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I'd like to say a big thank you to parents for their understanding and support during a difficult week last week when we dealt with a significant e-safety incident which happened outside of school, involving children from Westgate and two other local schools. I am so proud of the children involved and the way they used everything they had learned in e-safety lessons in school to deal with a difficult situation and keep themselves- and hopefully others- safe. If as a parent you would like more information about how you can help to keep your child safe in the fast-moving online world, there are valuable resources at:

Leeds Safeguarding Children's Board

<http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online> ;

Think U Know (CEOP) <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> ; and Net Aware

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title> .

As a rule of thumb, you should always report concerning activity to CEOP:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> and in cases where you think criminal activity may have occurred, ring the police on **101** to report this. Finally, the biggest- and simplest- things you can do are: monitor the apps that your child uses on smartphones and tablets and take age restrictions (usually you have to be at least 13 for many social media apps) seriously; talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online; ensure that they know they can and should tell you immediately if anything happens that makes them worried, scared or uncomfortable online, whether it is a friend's or a stranger's behaviour that is making them feel this way. Thank you again for your support with this ongoing challenge of modern life.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

ERASMUS VISITORS

Yesterday I was extremely proud to share our school with 7 visitors: Anne Fell, senior school improvement adviser for Leeds, and 6 delegates from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Poland, who were visiting Leeds as part of an Erasmus project called LELETO (Leading to Learn Together). I was able to share with them the way we have developed a collaborative approach to teachers' continuing professional development at Westgate, and in particular in the way we have developed our mathematics teaching. Anne said, "Our 6 visitors were blown away by everything- and full of joy and excitement when they re-joined the full group in the afternoon. They couldn't stop talking about the children- who were found to be very motivated and co-operative, with 'super concentration', about the classrooms where there was plenty of talk, images and opportunities to share learning, and about the teachers and support staff who were so friendly and warm." Y1, Y3 and Y5 all welcomed visitors in to see one of their lessons and we spent some time talking about our school system, the children's learning and our approach to teacher development. We are very proud to have been chosen by the local authority to be one of only a small number of schools to host a group of delegates this week to share what we do.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some additional dates for your diary or calendar:

21/02/17 FOW Stew & Oyster
03/03/17 FOW Toy Sale
07/03/17 Y6 transition play for children and parent: 'Ch-ch-changes'
10/03/17 Y3 Hindu Mandir Trip
16/03/17 Y1/2 Trip to Skipton Castle
21/03/17 Rugby Team tournament
25/03/17 FOW Easter Fair



JOB VACANCY



We have a vacancy for a **school cleaner**. This is for 10 hours per week, from 15:00 to 17:00 each week day, or 15:30 to 17:30. In holidays it is possible to

condense these hours to give additional flexibility for holidays, by mutual agreement. Please enquire in the school office if you would like more information, or take a look at the advert on the school website. The closing date is 7th February and interviews will take place on Friday 10th February. This is an important role as part of our staff team as the condition of the learning environment makes a big difference to our children's learning experience.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

January's winners are:

1st: Amy Gregory (£118)

2nd: Alison Kilmartin (£29.50)

3rd: Laura Fortune (£14.50)

We currently have 59 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Finlay in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund, which is used to purchase resources, to fund visitors to school and to subsidise trips for all pupils.



OTLEY COURTHOUSE

The latest programme of events at Otley Courthouse can be found online here:

https://issuu.com/otleycourthouse/docs/otley_courthouse_spring-summer_2017

Hopefully there is something there for everyone!

WALK THE WALLS



Just a reminder for parents that Walk the Walls is an opportunity for parents in Y1-Y6 to pop into their child's classroom after school to look at work on the wall and for your child to share what they have been learning in school. The next Walk the Walls is 07/02/17. Collect your child from their class as normal and once all children have been collected (by about 15:30), you are able to come back into school with your child to share their learning and speak with their teacher, till about 16:00.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder that some payments are due:



School milk (£7 per term);

School meals in KS2 (£2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week/ £75.90 till half term);

Nursery flexi lunches (£4 per week); music tuition (£35 per term); instrument hire (£15 per term/ £25 per term for cellos). Please also ensure that we are informed promptly of any changes of contact details (address/ phone number/ email address) so that we can update our records and ensure you receive communications correctly.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENGAGEMENT EVENT

On 27/01/17 Mrs Hopkins and school councillors Eve Heath-Walker, Nate Williamson, Livia Mirfield and Robin Marsh visited PHGS to take part in a Young People's Engagement Event with children from across the city, working with city councillors and officers. During the morning the children took part in various activities such as drama, mine-craft, den building and sports activities, as well as finding out about democracy. The final activity involved the children working alongside children from 29 other primary schools. Leeds City Council have a pot of money for children's activities and the groups had to decide what they would like the money to be spent on. Thank you to Mrs Hopkins and well done to our four councillors for representing Westgate and giving our pupils a voice in real life local democracy.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE

You will have received a letter this week about our main fundraising event, the **Easter Fair**! It takes place this year on Saturday 25/03/17 from 10:00 till

12:00. We are asking for donations of goods for key stalls such as the tombola and raffle, as well as the **Toy Sale** which happens as a little taster before the main fair, on 03/03/17.

We also have tickets available next week for a FOW social event at the newly opened **Stew and Oyster** on Tuesday 21/02/2017 straight after half term: look out for details coming in the next couple of days!

Children will also shortly be receiving letters inviting them to submit suggestions for the theme of this year's carnival entry. **Otley Carnival** this year takes place on Saturday 17/06/17. Last year we achieved an enviable hat trick: not only did Emily in Y6 win the carnival programme design competition, our 'English Country Garden' entry also was declared overall winner by the judges and the winner of the Wilkinson Trophy, voted for by members of the public on the day. And of course we always have the largest turnout of any organisation in the parade!

We are also proud to be match funding School Council to provide extra seating for the children. They have worked with Mrs Hopkins to choose the design and location of the seating, which we hope will be installed in the next month.

If you went to the competition on Monday, you would have seen the children wearing our new Westgate team kit which has been purchased with our sports premium funding. Lizzy & Oliver (Y4) love the kit. Lizzy said "The kit represents us really well & tells the other teams we're from Westgate. I wish we could keep it!"

Mrs Hooper

SPORTS REPORT



Welcome to a new, regular feature! Last Monday, children from Y4 & 5 went to PHGS to play in a basketball festival against other schools. As usual, Westgate children

participated with great enthusiasm & team spirit and even won one of their games. Well done! Oscar & Raphie (Y4) who played said "It was great when Edward & Henry got the ball through the hoop & the referees were really nice!"