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WESTGATE WELCOMES

We are very proud to be welcoming Vlad to Y5 this week. I couldn't have asked for more from the children and staff, in his class and around school, for the effort they have made to welcome him to Westgate- learning Ukrainian phrases and making bilingual signage. We are all looking forward to helping him feel part of our community.

Reception offers have now by and large been accepted and we are starting to plan for September. There may still be some movement with waiting list places before September and I will keep families informed of any changes.

Induction and transition plans are now underway. These include:

- 3 days induction at Prince Henry's Grammar School for Y6
- Junior band day at PHGS for Y6 instrumentalists
- Whole school transition day for Reception to Y5, when children spend the day in their new class with the staff they will be working with
- Induction morning for children joining Reception in September
- Y5 high school experience day at PHGS
- Personalised/ additional transition for those children who need it.

Dates for these can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Helen Carpenter
Head Teacher

Anything in a red box in this newsletter may require action on your part. Thank you ☺

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



School council raised **£253.07** on Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. They also raised **£269.55** with their chocolate tombola, which is being split between the **DEC Ukraine appeal** and **Otley Welcomes**, a Community Interest Company working to support Ukrainian refugees who come to Otley to live.

A huge well done to School Council for organising this and thank you to everyone who contributed and supported these events.



ECO TEAM NEWS

Just a reminder that you can recycle the following through Westgate:

- Crisp Packets
- Empty Printer ink cartridges
- Batteries
- Clothes (through termly Rag Bag collections)



All of these except the crisp packets also raise money for school, so please feel free to bring in items not just from home but from your place of work too!

We were delighted to be awarded '**Leeds School of the Year**' for sustainable travel last month; this is because of the fantastic progress we have all made in decreasing car use for school journeys. Thank you to all our families for your support!

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find below a summary of dates for your diary for the remainder of the school year:

13/05/22 Training Day First Aid at Work all staff- school closed to pupils

18/05/22 Learning Passport mtgs (SEND pupils only)

19/05/22 Whole school road safety training

21/05/22 Otley Show

22/05/22 FOW Jubilee Street Party

26/05/22 Maypole 09:15

26/05/22 School Art Exhibition after school

27/05/22 Break up

06/06/22 Back to school

13-24/06/22 Health & Wellbeing Fortnight

13/06/22 Rec- Y3 scooter training

14/06/22 Y4-6 scooter training

15/06/22 Reception Induction 19:00

16/06/22 Clean Air Day

15-17/06/22 Y6 Herd Farm residential

18/06/22 Otley Carnival

20-26/06/22 Refugee Week

21/06/22 Sports Day

21/06/22 Nursery Induction 15:45

22/06/22 Reception Stay & Play am

23/06/22 Y2 trip to Skipton Castle

27/06/22 Y5 High School Experience Day

27/06/22 Y6 transition road safety training

27/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y2/4/6

28/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play am

28/06/22 Meet the Teacher Y1/3/5

29/06/22 Y6 Junior Band Day at PHGS (instrumentalists only)

30/06/22 Nursery Stay & Play pm

30/06/22- 01/07/22 Y5 Whitby residential

13-15/07/22 Y6-Y7 Induction Days PHGS

14/07/22 Whole School Transition Day

14/07/22 Rec Induction Morning

18/07/22 Talent show 13:45

20/ 07/22 Y6 Leavers Play 19:00- 20:00

21/ 07/22 Y6 Leavers Party 19:00- 20:30

22/07/22 Leavers' Assembly 09:00

22/07/22 Break up

25/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)

26/07/22 Training Day (disaggregated)

If your child does not normally attend Nursery when a blue event is taking place, you are welcome to bring them along. Further details will be available from Miss Robinson.

Green events are new or amended since these dates were last published.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

March's winners were:

1st: (£130) S. Mumford

2nd: (£32.50) S. Taylor

3rd: (£16.25) E. Savin

April's winners were:

1st: (£128) L. Danskin

2nd: (£32.00) K. Burnett

3rd: (£16.00) D & R Lees



As of April we have **64** members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please contact [Mrs Bleasdale](#) in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. **We would really like to increase our membership this term, and the more members we have the larger the prize fund to be won!** All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund. Current projects we are seeking funding for include: climate-proofing the outdoor spaces through planting; improvements to the kitchen facilities for EYFS/ pupils. **Average monthly prizes last academic year were £142.17, £35.54 and £17.77!**

SPORTS NEWS



Summer term is always a busy one for PE and Sport at Westgate and this year is no exception!

Upcoming events include cricket at Leeds Mods, Bee Netball at St Mary's, Y4

Netball festival at PHGS, Brownlee triathlon, Girls' Dynamos cricket at Otley CC and many more.

Mrs Hooper is also busy planning **Health & Wellbeing Fortnight**, with a wide range of activities to support children to be healthy, active and happy. This includes **School Sports Day on Tuesday 21/06/22**.

Timings for this will be, approximately:

10:00 Reception, Y1 and Y2

12:30 Nursery

13:45 Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

15:00 Finish

We hope that parents & carers will be able to join us at Grovehill Park for this event, and maybe even take part in a race for fun!

This year, Health & Wellbeing Fortnight has an 'Anyone Can' theme, where we are breaking down barriers and stereotypes such as gender and disability. As part of this, we will be taking a large group of children and adults to the England Lionesses' football match vs the Netherlands, we'll also be welcoming Anthony Cotterill, a wheelchair tennis player, and Rachael Mackenzie, a female Thai boxer, to school. We will be maintaining our links with local clubs by having sessions run by Grove Hill Tennis, Zetsurin Karate, Footloose Dance,

Inspirations Dance, Ilkley Tennis and Pro-ride cycling and there'll be lots of fun with a day of Shooting Stars Circus Skills. We'll also be keeping up our efforts in Active Travel with scooter training for the whole school, and thinking about water safety during Drowning Prevention week. We hope the children will have a wonderful time!

FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



Our next event is a **street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. As the bank holiday itself falls within the half term holiday, this is taking place on **Sunday, 22/05/22 from 13:00 until 15:00**. There will be a licensed bar, barbecue and tuck shop and you are welcome to bring your own picnic too if you wish. We hope that lots of our school community will join us! Following on from that is **Otley Carnival on 18/06/22**, of course. Connie's idea of 'The Weather' has been chosen as our theme and we will be seeking volunteers to help with making costumes in the run up to the day itself.

Our recent fund raisers have been great successes, with the **Easter Fair making just over £1,800 profit**. **Grow a £ has also been an incredible success**. To date it has **raised approximately £1,900** and we know that some children have yet to bring their money back. A huge well done and thank you to everyone for their incredible efforts, hard work and creativity; winners of the different categories will be announced before half term!

Our fundraising this year is focused on replacing reading books for children and also buying portable cookers for children to use in Food Technology. Thank you for any support you are able to give our fundraising efforts.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

A huge thank you to everyone who managed to settle outstanding balances before the end of the financial year last month. Music Fees are now due for the Summer Term and Nursery Fee invoices will be going out in the next week.



If your child is in Y6 and leaving school at the end of term we politely ask that you keep outstanding balances up to date.

Polite Reminder – If your child is in a class who has a school trip this term payment can be made via Pay360. Whilst this is a voluntary payment School relies on contributions to make each trip / activity possible. No child would be excluded on the grounds of cost. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received the trip / activity may have to be cancelled. Please discuss this with Ms Carpenter, or one of the office staff, if necessary.

REMINDER – please telephone the school office or use the school answerphone to leave absence messages / changes to pick up or drop off arrangements or WOOSH bookings – **DO NOT EMAIL** changes as they may not be seen in time. Thank you ☺



Well done to everyone who is using Times Table Rockstars & Numbots regularly each week. They are important tools to help children develop automatic recall of essential number facts- and they are fun too. You can download the free app for each one and your child has a unique login which you have received via email earlier this academic year. If you've lost their login please check your inbox before contacting the school office. Ten minutes a day is expected as part of homework and can make a real difference. The following table shows the **proportion of children engaging** in each class over the last 3 weeks:

Class	24.3.22	31.3.22	28.4.22	
Rec	31%	23%	36%	Num bots
Y1	31%	28%	14%	
Y2	77%	80%	90%	Times Table Rockstars
Y3	67%	67%	57%	
Y4	93%	43%	97%	
Y5	60%	43%	53%	
Y6	34%	93%	27%	