



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 9 - 17th November 2023

Holiday Dates -

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 -

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Walk Online Workshop - Year 5

Friday 24th November 2023 - Year 3 Police Workshop - Home Safety

Friday 24th November 2023 - Year 6 Police Workshop - Anti-bullying

Monday 27th November 2023 - Year 5 Sharing Assembly @2:30pm

Tuesday 28th November 2023 - Year 3 Sharing Assembly @2:30pm

Wednesday 29th November 2023 - Year 4 - Cheese Tasting

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)

Thursday 7th December 2023 - WTA Christmas Day (Dinner/Jumper/Party)

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 99.3% (Key Stage 1 Winner)

Leopard - 98.6% (Key Stage 2 Winner)

Panther - 94.8%

Lion - 96.3%

Bobcat - 91%

Marozi - 94.7%

Bengal - 97.8%

Cougar - 96%

Liger - 94.7%

Ocelot - 90%

Jaguar - 96%

Puma - 98.6% (Key Stage 2 Winner)

Tigon - 92%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

Monday	Beef Meatballs with Pasta, Green Beans and Broccoli	Quorn Balls with Pasta, Green Beans and Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Ice Cream Roll
Tuesday	Chicken Paella with Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Spanish Quorn Fillet with Rice, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jelly
Thursday	Ham & Pineapple 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	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard
Friday	Breaded Lemon Fish Bites with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Coco Sponge with Cocoa Sauce

Odd Socks Day -

This week we celebrated Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. I would like to thank all of the children and staff that joined in with this event.

Children in Need -

The children in Year 2 designed and informed children, staff and parents about today's Children in Need celebrations. It was great to see so many of the children supporting the cause. The money raised will be counted over the weekend and on Monday, there will be a special assembly held to inform the children how much has been collected.

For every £50 raised, a staff member will be randomly chosen to complete one of the following challenges:

- Eat Toxic Waste (sour sweets).
- Drink a spoonful of hot sauce.
- Be showered with water balloons.
- Have whipped cream pies tossed at them.
- Complete the ice bucket challenge.

Each challenge will be recorded and placed on the school's Facebook Page for all to view. I would like to thank the children and staff in Year 2 for arranging the event. Those who arranged the event would have received a certificate today to recognise their contribution.

Parent consultations -

I would like to thank everyone who attended one of the Parent consultation events this week. If you were unable to book or missed your appointment, please contact your child's teacher to find a mutually convenient time to meet. These discussions play an important role in having an open and honest dialogue about the progress of your child and how to support them if help is required.

Bedtime Stories -

This year, we have decided to hold our 'Bedtime Stories' event again. The event will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023. The event will be held at school between the hours of 5pm - 6pm (children in Nursery and Reception) or 6pm - 7pm (children in Year 1 - Year 6). To take part in this event, the children will be invited to attend the school in their pyjamas and dressing gown with the option to bring slippers to change into. During the event, they will have milk and cookies whilst listening to different stories in their class. A letter about this event will be sent out next week.

Seesaw -

After a successful roll out of the Seesaw App in Reception, I am pleased to inform parents that the app has now been rolled out across the school. If you have completed the consent form, your child should have received a document with instructions linked to the next steps required to create and activate your account. If you have not yet accessed the online consent form, please do so as soon as possible using the link below. Without your consent, your child will not be given a Seesaw Account.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_3IOxv5GMsdpLQBUrPlovi7qRXWYHTQwIarn15khG_7tSGA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

The first post for the children in Year 1 - Year 6 will be sent out imminently.