



# WESTERTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

21st October 2022

## Messages from the Principal

### Upcoming Events:

- Monday 24th October:** Half Term (School Closed)
- Monday 31st October:** School Open
- Tuesday 1st November:** Wear it Red - Show Racism the Red Card (children to wear an item of red clothing to demonstrate our stance against all forms of racism).
- Friday 4th November:** Bonfire Festivities - (3:15 - 4:30). Join us on the school field for a campfire, marshmallows and some fun activities.
- Friday 11th November:** Maths Coffee Morning 8:30—9:15am) - Find out more about how we teach mathematics across the school.
- Friday 11th November:** Remembrance Day
- Monday 14th— Wednesday 16th November:** Y5 Trip to Ingleborough

Good afternoon,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, parents and carers of Westerton Primary Academy for your embrace of the adaptations made since September. The children and staff have worked extremely hard which is evident throughout the school.

I know that a number of children throughout the school have carried out the challenge of the week throughout the first half term, which is very pleasing. I would like to make a special mention of Willow in 4JB who has been carrying out independent research each week. She first explored the Tutors and has since gone on to research Henry VIII, Queen Mary I, Lady Jane Grey and most recently her residence Bradgate House. I am very proud to have so many enthusiastic children across the school.

I hope you all have a great half term, stay safe, look after one another and I look forward to seeing you all on 31st October! Take care,  
David Livie

### This week...

We welcomed prospective parents and carers of Reception 2023 children to the school. Our subject leaders prepared stalls to demonstrate how each subject is taught across the school and shared information about the school with our visitors.



### Updates and Reminders

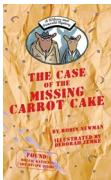
**Bonfire Night Festivities.**  
We will have toasting marshmallows, face paints, hot dogs, and campfire songs— Entry 50p per person (please see Parentpay). We would like to request donations of buns (nut-free) from Monday 31st October for this event.

**British Legion Poppies.**  
We have for sale poppies and merchandise from 31st October.

### Something to read this week:

Follow this link to hear the story of ‘The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake’: <https://storylineonline.net/books/missing-carrot-cake/>

When crime happens, especially when food goes missing on Ed’s farm, mouse crime fighters and food detectives Wilcox and Griswold are the animals to call. When Miss Rabbit’s carrot cake goes missing, they do what it takes to track down the thieves.



### Vocabulary corner

*“I believe that words are strong, that they can overwhelm what we fear when fear seems more awful than life is good.” — Andrew Solomon*

*rubbernecking* = The act of slowing down while driving to look at something interesting.

Example: ‘There are delays due to rubbernecking at the scene of the accident.’

How many other sentences can you generate using *rubbernecking*?

### Challenge of the Week

#### Freestyle Art

Can you create a piece of art, using your favourite art skills or techniques (stenciling, graffiti, pointillism, collage etc). Think about what themes you want portrayed in your art work and what images, patterns or shapes will intrigue your audience.





### Also this week...

We held our first Debate final of the Academic Year. Children from Year 3—Year 6 participated in debate heats within their classes before competing against peers across their year group. The children debated extremely well and brought research, facts and figures to their arguments.

The debate topics and the winners were:

Y3: Books are better than television—The debate champions were ‘for’ this notion and were Joseph, Emylee, Lucas and Reece.

Y4: Teachers should be replaced by computers—The winners were ‘against’ this notion and were Leon, Isaac, Ava, Alana and Isobel.

Y5: Digital technology is making children's lives better—The debate winners were ‘against’ this notion and were Brax and Annabelle.

Y6: The development of technology has created a better world—The triumphant debaters were ‘for’ this notion and were Aaron L, Aaron H, Ava and Brooke.

Well done to all of those who took part in the debate and congratulations to our debate champions!



### Last week...

Our Year 6 children visited London last week, where they had an opportunity to attend the theatre to see ‘Wicked’, visited the Natural History Museum, went on a Thames River cruise to Westminster, had a ride on the London Eye, visited Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Shrek’s Adventure Park and attended the Science museum.

