



Parents' Weekly Bulletin 7

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

06th November 2020



Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the day of our second Lockdown, it is operationally very much business as usual at West Moors Middle School. The Government's national guidance is still unchanged from 22nd September 2020 following the national lockdown announcement on Halloween, although the Department for Education emailed Headteachers to advise that they will be publishing sector specific information on what these new national restrictions mean for education and childcare settings. When released, this guidance will cover the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children, young people and staff, advice on the use of face coverings in education settings and educational trips. While we are waiting for this updated guidance, with Covid-19, the vigilance in our behaviours (hands, face, social distance) and preparedness in our risk assessments and action plans all hold true and remain extremely important.

Please remember at the start and the end of the school day to maximise social distancing near or on our school site, avoiding congregations on footpaths, entrances and exits so that children walking by can pass whilst still maintaining at least one metre plus away from other parents/ carers or children to help us to keep everyone in our school community safe. In addition, in KS3, please can you remind child to bring in their face coverings for corridor spaces (unless they are in the exempt group identified in Government guidance). Every little thing we can do, working together, to keep our school Covid secure is greatly appreciated- thank you for all your help.

This half term, as a team, we have planned special bubble celebrations! These include birthday parties on the afternoon of the last Friday in each month so children can celebrate their special day with friends in each tutor bubble along with a delicious Christmas meal and festivities with their peers in December -the latter will spread over the course of two days.

In addition, this half term, we are embedding the importance of expressing gratitude. Our children have really impressed us this week with their good manners, reflecting on the importance of saying thank you when they receive help or support whether that comes from an adult in the school or another peer in their bubble. We are immensely proud of them all.

All best wishes,

Dr Deborah Craddock

Harry Potter Club has been simply amazing!

Using our drama skills, we have immersed ourselves into the roles of Hogwarts students. Here are some of our activities and potions that we have created and imagined, Troll blood, Trolls toothpaste, June bug juice, Helios potions, water from the black lake and so much more. Every single week the children have absorbed all that has been shown to them and that they have been able to try themselves. Well done to all year 5s who came and took part!



Science in Year 8

This week, Year 8 are continuing their journey on Energy in Science. They will be testing the energy in foods and using their skills to complete graphs from tables of data they collect and analyse. They will be honing their report writing skills by breaking down their experiments into sections from Introduction, through method and conclusion. We have so many exciting experiments ahead this term.



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Fun, Learning and Team Work at Forest School



Y5 ECO Warriors

Our school's Eco Warriors meet every Monday. This half term they have been working incredibly hard. Not only have they completed an Environmental Review of the School, they have also completed an Eco School's Action Plan. This team are going to be raising the school's awareness about how we as a community can look after our planet. We will be looking in particular at three chosen topics: litter, transport and water. We are really keen to make a difference!

We thank the Y5 Eco Warriors for their hard work and efforts so far!



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At 'Forest School' some children were making a café and making and selling 'food' to the others – lots of co-operation involved.

A few pictures from Forest School this week, which had our first use of the 'Kelly Kettle' to make Hot Chocolate. Some of the children didn't like the chocolate and requested tea. Y6s were also very good at remembering to bring their own cup today!

English Writing Skills Y6CC

The Year 6s have been working so hard at their writing skills this term. They have been focussing on making sure to use good punctuation, descriptive adjectives, subordinating conjunctions and varied fronted adverbials. They have produced some wonderful paragraphs that have shown such growth over the past 8 weeks. With confidence, they will now be attempting to write their independent assessment piece. We look forward to reading their completed pieces of writing.

In Chameleon HQ this week we have been learning about Italy; creating fact files and making pizzas! We have a new pupil in our class and he has settled extremely well. We have also welcomed our new Speech and Language Therapist Cate Holness, who will be working with us on Wednesdays.

Assembly

Our weekly Wednesday assembly focussed on our 'Article of the Week' as we aim for our silver 'Rights Respecting School' award. 7GC enjoyed the afternoon assembly on Rights Respecting Schools and we looked in particular at Article 6: Every Child Has The Right to Life. Pupils created a timeline of significant moments in their lives which allowed them some reflection time to consider the main points of our assembly.

Finally.....For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter at: [@west_moors](https://twitter.com/west_moors)



School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020:

Term starts for students on Monday 2nd November

Term ends on Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 5th January

Term ends on Friday 12th February

Term starts for students on Tuesday 23rd February

Term ends on Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May school closed

Term ends on Friday 28th May

Term starts for students on Tuesday 8th June

Term ends on Friday 23rd July

Inset Days:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021



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