(14th July / 21st July)** we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School to school. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own bands with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals. Lessons will take place every week during school time.

As well as learning new musical skills, lessons also help the children with their confidence, wellbeing, social skills, and teamwork. These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term the bands perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided.
- No musical experience necessary
- Suitable for all ages
- Lessons take place in school.
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills.
- You'll receive regular online parent timeline updates.
- There's a money back guarantee for the first month
- You can cancel at any time

Croydon Athletics

Our very own sporting heroes showed great resilience and collaboration at the Croydon Athletics event last fortnight. Well done to all the children who were persevering and striving to be the best that you can be. An extra special shout out to the boys and their performance. They particularly did well in the relay event finishing 4th and overall finished joint 9th in the league table.



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Relay Boys	
Place	School
1	St Josephs
2	Regina Coeli
3	Whitehorse Manor
4	West Thornton Academy
5	The Minster Juniors
6	Ecclesbourne

Community



Come & Celebrate Navratri



GRAND SAPPHIRE

20 OCTOBER 2023
7PM - 1AM

45 Imperial Way, Croydon, CR0 4RR

EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNTED PRICE
UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2023

TICKET

£12 (ADULTS)

£7 (UNDER-12)

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FREE PRE-LOVED UNIFORM STALL!

13TH JULY @ THE SUMMER
FAIR

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform stall on 13/07/23 alongside the summer fair at our Canterbury Road site. Uniform can be gifted to the office up until the date of the fair. Please come along and take a look at uniform for the next school year.





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Come and support the West Thornton Djembe drummers at the Croydon Music and Arts Festival!

Croydon MUSIC & ARTS **THIS IS CROYDON**

CR talent

Music **Fun**
Dancing **Food**

Schools Festival

See our talent! **FREE** festival!

At the Schools Festival you'll see 1,000 young performers showcasing the opportunities available for children in Croydon as they share and celebrate their skills, creativity and cultural diversity.

Music from Disney, Queen and Croydon musicians

Live performances from:

- Croydon Schools • Kinetika Bloco
- Arun Ghosh • Anusha Subramanyam
- Croydon Music and Arts performers

THURSDAY, 13TH JULY 2023, WANDLE PARK 12:30PM - 2:15PM

Tickets are required for entry and are available for free from Eventbrite or through scanning the QR code. For more info, visit www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/cr-talent

Check out our other festival overleaf

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Spanish Theme Menu

13 July 2023

Menu:

Paprika Chicken & Patatas Bravas
Vegetable Paella
Sweetcorn or Salad
Arroz con Leche (Rice Pudding)
Mango Frozen Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit

**FOOD
SUPER
HEROES**





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Phrases of the Week



El valor del mes de West Thornton es la EXCELENCIA. - West Thornton's value of the month is Excellence.

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Cheyavan	Asrithan	Emelia	Robin	
Ishaan	Hareem	Amelia	Thenila	
Y1 Elder	Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Khaliyah	Mateo	Keevah	Campion	Kiran
Anmol	Emily	Lucas	Reign	Kylie-Shae
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Fiza	Lily	Almelio	Zuzia	Yathusha
Adam	Aiden	Sharick	Emily	Moksha
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Alyan	Zayne	Pusti	Maja	Areha
Tanuj	Rithika	Uri Jay	Shravan	Marley
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Whole Class	Aseye	Sasha	Aapthy	Shreyas
	Dion	Mohamed	Ammar	Nilana
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Laura	Marvin	Alexus-Dior	Rohihte	Anusha



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Nishinth	Ayrah	Abigail	Aariya	Abel
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Abdullah	Rayaan	Aksharaa	Zahra	Oliver K
Theo	Brave	Shlok	Isabell	Tikah
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Aaniya Acer				