Westgate Primary School

Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Message from Mrs Crosley:

Although this term has been short, it has been filled with exciting opportunities for our pupils: from sporting successes, fun after school clubs, memorable trips to welcoming inspiring visitors into school. We've also seen fantastic work from our Eco Club, who continue to lead the way on sustainability. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all our updates. From all the staff and I at Westgate, we wish you all a wonderful and relaxing half term.

School Clubs – Summer Term

Next term, the following clubs will be running:

Monday – Eco Warriors Club – Yrs 1 to Y6
Monday – Profutures Striking and Fielding Club – Yrs 3, 4 ,5 & 6
Tuesday – Multi Skills Club – YR, 1, 2 & 3
Tuesday – Dance Club – Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday – Healthy Eating Cooking Club – Yrs 1 to 6
Wednesday – Football Club – Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday – Chess Club – Yrs 1 to 6
Thursday – Netball Club - Yrs 4 ,5 & 6
Thursday - Healthy Eating Cooking Club – Yrs 1 to 6
Thursday – Band of Buddies – Yrs R, 1 & 2
Friday – Fizzpop Science Club – Yrs 1 to 6

Lunch Time Clubs:

Choir will run for KS2 on Mondays.
Place to Talk on Tuesday and Wednesdays.
Remember to book on Arbor to attend a club.

A HUGE WELL DONE TO YEAR 6!

We would like to celebrate our amazing Year 6 pupils for their outstanding effort and resilience during the KS2 SATS week. Mrs Collinstone and Mrs Parker would like to share the following:

'We are proud of the Year 6 class who have made great progress across the year, showing their determination. We are already preparing for the Y6 production and look forward to the end of year celebrations together.'

Y6 Production

There will be an afternoon performance of the Y6 Production on **Tuesday 15th July @1:45pm** and an evening performance held on **Wednesday 16th July @6pm**. The evening performance will be **adults only**.

What has been happening this term?

School Council Get Green!

Our School Council were invited to attend a Greenpeace workshop this term at Dartford Primary Academy. It was a great opportunity for our young leaders to connect with like-minded peers and gain inspiration for future projects. Thanks to Mrs Chidgey, we now run a successful Eco Club and are collating evidence for the Eco Award. Along with the Eco Warriors, our School Council are considering ways we can be more sustainable and are considering initiatives we can run in the future. Together we can make a difference 😊

ECO CLUB

Diary Dates

Return to school – Mon 2nd June
INSET (school closed) – Fri 20th June
Y6 Trip to Kingswood – 2nd – 4th July
Sports Day – Mon 7th July - **Parents invited to watch. Gates open at 9:15am.**
Y2 Trip to Pizza Express – Tues 8th July
iRock Performance – Thurs 17th July - **Parents invited to watch @10am.**
Y6 Disco - Thursday 17th July @ 5-6:30pm
Westgate's Got Talent – Friday 18th July
Y6 Leavers Assembly – Monday 21st July @ 9:30am
Last Day of Term – Tuesday 22nd July

What has been happening this term?

History 'Dress Up' Day

History Day brings such a buzz of excitement in our school, and this year was no different! As always, our Westgate staff set the bar high with their innovative costumes! Take a look at the superb costumes from the different time periods. You looked AMAZING! 🤩

We had such a BLAST stepping 'back in time' and creating a timeline outside to further develop the children's understanding of chronology. All of the children looked phenomenal and staff were particularly impressed by the home-made costumes too.

To see even more photographs and our amazing history displays, visit our Facebook page.

Adventures – Inside and Outside of School

🇬🇧❤️ Celebrating VE Day ❤️🇬🇧

We enjoyed coming together and wearing red, white and blue to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. The children learnt about the sacrifices people made during the war and how the end of World War II was celebrated, as well as singing their own rendition of 'We'll meet again' by Dame Vera Lynn. The teachers even shared photographs of their very own relatives who were alive 80 years ago, back in 1945 when the war in Europe ended. Such a significant event in British history; we were proud to mark this special event.

Miss Bethell's Nan Street Party in 1945

🏛️ Year 6 Visit the Imperial War Museum 🏛️

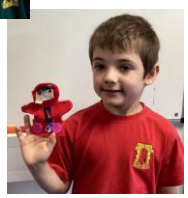
Year 6 spent a fantastic day at the Imperial War Museum, which happened to be the same day as the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Their visit enabled them to understand what life would have been like during World War II. They were introduced to several important artefacts and asked relevant questions to broaden their historical knowledge. We know they had a wonderful day.

Our adventures continued…

😋 Reception Visit the Supermarket 😋

Year R enjoyed visiting the local supermarket in Dartford. They used a simple map to help them follow directions to the supermarket. They enjoyed searching for different fruits and buying them ready to create fruit kebabs for the tiger who came to tea in their class story! 🐯

Year 1 – Puppets



Year 1 have loved designing and making their own puppets in DT this term. They have learnt how to join fabric in different ways and have decorated their puppets carefully. They are so proud of their wonderful creations and enjoyed putting on mini puppet shows in class!

☪ Learning about Islam ☪

Year 2 welcomed two parents into class this week who spoke to the class about Islam and what it is like to be Muslim. The children asked thoughtful questions and listened respectfully to find out more about Muslim beliefs and practices.

We are really grateful to both parents for taking the time to share their knowledge with the class. We are always looking for budding parent volunteers so do get in touch if you feel you can help to further educate and inspire our children in school 😊

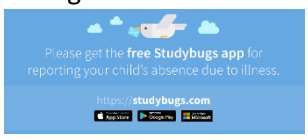
🏊 Year 4 – Swimming 🏊

This term, Year 4 took part in swimming lessons. Some of the children had never been swimming before; they were praised for making such good progress week by week.

Well done Year 4!

Studybugs

Don't forgot that the school use Studybugs to support parents with reporting their child's absence. Remember to download the free Studybugs app or register on the website.



House Point Totals

The children have continued to earn house points for their team across Summer Term 1. Our Sports Ambassadors have collected the totals which are shown in the table below:

House	Total
Romans	3298
Vikings	3180
Normans	2859
Saxons	3145

Romans are currently in the lead. But there is still a chance that this could change before the end of the year! Who will win?

Summer 1 Attendance

YR - 97.28%

Y1 – 94.28%

Y2 – 94.93%

Y3 – 95.29%

Y4 – 93.76%

Y5 – 96.38%

Y6 – 98.6%

Attendance Matters

More and more children are achieving our attendance target of 97% and above. Keep up the great work everyone!

This term, Year 6 have took the top spot just in front of Reception! Keep it up everyone!

The value for June is COLLABORATION

Think about the following questions and discuss them at home.

What does collaboration mean?
How do you collaborate with others?
When may you need to show collaboration?

We wish you a lovely half term break. 😊

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 2nd June.**