



WESTERTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 7th February: Internet Awareness Day
Tuesday 7th February: Year 5 and 6 disco (5-7pm).
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	Zach	Jovan
RCT	N/A	Oliver	Freddie H
RCB	N/A	Pearl	Agnes
1AC	Maddison	Tobias	Alexander
1AL	Lucas	Eliza	Jack B
1CL	Florence	Grayson	Octavia
2SW	Jessica	Ivy	Freya
2LD	Isla D	Harper	Orla
2AT		Hugo	Albie
3JW	Roman	Lexie	Amelia
3EN	Bobby	David	Gwen
3GG	Isaac	Olivia	Zachary
4JB	Charlie	Jacob C	Lainey
4RW	Izzy	Willow	Conor
4BH	Kayden	Frankie	Eden
5RC	Seb	Rishaan	Matilda
5SM	Riyana	Seb	Louie
5SG	Owen	Austin	Usayd
6KD	Betsy H	Ava Rose - J	
6ME	Aaron T	Ava D	Elena H
6JM	Charlotte	Francesca	

Vocabulary corner

‘Loving your language means a command of its vocabulary beyond the level of the everyday’
John McWhorter

Flabbergasted—to be overcome with surprise or bewilderment.
"Teachers were **flabbergasted** by the amount of work produced by children during virtual learning." How many different ways can you use the word **flabbergasted**?

Messages from the Principal

Good afternoon,
I would like to thank all children, families and staff for your consideration and understanding this week with the adaptations we made due to the industrial action. The children who remained at school continued to show commitment to their learning as did those learning from home through ‘Teams’. Thank you to those children who carried out the home learning provided and to those who submitted the returns in their virtual classroom. We will continue to enhance our virtual classrooms and share information and learning through Teams so that all children are familiar and confident in using the platform.
Have a great weekend,
David Livie
Principal

This week...

Our Spring Term debate finals took place. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 debated exceptionally well. The year 3 debate considered whether or not the Roman invasion had a positive impact on Britain. The winning team who were ‘for’ this motion included Haris, Daisy and Hugo who provided great opening arguments, shared key facts based on research and developed counter arguments. The year 4 debate winners were Henry, Archie and Alana who debated if it were our job to save the environment. They were against the motion and raised confident and detailed points. Simran, Daniel and Ben were our winning year 5 debate team. They considered whether or not children should study mathematics until the age of 18. Being against this motion, the children shared information on the implications on mental health and confidence alongside knowledge of the mathematical development of children in education. Year 6 debated whether or not teachers should carryout strike action. Whilst both debate teams put forward key facts, relevant information and rebuffed the points made by the opposing team, Finley and Ava were judged to have won the debate based on their counter arguments.

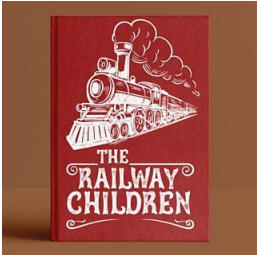


Updates and Reminders

Year 5/6 disco
Reminder that our disco is taking place on Tuesday 7th February 5.00 – 7.00pm. Children are welcome to bring a maximum of £5.00 (please bring change) on the evening to spend at the tuck shop and games stalls. In line with our school policy, no phones will be permitted at this event. Please arrive at the School Office for 5pm. With it still being dark at 7pm, we request that all parents/carers collect their children after the disco. Thank you!

Something to read this week:

BBC sounds presents ‘The Railway Children’ by E. Nesbit. A story about change, loss, love, adventure and the lives of three young children living close to the railway tracks. Listen to chapter 1 here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07snqtn>



Challenge of the Week

Gabriel wrote the numbers 1-9 in a 3x3 grid.
He then multiplied together all the numbers in each row and wrote the resulting product next to that row.
He also multiplied the numbers in each column together, and wrote the product under that column.
He then rubbed out the numbers 1-9. Can you work out where Gabriel placed the numbers 1-9?

			24
			40
			378
60	21	288	



Leeds Cross Country Finals

On Thursday, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the Leeds cross country finals based at Temple Newsam Park. It was a very challenging course and the children represented the school brilliantly. There were around 120 runners in each race, and we had many runners who finished in the top 30 in each race. Well done to all our competitive children!

