

Westbury Termly Times

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWS LETTER!

Principal's Message

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for this academic year.

The Autumn Term has been busy and purposeful. I would like to thank all of our pupils and staff for their efforts. Here's some of the highlights from the last seven weeks. I hope you find it an informative and interesting read.

I wish you all a peaceful time together over the Christmas period and, on behalf of all the staff, I look forward to seeing all of our pupils return to school on Thursday 4th January.

Lee Morgan



Our Coffee Morning

In an effort to provide more opportunities for our parents and carers to come together informally as a community, we have launched parent coffee mornings that will be taking place once a half term. Taking place in our Wellbeing Hub, these events allow parents and carers the opportunity to connect, interact and socialise with a hot drink and a biscuit (or two)!

The coffee mornings are hosted by Ki Addis, Vulnerable Groups Lead and Charlotte Timson, Wellbeing Lead and this term we have had two successful coffee mornings attended by parents and carers from across the year groups. Our December event included Christmas treats, some hand made by our younger students, and we also had staff from Change Grow Live and the Mental Health Support Team on hand to give advice, as well as some free stress balls and pens!

Christmas Fayre

Thank you for coming!

Westbury staff and pupils held a Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 12th December. Staff and pupils had been busily creating festive goods and growing produce in the lead up to the event. Over forty of our parents/carers attended. It was so special that we also had a visit from Santa Claus himself with a sack full of presents.



Year 9 Art Project

This term, 9b having been doing an art study on Machines. Each student researched the theme which then led to drawings and the creation of 3D versions of the machine. Thanks to all parents and carers who came into school on Friday 8th December to view the creations and allow pupils to talk through their designs.



**Wednesday 20th December -
Thursday 4th January Christmas
Break**

**Friday 9th February - Friday 16th
February - Half Term Break**

**Friday 9th February 2024 — Inset
Day**

End of Term Excursions

There have been an array of fun trips at the end of term including Waterworld, Go Karting, a visit to an escape room and the pantomime, the cinema and Pizza Hut.



Children in Need

Charity support feeds into the academy's wider goals. Pupils raised an impressive £100 in fundraising by holding a non-uniform day. Well done!

Curriculum Corridor Corner

News And Events From Around Our School

Year 3 and 4

The topic that year three and four pupils have studied this term was Moon Zoom. The pupils have been exploring planets and brave pioneers who have gone where no one has gone before! Pupils even spent time watching an astronaut take them on a visit through the International Space Station. It was exciting to see how gravity, and the lack thereof, affects the way things we take for granted, are affected. Pupils attended Gymnastics twice, an adventure indeed!!! Trampolines, forward rolls, games, balance bar and so many ways to use improve our flexibility! So much confidence gained, so much bravery developed.

Pupil Corner

This festive period, year 5/6 welcomed the Crossteach staff into school and learned all about the origins of Christianity and why Christmas is so special to people of the Christian faith. The sessions were delivered with a modern twist and included role play and acting responsibilities and even a dramatic conclusion on a fictitious morning talk show! The boys engaged enthusiastically and staff were very proud of them.

Year 10

One of our year 10 pupils has begun volunteering with the Nottingham City Gymnastics Club, helping younger pupils improve their physical literacy. Looking forward to the Spring term, the academy will continue to explore links with other providers, one of which is Stone Bridge City Farm who have agreed to facilitate work experience for a number of our year 10 pupils within their café and animal barn.

Year 11 work experience

Eight year 11 pupils have successfully completed work experience placements and achieved a range of City and Guilds qualifications in construction, painting and decorating and joinery. In partnership with the Volunteer It Yourself Programme, feedback has been extremely positive from pupils. Post sixteen programmes have already been offered to two pupils.



Year 7 and 8

Year 7 and Year 8 have made wooden puzzles based on the brightly coloured Memphis style products of the 1980s.

Year 7 have also started work in the food room learning about nutrition and understanding the Eatwell Plate. They made a tasty tomato soup, an apple crumble and a homity pie. These are all recipes they can practice again at home.

Year 8 have also started their textiles rotation and will be learning how to hand sew and how to use a sewing machine.

Year 9, 10 and 11

Year 9 have completed their Food rotation based upon dishes from around the world. They have also practiced a full range of skills that will support them in Year 10. They have made some flavoursome dishes including spaghetti Bolognese, sausage bake, paella, and burgers and curry.

Year 10 are embarking upon the D&T mock coursework and Year 11 have started their final examination coursework for their GCSE studying Climate Change as the basis for their research.

In Food the Year 10 and Year 11 pupils are practising toward their Level 1 Food Skills BTEC award. They have used a range of skills to cook sweet and savoury dishes and will be doing a final dish later in the year for their exam. In addition, they have also cooked soup, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings and mince pies for the Academy Christmas Fayre.