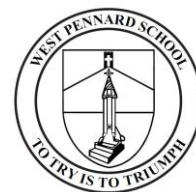




Weekly Newsletter



Written for the Week Beginning 3rd June 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the half term holiday approaches, I'd like to reflect on some of the many things that we have done and achieved already so far this term. In the last five weeks Year 6 have had a wonderful residential to Osmington Bay, have completed their SATs and have started working on their production of the Lion King. They have also taken part in a debate at the Youth Parliament in Taunton. Year 5 children have attended the Cyder Barn care home for the first time and have had a taster day at Whitstone School. Year 4 children have had an Egyptian workshop from Somerset Heritage Service and Year 1 have visited Noah's Ark Zoo Farm Park. Year 2 completed their SATs and enjoyed a vicar workshop with Revd Chris Hopkins. Children from Year 1-6 have taken part in an engineering showcase at Haynes Motor Museum and have had the opportunity to watch the cricket at Taunton County Cricket ground, and to take part in a Tri-Golf and a girls' cricket competitions.

As a school we sent our thoughts and wishes to a child with a life-limiting illness as part of our work with the 52 Lives Charity. We followed this up with a blue muffin, where we raised £175 which has bought tickets for Mary and her family to make some lasting memories at Chester Zoo. We also supported Christian Aid and raised a respectable £78.15, which will go to support mothers in Sierra Leone.

Finally, we saw the official opening of the new outside area for Reception Class. It is already proving to be a real hit with the children and has a multitude of uses. Have a great half term break!

Best wishes

Tony Wheat

Menu Week 3

Quote of the week

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40 v31

Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

Year R:	89.8%
Year 1:	96.3%
Year 2:	98.7%
Year 3:	96.7%
Year 4:	98.1%
Year 5:	92.9%
Year 6:	100%

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having 100% attendance last week!



Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year R: **Aubrey & Rudy R**
- Year 1: **Kacey-Leigh**
- Year 2: **Chloe & Roo**
- Year 3: **Max & Harriet**
- Year 4: **Macy & Zara**
- Year 5: **Sidney & Ari**
- Year 6: **Owen & Reuben**

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week.

Please can children return their badges to a member of staff in the school office the following Friday.

If your child has received an award outside of school, then we would love to be able to present them with it in our weekly celebration assembly.

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Primary Engineers

This morning 12 children from Year 1- 6 took part in a showcase event at Haynes Motor Museum to test out the cars that they have made as part of the Young Engineers Project with Mr Wheat and Miss Holmes. The cars were put through their paces, having to negotiate steep inclines and also travel as far as they could, without power, down different gradients. A big well done to all the children that took part and also the parents for helping along the way and coming along to support. There are most certainly some budding engineers amongst our ranks! Mr Wheat



Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

In Class 4 on Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Sam from Heritage Trust to our classroom to delivery an Egyptian workshop. We learnt lots about our topic and had plenty of fun painting our own scarab beetles, making our own ancient Egyptian bread (with mixed reviews), playing the role of archaeologists - looking for ancient Egyptian artefacts and of course some dressing up! Mr Bisgrove



Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay

Last weekend, I had the absolute privilege of accompanying the Year 6 children, Mrs Pinsent and Mrs Middleton on their residential. The children's behaviour was excellent throughout and their 'To Try is to Triumph' attitude should be commended. The instructors at the PGL site were very skilled at encouraging children to stretch themselves and really push through what they think they can do to actually achieve much, much more. This was particularly evident on some of the 'high' activities such as climbing, trapeze and zip wire. We saw children who in their own words 'don't like heights' try to overcome fears with many astonishing their peers and gaining a real sense of achievement. Residential are such an effective way of building resilience, teamwork and self-belief and it was a pleasure seeing the children thrive. Miss Hale



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The Big Question Board

This week's Big Question was

What is a hero? Do you know any?

Some of the fantastic answers we had include

'A hero is kind and generous – My Mum.'

'A hero is someone who stands up for his/her causes.'

'A hero is someone who is very helpful. The teachers are heroes because they teach us everything we know.'

'God – He solves my problems.'

'Someone who helps people and is trustworthy and kind like Jesus. My dad is my hero.'

'A hero is someone who helps people like Jesus.'

'A friend or family member who loves and will care and will always be there to forgive like mums and dads who are everyone's heroes'

I wonder how you would have answered this question. If you do have any responses to this (and other Big Questions in subsequent weeks) please send them into school, we would love to share the debate with you!

County Cricket

On Tuesday, class 6 and the Sports Leaders from class 5 were lucky enough to travel to Somerset County Cricket Club in Taunton to watch day 2 of Somerset's league match against Warwickshire. We were blessed with glorious sunshine and were kept busy by the various cricket activities going on around the ground. The children were brilliantly behaved as always and thoroughly enjoyed their day (and their ice pop!) Mr Bisgrove



Church Lane – Road Safety

Please ensure you drive safely and at a reasonable speed (maximum 15 mph) in Church Lane. The safety of the children is our priority and prime concern when cars are driving at high speed. When turning at the top of the lane please be patient in the queue and consider other drivers coming out of the car park. Also please do not park in the entrance of the school; this must be kept clear at all times. Thank you

Dates for next week

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Tuesday 4th June	Rounders Match – Wookey School
Wednesday 5th June	Induction Evening for new admissions 6pm
Thursday 6th June – Friday 7th June	Bikeability for Year 6

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