



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

17th May 2024

It has been a busy, but fantastic, week at West Thornton. Our wonderful Year 6 children completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs and absolutely blew us away with their focus, resilience, effort and enthusiasm across the 4 days of tests. We are so proud of the work they have put into the learning and challenges they have faced in the lead up to this week and are really excited to see how they continue to flourish in their last term at West Thornton.

Next week, children across the school will be taking part in Sports Day. The dates are:

#### Sports Day

<b>Monday</b> 20th May 9.30am 2.00pm	AM - Year 5 and 6 PM - Reception (CR)
<b>Tuesday</b> 21st May 9.30am 2.00pm	AM - Year 3 and 4 PM - Reception (RR)
<b>Thursday</b> 23rd May 9.30am	AM - Year 1 and 2

This year, the event will take place at Archbishop Lanfranc Secondary School (parking is available in the Lanfranc car park) for years 1 to 6. Reception sports day will be held on the West Thornton Rosecourt Road and Canterbury Road sites. Children will be required to wear their PE Kit as well as an item of clothing, such as socks or a T-shirt, to represent their team colour.

**\*P.E Kit Reminder – Plain White T-shirt and plain navy blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, trainers.**

The Parents' Fun Race will take place last at all sessions, so bring your running trainers!!



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### Attendance

Well done to these classes with Attendance over 97% and an extra well done to Holly class with 100% this week.

CR - Y1 Elm

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CR - Y2 Aspen

CR - Y3 Chestnut

CR - Y6 Acer

CR - Y6 Holly

RR - Reception Pine

RR - Year 2 Rowan

RR -Year 2 Spruce

RR - Year 3 Cedar

RR - Year 4 Beech

RR - Year 4 Acacia

RR - Year 4 Yew

RR - Year 6 Blackthorn

RR - Year 6 Eucalyptus

### Curriculum Focus

#### Reception

This week in reception the children have continued learning about identity and diversity through their core text 'It's Okay to be Different'. In literacy, they have been reflecting on their year and all the amazing things they have learnt to do in Reception! They have written sentences such as 'I have learnt to mix colours' and 'I can cut'. It has been lovely to see the children recalling all the great things they have learnt and the progress they have made.



In maths the children have continued learning about shapes. They have learnt to compose shapes using smaller shapes and have even decomposed shapes but cutting rectangles in half. They noticed that they could make two triangles when doing this and could place them back together to make one big triangle. They finished the week by learning to use shapes for a purpose by making their own shape pictures.



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In the wider curriculum, Reception have been learning about life cycles. They have learnt about the lifecycle of butterflies, chickens and frogs. The children have loved looking at the different stages of the lifecycles and have been fantastic at describing each part.

### Year One

Year 1 has had a fantastic week full of exciting learning. In English the children have planned their own information leaflet based on the learning of plants. They have included lots of interesting facts and tips on how to care for a plant. Next week they will be publishing their brilliant ideas on a leaflet.

In maths this week the children have continued learning about fractions with a focus on quarters. They learnt how to find a quarter of a shape and quantity.

For our wider curricular subject, Geography, the children used Google Earth to identify rural and urban parts of Croydon. They created a list of all the features they found.



In computing the children have been working on creating their e-book. This week they learn how to add sound. Sound consisted of sound effect voice recording or an instrument.

### Year Two

This week, Year 2 children have been writing instructions on how to make a headdress. They listed the materials which they would need, they learnt how to write additional information in brackets. The children also used time adverbials, imperative verbs and adverbs in their instructional writing.



In maths, the children learnt how to interpret data from tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms. They collected data in class to draw a block diagram and a pictogram.



To further enhance their learning, the children tackled some challenging reasoning questions,



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where they had to read given information to find missing information and represent this using pictograms. As part of their arithmetic lesson, the children consolidated their learning on addition and subtraction.

In the wider curriculum subjects, in RE, the children compared Christianity to Islam. They recapped on their prior knowledge and completed a Venn Diagram to find the similarities between the two religions. They then found

similarities and differences between Christianity and their beliefs. In DT, the children started making their carnival headdresses, they used tissue paper and cardboard to make different components that made up their headdresses. Next week, they will be constructing their headdresses and putting their final decorations.



In science, the children have been really excited to see their broad beans growing in different conditions.



### Year Three

We've had a great week in year 3! In English, the children have been looking at play scripts to understand the different features and support their collaborations with each other to write their own play script. The children selected a scene from our core text 'Oliver Twist' and created a short summary of the events.

In maths, the children have been learning about time. They have learnt how to tell the time to 5 minutes and 1 minute. The children enjoyed working with the clocks to take part in short quizzes to make sure their learning was embedded.

In the wider curriculum, the children have continued to look at how trade took place during the Bronze Age. They found countries on a map and identified the different routes that they travelled to import and export goods such as tin and copper. In science, the children continued their learning about plants and this week researched the different methods of seed dispersal.



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### Year Four

We have had another wonderful week in year 4 this week. We had a visit to Christchurch Croydon to link with our RE topic of Christianity where we looked at the features of the place of worship and learnt more about the Ascension and Pentecost.



In English, students began looking at biographies and their different features and types of language used. They compared a range of biographies, identifying these features and discussing which ones are most effective and why.

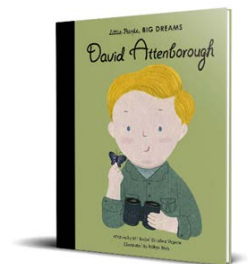
In maths this week, students have been looking at time, including days, weeks, months, hours, minutes and years. Students compared lengths of time and worked on converting between seconds, minutes and hours.

Students continued to explore the digestive system in science and had a closer look at the role of the oesophagus and stomach in the digestive process.



### Year Five

This week in Year 5, students have researched mind-blowing facts and finished writing their blog about David Attenborough. Students showed their creativity when brainstorming sub-headings and used their previous knowledge about key features of the text type to write about David's early life. We have further been using various new punctuation to engage the reader!



In Maths, we have been learning about irregular and regular polygons, lengths, and angles in a shape, and 3D shapes. Year 5 are proving themselves to be very persistent in learning their new skill!

The water cycle has continued to be a hot topic in the classroom, with students analysing how the water cycle works. The student's knowledge of mechanisms has grown as they develop a deeper



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understanding of the purpose behind Wind Turbines in Design Technology. They are excited to



begin their planning of a model wind turbine!

### Year Six

A tremendous well done to all of our Year 6 children! Each morning they have come into school with immense positivity, ready to do their absolute best and give it their all. Their determination and focus has shone through and we are already incredibly proud of their achievements!

All of their hard work and resilience has paid off and all children should be extremely proud of their efforts. Now, it's time to take a deep breath and relax with lots to look forward to at the end of Year 6.

We want our children, who've worked so hard, to remember that SATs are just one part of their amazing journey at our school. We value all of their strengths and talents, from sports to martial arts, music, art and everything in between and we can't wait to see what they achieve next!

### Maths competition winners!

The time has come to announce the winners of the 'Design a Maths T-Shirt' competition winners:

**CR - Ahana (Reception), Melissa (Year 2), Thakshan (Year 3) and Mubashir (Year 5)**

**RR - Nesma (Reception), Adhithii (Year 2), Etana (Year 5)**

Congratulations to our winners! Prizes will be given to class teachers for the winners next week!

Thank you to all the children for their amazing designs. It was so difficult to choose as there were so many brilliant entries!



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### Community



On Saturday, 11th May, four of our children took part in an international Tang Soo Do competition, held in Cardiff, Wales. Our competitors bravely competed with children who were even older than themselves. The children who competed were Hanshika Bandi (Cedar), Tatiyana Lyutakova (Sycamore), Ethan Niyaz (Magnolia) and Raza Aamir (Juniper).



The proud competitors won some medals in this competition: Ethan won a bronze medal in sparring, Raza and Tatiyana won an impressive gold medal in sparring as well.

Well done to all the participants from our school and keep up the good work!



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## ONLINE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Jointly run by Off The Record and Croydon Drop In

Join us online for the following workshops. Sign up via Eventbrite by scanning the QR code below. Cameras and microphones can be turned off.



### Transition to Secondary School

Wed 22nd May 1pm

### Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)

Wed 5th June 1pm

### Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Wed 12th June 1pm

### Looking After Yourself for Parents

Wed 19th June 1pm

### Introduction to Autism

Wed 26th June 1pm

### Introduction to ADHD

Wed 3rd July 1pm



Off The Record also run workshops for parents for support with **Self Harm** and **Emotionally Based School Avoidance** scan the QR code to the left to find out dates, times and how to sign up.



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**Are you OK  
Croydon?**



**You Talk,  
We Listen**  
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We are open Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays 10:00 to 16:30  
(last admission at 16:00)

Entrance to the farm is **free**, however donations are welcome.

BOOK VISIT HERE: <https://www.deencityfarm.co.uk/book-visit/>



Our **free** Premier League Kicks girls football sessions provide girls from 5-11 and 11-18 an opportunity to play football in a fun, safe and welcoming environment

<https://www.palaceforlife.org/project/free-girls-football-south-london/>

Get Involved football sessions: All sessions are entirely **free** thanks to funding from the Premier League, and open to all within the specified age groups, irrespective of ability:

<https://www.palaceforlife.org/project/get-involved-our-sessions/>

## Phrases of the Week



El valor del mes de West Thornton es la COLABORACIÓN. - West Thornton's termly value is COLLABORATION.

## Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Alicia	Jayce	Branavi	Kenan
Israa	Leen	Immanuel	Ariana



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YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Kyarah	Amelia	Noah	Naqasha	
Jordanna	Aaron	Ava O	Aadam	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Praise	Gessica	Adhithii	Mia	Ikrah
Meryam	Romero	Nitya	Jaanush	Adriel
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Aliane	Jaxson	Ali	Aiden	Fatemah
Adrian	Thasmiya	Alysia	Melania	Samaira
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Alexander	Maja	Pirajinth	Alaela	Elijah S.
Uri-Jay	Shravan	Denephia	Cheri	Meeran
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Nissi	Whole	Neva'ah	Sahra	Whole class
Shrija	Class	Ayushi	Rebecca. S	Whole class
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
<b>The whole of Year 6 for all their hard work this week during SATS!</b>				
Spanish				
Acer and Holly				