



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 26 - 26th April 2024

The next school holiday is -

May Holiday -

Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

Future Holiday dates -

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 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 -

Friday 3rd May 2024 - EYFS Character Party (Nursery and Reception)

Monday 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday

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

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

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 - 'Back Packing' Around South America Event

Friday 24th May 2024 - Sports Day (Including Picnic Lunch)

Tuesday 4th June 2024 - Roman Gladiator Workshop

Wednesday 5th June 2024 - World Environment Day - Thomas the Gorilla Visit

Wednesday 5th June 2024 - Green Screen Workshop (Year 5)

Thursday 6th June 2024 - Dance Show at Thameside Theatre

Friday 7th June 2024 - Southend Pier Trip (Reception)

Monday 10th June 2024 - Chocolate Making Experience (Year 2)

Tuesday 11th June 2024 - Junior Music Festival Rehearsal at St Thomas

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 93.8%

Leopard - 88%

Panther - 92.4%

Lion - 95%

Bobcat - 95.7%

Marozi - 94.3%

Bengal - 91.2%

Cougar - 95.3%

Liger - 95%

Ocelot - 97.3% Key Stage 1 Winner

Jaguar - 90.3%

Puma - 95.9% Key Stage 2 Winner

Tigon - 93.7%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 29TH APRIL 2024

Monday	Hot Dog with Potato Smiles and Sweetcorn	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Smiles and Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti and Mixed Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti and Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Banana Sponge
Wednesday	Spanish Chicken with Rice and Carrots	Spanish Quorn with Rice and Carrots	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Potato Cubes and Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Cubes and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Potato Cubes	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas	Meat Free Sausage Roll with Chips and Peas	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Fruit Cocktail

Parents Evening

I wanted to thank all of the parents that were able to attend the second round of parent consultations. I hope that those who attended found the sessions informative. If you were unable to attend this week and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the office who will be able to support you with making an appointment with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

School Disco

I would like to thank the staff who gave up their own time to organise and run the school discos this week. Both discos were sold out which resulted in 130 children attending each of the events. Due to the success and demand for the event, we are already considering dates for future discos. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank AJ the Entertainer for providing the children with some fantastic entertainment.

Clubs / Boosters

New clubs will begin next week. If your child has been allocated a club, you would have received an email from Mrs Brain asking you to fill in an online form about collection arrangements. If you have yet to return this form, please do so as soon as possible.

If your child has been invited to a booster this term, they will also begin this week.

ECO VR

On Tuesday, we welcomed Tessa from the Education Group. Tessa brought 30 VR head sets with her which enabled the children to become immersed in the session. The session focused on real ecological problems which were brought to life, along with simple real-life solutions. Issues such as pollution, overfishing, agriculture and plastic waste were examined. It is our hope that the children understand that climate change is an important topic with complex causes whilst realising that they are able to play their role in protecting our planet.

Rock Up Trip (Year 4)

The children in Year 4 had a fantastic time at Rock Up this week. The children challenged themselves as they took on a range of climbing challenges. To reward the children for their hard-work and perseverance, they were each given a McFlurry! As always, the children's behaviour and attitude was exemplary.

EYFS Superhero Party

On Friday 3rd May 2024, the children in Nursery and Reception will be having a Superhero party during the school day. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a Superhero of their choice. This can be a home-made costume, dressing up as a real-life superhero or one of the popular fictional characters. If you are struggling to provide your child with a costume, please let us know as we do have some spare costumes in school. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

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.