

# Westbury Termly Times

**WELCOME TO WESTBURY ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER!**

Diary Dates

## Principal's Message

### Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

Whilst the weather has been unkind this term, on behalf of the staff, I enclose the highlights from the term. Once again, I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts and making these events and learning experiences happen in support of our pupils.

I wish all parents/carers and pupils a restful break and look forward to seeing all of our pupils on Monday 15th April.

Lee Morgan-Academy Principal

## Table tennis tournament

Table Tennis is an inclusive sport in which all pupils can take part. Westbury pupils played against a variety of schools with a range of special educational needs and disabilities this term. The way in which all of our pupils represented, not only the school, but themselves was remarkable. Win or lose our pupils shook hands with the other team, wished them luck and thanked them for a good game. For the second successive year, our team of players won the competition and will now go on to compete at the next stage. This will take place at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.



## Football tournament Winners

Pupils across key stage three and four took part in the annual Nottingham City alternative provision football tournament and won the competition. After the Easter break, the team will compete in the regional tournament. Well done to all who represented and took part. Mr Endy.

## Say Thank You - Staff Awards 2024



This year we would like to ask you to vote for staff members who you feel deserve some extra recognition. Please take the time to vote to help us recognise and celebrate the fantastic work our staff do in supporting our children.

You can cast your votes [here](#)

29th March - Good Friday

1st April - Bank Holiday

2nd April - 12th April - Half Term

6th May - Bank Holiday

27th May - Bank Holiday

28th - 31st May - Half Term Holiday

## Think Big Project launched at Westbury



Ideagen, a fast-growing software company, and Nottingham Forest visited Westbury during the second week back in Spring Term Two. Following the visit, pupils and staff from across Westbury

Academy were able to see one of Nottingham Forest's European trophies and have a photo next to it.

## Freedom Foundation

This half term, fifteen pupils from years 5,6,7 and 8 have been taking part in a dance project facilitated by the Freedom Foundation. The Freedom Foundation aims to improve children's physical and mental well-being through music, dance, and mentoring. The pupils have all engaged and had great fun during the Monday afternoon sessions whilst focusing on topics such as resilience and self-awareness, gaining confidence through team-work and solo performance.

# Curriculum Corridor Corner

## News And Events From Around Our School

### Year 3 and 4

We have had a wonderful time with new experiences. We have learnt all about Chinese New Year! We tasted some Chinese foods and even tried to eat with Chopsticks! We made lanterns and wrote our names in Chinese character....what fun.

During a Challenge Curriculum lesson, we enjoyed a fancy high tea, inviting guests and enjoyed learning about etiquette as well as the history of high tea.

We even got to drink out of porcelain teacups, whilst wearing our bow ties!



### Year 7

Our year seven pupils have just started a textiles project in which they will be making hand puppets based upon their favourite characters.

### Year 8

This term the year eight pupils have been involved with allotment education and have had lessons with Anna Bond which focused on getting the garden ready for spring.

This week they managed to harvest leeks with care, making sure not to snap them. The children used a knife for topping and tailing of the leek in preparation for cooking. These leeks were planted back in October 2023 by year 5/6 pupils and were finally ready to



### Year 5 and 6

This half term the boys have visited Derby Museum to look at the Egypt exhibit including three Mummies!

Whilst there the boys got to write their names in hieroglyphs, mummify a (cotton) body and create their own scarab beetles. They had a great time and were all amazingly well behaved.



Year five and six pupils were invited to watch a Nottingham Panthers practice session. They asked questions about the sport and had a skate on the ice.

### Year 9,10 and 11

Over the last few Fridays, some year ten and eleven students have been experiencing life at a city farm, in St Anns.

The students have helped to maintain the farm, serve in the cafe and work in the kitchen. A great example of the students' hard work included clearing a path for new visitors. Mr Brown, who has been overseeing the work experience partnership said that he is so proud of their efforts.