



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 22 - 15th March 2024

The next school holiday is -

Easter Holidays -

Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

Future Holiday dates -

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 -

Monday 18th March 2024 - Library Visit (Jungle Cat)

Monday 18th March 2024 - Year 1 - Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 19th March 2024 - Year 2 - Sharing Assembly

Monday 25th March 2024 - Library Visit (Wildcat)

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Easter Raffle (Year 5 to lead)

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Year 4 - Selling items to school

Wednesday 17th April 2024 - Circus Skills Workshop (Year 2/3/4)

Monday 22nd April 2024 - Earth Day - Eco in VR workshop (Year 4/5/6)

Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th April 2024 - Parents Consultations (N - Yr 6)

Thursday 25th April 2024 - William Shakespeare Workshop (Year 2)

Thursday 25th April 2024 - Rock Up Trip (Year 4)

Thursday 9th May 2024 - Colchester Zoo Trip (Year 3)

Tuesday 21st May 2024 - Graffiti Workshop (Year 6)

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 99.3% Key Stage 1 Winner

Leopard - 94.8%

Panther - 93.8%

Lion - 96%

Bobcat - 96.6%

Marozi - 93.9%

Bengal - 91.7%

Cougar - 95.9%

Liger - 94%

Ocelot - 96.6%

Jaguar - 96.2%

Puma - 96.6% Key Stage 2 Winner

Tigon - 95.5%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 18TH MARCH 2024

Monday	Spaghetti Bolognese	Tomato Vegetable Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Syrup Sponge with Custard
Tuesday	Sausage with Chips, Beans or Peas	Vegan Sausage with Chips, Beans or Peas	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Chocolate Cookie
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Mixed Berries & Cream
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza with Crispers, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Crispers, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Potato Crispers	Ice Cream Roll
Friday	Fish Fingers with Mash, Peas or Beans	Vegetable Fingers with Mash, Peas or Beans	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail

Comic Relief

It was great to see so many children taking part in the Comic Relief event today. It was great to see the children take on the teachers in a range of challenges. From the information I have received so far it looks like the adults have had a successful day! As for my personal challenge, I have played nearly 20 games of Connect 4 today. Unfortunately, I didn't manage to win every game. The representative from Marozi Class beat me which resulted in £20 being added to our overall total. I am delighted to inform parents that today's donations have raised £291.76! I would like to thank the children and staff in Year 3 for arranging the event. Those who arranged the event will receive a certificate today to recognise their contribution.

Year 5 Charity Event

The children in Year 5 will be raising money for the school in an upcoming charity event. The children will be organising and running an Easter Egg Raffle. As part of the event, the children are asking for Easter Egg donations. Any chocolate egg donations will be welcome. As a school, we are guaranteeing at least 100 prizes will be won during the raffle; however, the more donations we receive, the more prizes there will be to be won. All egg donations will be collected from classes and stored until the event. From Monday 18th March, children will be able to buy individual raffle tickets for 20p each. All tickets sold will be put into the draw. On Thursday 28th March, the children from Year 5 will run a whole school assembly to draw the winners.

Boosters

Due to the majority of teacher needing to attend training, only Year 6 boosters will take place next week. All other year group booster sessions have been cancelled. Booster sessions will be back to normal the week after.

Year 1 and Year 2 Sharing Assemblies

Next week, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be completing a sharing assembly. Parents are invited to attend on the dates and times found below:

Monday 18th March 2024 - Year 1 - Sharing Assembly - Venue: School Hall - Time: 2:30pm

Tuesday 19th March 2024 - Year 2 - Sharing Assembly - Venue: School Hall - Time: 2:30pm

During these assemblies, the children will share things that they have been learning about this year through a range of ways.

Internet Safety - Zoom Parent Session

On Monday 26th February 2024, all parents and carers were invited to attend an online session which focused on Internet Safety, Criminal Exploitation and Online Child Sexual Exploitation of Children. The session was led by John Woodley and John Staines also known as 'The 2 Johns'. As expected, the session was hard hitting and informative. If you were not able to attend the session, you can watch it using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vpmkh4vqxapirmjXc99SC7FcpBSVnlRisgCRI-5Gj6nJFzRAZ7jfx2kE8TcppGW-.cy1ErZmHK-7jwubb>

This link will be accessible until 24th March 2024. We have been asked to inform parents that this video should not be downloaded, stored or accessed beyond the 24th March 2024. As stated before, I would encourage everyone to watch this video. Every parent and member of staff who has attended the training sessions before have always found the sessions extremely useful and informative. If you have any questions linked to your child's safety whilst using technology, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Alternatively, you could access the parent section on the 'The 2 Johns' website using the link below which has lots of information and tips for parents.

[Parent/Carer Area - eSafety Training](#)

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day Event will take place on Friday 24th May 2024. The event will be split into two sessions, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. Between the sessions, all families (Nursery to Year 6) will have the chance to bring a picnic along with them and sit with their child(ren) and friends on the field. A letter will be sent out closer to the time to confirm arrangements.