

Westbury Termly Times

*Welcome to the Spring edition of
our newsletter*

Unlike like last Spring, it seems like Spring has sprung early! This is our 5th edition of our newsletter, that captures some of the highlights. I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts and making these learning experiences happen. I wish parents / carers and pupils a restful break and look forward to seeing all of our pupils return on Tuesday 22nd April.

Warm regards, Lee Morgan (Academy Principal)

Science week

In March a week of fun packed science and technology activities took place. As well as putting their creativity to the test, pupils engaged in problem solving activities and got to see and hold birds of prey and reptiles.



Music Masters

This March has been a month full of music at Westbury! Thanks to the Nottingham Music Hub, we had an inspirational visit from a Kung Fu expert, manga author and professional rap artist.



Shoa Dow shared his success story, offered a real life insight into the music industry and performed one of his anime-inspired raps, showing Westbury pupils that your interests can generate income if you keep believing in yourself.

Meanwhile, our year 8 and year 9 pupils have been working on their keyboard skills, at home and at school! With weekly guidance from our experienced music teacher, aspiring musicians have been fine-tuning their piano technique and even learning classical pieces.



Sports Round up

Year 5/6 pupils were invited to The Place Independent school for a friendly football match before they host their annual summer Tournament. The boys were outstanding and came out 7-5 winners, with Trey'veon Steede scoring a hat trick. They all displayed fantastic sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour and represented Westbury perfectly.



Table Cricket

For the second successive year, a team made up of key stage 2 and 3 pupils won the Nottingham City Table Cricket competition. Well done to all who played!

News and events from around our school

Fire & Rescue Service Visit to Westbury Academy

Preparation Phase pupils had an unforgettable visit from the local Fire & Rescue Service, bringing real-world learning to life! Pupils explored the fire engine, tried out equipment, and engaged in brilliant discussions about modern firefighting techniques. This linked perfectly with their recent learning on The Great Fire of London, sparking curiosity about how fire safety has evolved over time. A fantastic way to blend history, safety, and hands-on experience! **A huge thank you to Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service for inspiring our pupils!**



Westbury Academy visit to Nottingham Forest's City Ground

Pupils had the exciting opportunity to go behind the scenes at Nottingham Forest's world famous City Ground. During the visit, pupils explored key areas such as the changing rooms, press box and even

went pitch side! Pupils also gained insights into the history of the club and match-day operations. Following the visit, pupils will have the opportunity to reflect on how this visit could inspire future career aspirations.



Freedom Factory

The students worked hard for 12 weeks working on their self confidence, aspirations, social media awareness, song writing, rapping, and street dance and got to perform their work to the teachers and their parents / carers. Simon Green (Head Of Operations at Freedom Foundation UK) "What a brilliant end to the Freedom Factory programme at Westbury Academy! The performance of the pupils epitomised the development of their character and creativity as a group.



Times Tables Rockstars

This half term, the Preparation Phase have relaunched Times Tables Rockstars- an app designed to help pupils become fluent in their times tables. Miss Welsh has challenged each class to play TTRS at home as much as possible. Class Teachers have sent pupils home with their login credentials- please support our pupils in playing at home! This term the pupils that played the most got to have a pizza party as a reward.



- ◆ **Dates for your Diary**
- ◆ **7th April - 21st April - Half Term**
- ◆ **5th May Bank Holiday**
- ◆ **26th May - 30th May - Half Term**

Curriculum Corner

Year 3 / 4

Pupils participated in an educational event featuring a hands-on experience with various species of snakes and spiders. They had the opportunity to observe these fascinating creatures up close, learn about their habitats, behaviours, and the important roles they play in the ecosystem. The event aimed to enhance their understanding of wildlife and promote safety and respect for these often misunderstood animals.



Year 5 / 6

The pupils had an exciting trip to the local supermarket! Their mission? To pick out the freshest and most delicious fruits for making healthy smoothies. With big smiles on their faces, they explored the aisles, eager to fill their baskets with colourful berries, ripe bananas and much more. It was a fantastic adventure that not only taught them about nutrition but also sparked their creativity in the kitchen.



Year 7

Pupils have been practising their cooking skills over the last few weeks. Last week they did their assessments, and everyone worked really hard to choose recipes, cook some amazing food and work as a team to clear up just like real chefs!

Year 8

During the STEM week in which pupils were given a chance to experience science with a difference, pupils had the opportunity to have an encounter with some birds of prey. They were introduced to a variety of birds and learnt about the adaptations. They also had the chance to hold a bird of prey. The experience was enjoyed by all.



Year 9, 10 and 11

Year 11 pupils have continued to work hard at Stonebridge City Farm this term, digging posts and demonstrating outstanding teamwork! It's exciting to see the dedication as they tackled this hands-on project together. Great job!



Easter Egg Competition

For the first time this year, pupils took part in an Easter Egg competition. This traditional event inspired our pupils to demonstrate their artistic flair - Well done you are all winners!



Safety Campaign

During this term, pupils have focused on learning about safety during tutor time. "It's so important to teach our pupils how to stay safe in preparation for adulthood. During class visits, pupils were keen to share their knowledge. Well done everyone!" Mr Morgan.

Road safety

Road safety is important for keeping you safe whilst crossing the road so that you don't get ran over by a car.

Road safety

Avoid sudden braking and harsh acceleration. Never use the clutch as a footrest while driving. Avoid parking on the road.

Look both ways

before crossing the road.





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Its important to be safe

Social safety is important so you can be safe whilst having fun with friends.

Always tell a responsible adult where you are going and who with.

You may get annoyed when your parents want to keep tabs on you, but actually they just care and want to keep you safe.

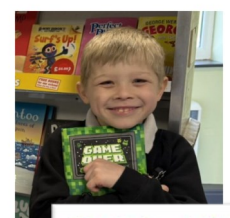
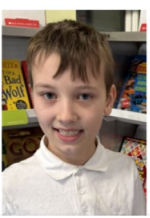


World Book Day

On Monday 3rd March 2025, we had our first ever Scholastic Book Fair at Westbury Academy! The pupils were given the opportunity to browse a wide selection of books. Pupils and staff purchased books during the fair. This has enabled staff to have more up to date and current books within their classrooms.

On Tuesday 4th March, Westbury Academy welcomed Jason Beresford an author of children's books. Jason put on an entertaining assembly for the preparation phase and then completed engaging workshops with the whole school over the rest of the day. Some pupils even had the opportunity to have a book signed by Jason!

On Thursday 6th March, pupils and staff celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters! Classes also took part in a range of competitions and quizzes including, footy and booky, decorate your door, story starter, book cover design and best dressed.



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In November 2024, we sent out our parent/carer, colleague, and pupil engagement surveys as part of 'Raise Your Voice' across Raleigh Education Trust. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this. Your feedback, from across our school community - parents, carers, colleagues, and pupils - has been invaluable. We've carefully reviewed each response to celebrate what's working well and identify areas for further improvement.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM YOUR FEEDBACK

I'd like to let my school know...

This school
is the best!

The best thing is....

The effort
teachers put in
for the pupils.

I'd like to let the school know...

My son is thriving
since starting at
this school.

One thing the school
does really well is...

Support my child
through any and
every situation in the
way that he needs.



Pupils



Parents/ Carers

My contribution is valued [as]...

I receive positive
feedback from
leaders.

I have improved my
practice by...

Communicating
with others and
developing new
ideas.



Colleagues

YOU SAID... WE LISTENED

Here's how your feedback has already shaped real improvements across Westbury Academy:

- More advance notice of educational visits, where possible.
- Adaptive staff CPD, including more small-group training opportunities.
- Expanding outdoor learning opportunities for pupils.