

Upcoming Events:

Messages from the Principal

**Wednesday 1st February:** Planning Industrial Action—The school will be open to children indicated in correspondence to parents/ carers.

**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)

Good afternoon,

This week we received a number of trainee teachers to the school for a day focusing on reading. The training led by Mrs Downes began with our teaching of early reading; with opportunity for the trainees to visit phonics lessons in order to observe exceptional practice. This followed by visits to the Whole Class Reading lessons across years 1 - 6 provided the trainees with an opportunity to see the progression of reading across the school and strategies we use to enable all children to succeed.

Also this week, Mrs Bedford provided a Literacy coffee morning for parents and carers with a focus on Writing. She shared strategies we use in school and information that can be used at home in order to develop the writing of the children at Westerton.

Thank you to both leaders of Literacy.

Have a great weekend,

David Livie (Principal)

Fishy Friday...

Children in Year 1 have been examining fish found in the ocean that people catch to eat! They used all their senses (except taste) to help them observe the fish. They looked at all the different parts of a fish and then were very sensible when using a knife to investigate whether or not fish have bones.



Updates and Reminders

Industrial Action

Information provided regarding the Industrial Action on Wednesday 1st February outlined that pupils in certain year groups will be able to attend school if they are in receipt of free school meals. This is not applicable to all reception, year 1 and year 2 children who receive universal free school meals. Individual letters have been provided to all children eligible for free school meals based on the National criteria. Those children will be able to attend school on the strike days.

Something to read this week:

Oxford Owl are providing free eBooks on their website. Simply register for free using the following link to access a range of books:

[https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign\\_up.html](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html)



Challenge of the Week

I have fifteen cards numbered 1– 15. I put down seven of them on the table in a row.



The numbers on the first two cards add to 15. The numbers on the second and third cards add to 20. The numbers on the third and fourth cards add to 23. The numbers on the fourth and fifth cards add to 16. The numbers on the fifth and sixth cards add to 18. The numbers on the sixth and seventh cards add to 21. What are my cards? Can you find any other solutions?

**Vocabulary corner**

*“A picture can tell a thousand words, but a few words can change it’s story.” — Sebastyne Young*

**Egocentric:** thinking only about oneself, without regard for the feelings of others.

*"Throughout his school life the boy was egocentric and tactless."*

How many different ways can you use the word **egocentric**?



## Sporting Achievements this week...

### U11s Girls football competition

On Monday, the girls took part in a Leeds United tournament with 15 schools taking part. They came second in their league of 5 and advanced to the quarter finals, losing just 1-0. They displayed great teamwork and excellent sporting attitude. Well done to you all!



### Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics

A team of 9 boys and 9 girls took part in an athletics event at the John Charles Athletics Centre against four other schools. They won and have qualified for the Leeds semi-finals to be held in February. Their training and great sporting attitudes really shone through. Excellent news, well done!



## Also this week...

During the Autumn term in History lessons, year 3 explored the Romans. They are now using the knowledge gained to write a Roman diary entry whilst also using 'The Journal of Iliona' as stimulus for their work. As part of an experience day ahead of their writing, the children took on a role as gladiator slaves. They had time to research the life of a gladiator slave and created a training programme for them. They also had a choreographed slow-motion gladiator fight scene put to dramatic music.

