



WESTERTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 26th January: Debate heats in classes.

Friday 27th January: Literacy coffee morning for parents and carers (8:45am). Join us to find out how English is taught across the school and gain some top tips to support children at home.

Thursday 2nd February: Debate Finals

Tuesday 7th February: Internet Awareness Day

Tuesday 7th February: Year 5 and 6 disco (5.00 -7.00 pm).

Friday 10th February: Half Term (School closed).

Monday 20th February: Children return to school.

Monday 20th February: Engineering Day

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day –Dress as a book character and donate £1 to the World Book Day Charity. Use this link for costume ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS OPTIONAL—School uniform may also be worn)

Achievement Awards			
Class	Researcher	Citizen	Academic
RLE	N/A	Freddie	Edie
RCT	N/A	Mason	Heidi
RCB	N/A	Sam	Evelyn
1AC	Lola	Poppy	Lilly
1AL	Franki	Levi	Violet
1CL	Matthew S	Octavia	Avril
2SW	Elias	Mirren	Alexander
2LD	Ava	Mariam	Parker
2AT	Chase	Olivia O	Freddie
3JW	Jaxon	Harry	Darcy
3EN	Emylee	Emilia	William
3GG	LucasB	LucasA	Emily
4JB		Ellis	Elliot
4RW		Henry	Jake
4BH	Livie	Rayan	Owen F
5RC	Kevin	Freya	Riley
5SM	Erin	Libby	Dexter
5SG	Melissa	William	Ted
6KD	NA	Fran TK	Aaron H
6ME	Ava D	Hollie T	Finley W
6JM	Jude	Ray	Archie

Vocabulary corner

‘Prose, words in their best order. Poetry, the best words in the best order’
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

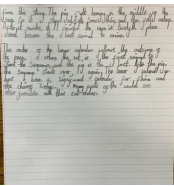
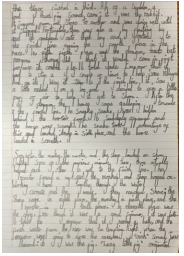
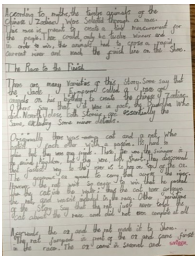
Indulge: enjoy the pleasure of something
How many different ways can you use the word **indulge**?
E.g. **Indulge** yourself with a nice, big, cream cake.

Messages from the Principal

Good afternoon,
Following our correspondence to you earlier this week regarding the industrial action taking place in February and March. We are required to complete a risk assessment in order to take all reasonable steps to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible. To inform decision making, it would be helpful to know the current position of parents in relation to their employment status. If you feel that your child(ren) is/are likely to require critical worker status and you will be unable to make alternative childcare arrangements, please can you complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/hwVDfLmj1j>
By collating this information, this does not mean:
a) that the Academy is planning to close due to industrial action
b) that your child(ren) will be allocated critical worker status
Further information will be provided to parents and carers by Wednesday 25th January. I thank you for your support with this matter.
David Livie (Principal).

This week...

Following an assembly focused on Chinese New Year, Erin in Year 4 carried out research at home to find out more about the story of the Chinese Zodiac. This Sunday, (22/1) sees in the Year of the Rabbit in the Chinese New Year. The Rabbit is the symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture, thus 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope!



Updates and Reminders

School Lunch Payments:

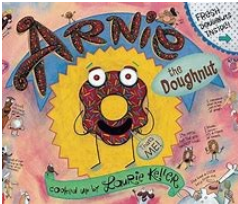
Please could we respectfully remind parents/carers that school lunches and nursery meals should be paid for in a timely manner. We would ask that, where possible these are paid for in advance, if not, please ensure that they are paid for at least weekly. This will, in turn, avoid you receiving reminder emails and telephone calls from the school office. Please be advised that, if your account is consistently in arrears, you may be asked to send your child/ren with a packed lunch until the balance is cleared.

Literacy Coffee Morning:

On Friday 27th January we will hold a coffee morning that will focus on how we teach writing. Writing is a focus for the school, outlined in our school development plan. We are making excellent progress across the school and would like to share our successes to date with you and offer strategies for you to support your child at home.

Something to read this week:

This week you could listen to Chris O’Dowd read ‘Arnie the Doughnut’ using the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E67n1vZZiQ>
There are many more stories read by famous people on the Storyline Online website for you to explore!



Challenge of the Week

You will need six containers of water for this one: three with clear water, one with red food colouring, one with blue colouring, and one with yellow colouring. Arrange them in a circle, alternating coloured and clear containers, and make bridges between the containers with folded paper towels. You will be amazed to see the coloured water "walk" over the bridges and into the clear containers, mixing colours, and giving you a first-hand look at the magic of capillarity.

