



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 29 - 17th May 2024

The next school holiday is -

May Holiday -

Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

Future Holiday dates -

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

Future term dates -

First Day of the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Dates for your Diary -

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)

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

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

Tuesday 11th June 2024 - Dance Show at Thameside Theatre

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

Friday 14th June 2024 - Year 5 Careers Day

Monday 17th June 2024 - Legoland Trip (Year 4)

Monday 17th June 2024 - Go Ape Trip (Year 6)

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 97.7% Key Stage 1 Winner

Leopard - 96.1%

Panther - 96.4%

Lion - 100% Key Stage 2 Winner

Bobcat - 93.7%

Marozi - 96.3%

Bengal - 96.4%

Cougar - 99.3%

Liger - 99%

Ocelot - 91.3%

Jaguar - 89.3%

Puma - 94.8%

Tigon - 94.7%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 20TH MAY 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	'Back Packing' Around South America Special Menu			
	Beef Empanada	Quorn Salchipapas	Cheese or Ham Arapas	Bom-bocada or Fruit Cocktail
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

Sports Day

I would like to remind families that our planned Sports Day event will take place on **Friday 24th May 2024** for all children. The event will be the same as last year. **Please ensure all children come to school on Friday in their PE kit.**

Parents and carers from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be invited to attend Sports Day at 9:30am. The event will finish no later than 11:30am. 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. This part of the day will take place after the EYFS and Key Stage One event and before the Key Stage Two event. **Parents will be able to collect their children from the classrooms at 12 o'clock for the family picnic which will finish at 1pm. We would like to remind families that alcohol and any type of smoking (including vaping) are not permitted on school site.**

I would like to remind families that they need to confirm if an adult will be attending the picnic lunch with their child. **Please complete the form below (as soon as possible)** to identify any adult that may be attending the picnic. The form below can also be used to order a lunch for your child on the day.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd28E-D8mAmkQwgwx3uW_ENyqfY6gyb40PGMSMg7Q3x-yP6pA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

If you are unable to attend the event and intend to ask a relative or friend to look after your child, please ensure their name is registered on the form. If your child does not have a named adult collecting them for the picnic, they will eat their picnic with members of staff in the hall. Please ensure your child is always supervised if you are attending the picnic with them.

At 1pm, all children will return to class.

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will then begin their sporting events at 1:30pm.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the event.

Year 6 SATS Week

I wanted to say a huge well done to the children and staff for completing this year's SATS week. As always, the tests were challenging. Our fantastic Year 6's faced these challenges with a great attitude and never gave up. During the past week, they have completed 6 tests in three areas of the curriculum. We are all proud of them regardless of what the outcomes may be. I would personally also like to thank all of the staff who have worked with the children during their time at WTA. Since I started, I have encouraged the staff to play their own role in ensuring the children leave the school working at their full potential. There has been a large number of staff who have worked with the children during the day and after school at boosters. Thank you for your time and dedication.

'Back Packing' Around South America Event

Next week, the Spanish and Geography Leaders have arranged for the children to complete a 'Back Packing' Around South America Event. At the beginning of the week, the children will learn about and create work linked to a South American country. Later in the week, the children and staff will make displays in their classrooms for others to look at. On Thursday, the children are invited to attend school dressed in the colours of their country (these can be found below). During the day, the children will have the chance to travel around the school visiting different countries. Each child will be given a passport and will collect stamps as they enter each class. The leaders have also worked with the kitchen to design a special menu which can be found on page one of this newsletter.

Countries involved in our 'Back Packing' Around South America Event and the colours the children can wear :

Nursery - Venezuela - Yellow, Blue, Red and White

Reception - Bolivia - Red, Yellow and Green

Year 1 - Argentina - Blue, White and Yellow

Year 2 - Chile - Red, White and Blue

Year 3 - Peru - Red and White

Year 4 - Brazil - Yellow, Blue, White and Green

Year 5 - Ecuador - Yellow, Blue and Red

Year 6 - Colombia - Yellow, Blue and Red