



# West Thurrock Academy

## Newsletter No 6 - 13th October 2023

### Holiday Dates -

**October Half Term** - Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 3rd November 2023

**Christmas Holidays** - Monday 18th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

**February Half Term** - Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

**Easter Holidays** - Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

**May Half-Term** - Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

**INSET Day - Friday 21st June 2024 and Monday 24th June 2024**

**Last Day of Summer Term** - Friday 19th July 2024 - 2pm Finish

### Dates for your Diary -

Tuesday 17th October 2023 - Mobile Planetarium Experience (Year 5)

Thursday 19th October 2023 - Odd Shoe Day (Year 4 Passport Activity)

**Friday 20th October 2023 - Non-School Uniform Day - In aid of the Morocco Earthquake (Year 5 to lead)**

Friday 20th October 2023 - Black History Month Museum Exhibition

Monday 6th November 2023 - Friday 10th November 2023 - Poppy Sale

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - School Photos - Individuals

Friday 10th November 2023 - Whole School Remembrance Service

Monday 13th November 2023 - Odd Socks Day

Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need

Thursday 30th November 2023 - Panto

Friday 1st December 2023 - Ice Skating Experience

Tuesday 5th December 2023 - Bedtime Stories Event

Wednesday 6th December 2023- Nutcracker - Royal Opera House (Year 3/5)

### This week's attendance levels -

**Lynx - 97% (Key Stage 1 Winner)**

Leopard - 93.2%

Panther - 96.2%

Lion - 92.8%

Bobcat - 94.6%

Marozi - 94.4%

**Bengal - 100% (Key Stage 2 Winner)**

Cougar - 96.4%

Liger - 92.6%

Ocelot - 96.6%

Jaguar - 96.8%

Puma - 93.2%

Tigon - 96.7%

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 16TH OCTOBER 2023

<b>Monday</b>	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake with Mixed Vegetables	Creamy Cheese & Pea Pasta with Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pork Sausage with Mash Potato and Baked Beans	Meat Free Sausage with Mash Potato and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice and Mixed Vegetables	Sweet & Sour Quorn Bites with Rice and Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Carrot Cake
<b>Thursday</b>	Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Frozen Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Lemon Fish Bites with Chips and Peas	Vegetable Fingers with Chips and Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruit Cocktail

### **Black History Museum Exhibition -**

I am delighted to invite all parents to attend our Black History Month Museum Exhibition. During the past few months, the children have been completing a range of activities linked to celebrating Black History Month. The children have attended assemblies and taken part in sessions learning about a range of different people including: Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Lenny Henry, Lewis Hamilton and many more. On Friday, parents will be invited to come and look around the hall. Each class will create a display, showcasing their work linked to one of the significant people we have looked at. The event will take place at 8:45am until 9:15am and again at 3:00pm and 3:30pm.

### **Non-School Uniform Day - In aid of the Morocco Earthquake -**

As part of their literacy work, Year 5 have been writing newspaper reports about the events of the Moroccan Earthquake that occurred on Friday 8th September. In light of the devastating impact of the quake, Year 5 would like to invite the whole school to raise funds for the Red Cross appeal. Children are invited to come to school on Friday 20th October dressed in the colours of the Moroccan Flag (green and red) and are encouraged to donate whatever they can to the appeal.

### **Photo Permissions -**

The school has recently commissioned a photographer to take a range of professional photos for the school to use in a range of different ways. The photographer was onsite a couple of weeks ago and took hundreds of pictures of the school's building, grounds and facilities. He will be returning in the next few weeks to take even more photos but this time with the children. To ensure we know which children are able to be in these pictures, we have decided to send out a photo permission form. This form will let the school know who has permission to have their photo taken and also allow parents to say how any photo in the school is used or published. This form will allow staff to know which children can be featured on the school's website, social media pages and in other documents such as the school's prospectus. Please complete the form using the link below as soon as possible.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCJ8QEKBpfr40xbAuT7M6E8TqW8PfauXdTKwKjQglGY378cg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

### **Seesaw -**

As outlined in previous messages and letters, we are intending for all classes to use the Seesaw app with the children this year. Seesaw is a secure online learning journal where children can document and reflect on what they are learning in class. In addition to the children being able to share their work with parents, the app also allows for the class teacher and parent to communicate via the message section of the app. It is our hope that this feature will enable further improved communication between school and home. To enable the school to begin creating an account for your child, we require your consent. To provide your consent, please complete the form using the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\\_3lOxv5GMsdplQBUrPlvl7qRXWYHTQwIarn15khG\\_7tSGA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_3lOxv5GMsdplQBUrPlvl7qRXWYHTQwIarn15khG_7tSGA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

It is our hope that we will be able to begin sharing your child's education journey (using Seesaw) after the October half term; however, this will depend on how quickly we receive consent.

### **Poppy Sale -**

The children in Reception will be selling a range of items to raise money for The Royal British Legion from Monday 6th November 2023. Further details about the items available and the costs will be shared by the children in Reception in the coming week.

### **School Dinner Menu -**

Next week will be the final week of the Summer Menu. From Monday 6th November, a new menu will be introduced. The new menu will be sent out by the end of next week.