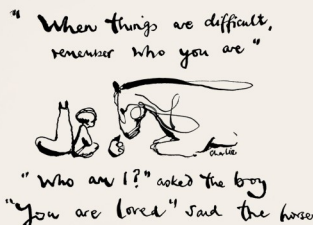




Parents' Weekly Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

27th November 2020



Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had. We have taken part in and celebrated so many events this week, as well as continuing to complete high standards of learning. In tutor groups children have engaged in birthday celebrations and were given a very special birthday cupcake, beautifully presented by Mrs Izzard, and packet of Haribos. For our Rights Respecting School article of the week, we learnt about our right to privacy and following International Children's Day, they shared their ideas on how we can make our school even better. The children have been amazing, as they always are, and they all deserve a rest this weekend. We hope that you all have a lovely weekend which is peaceful and safe.

OUR SCHOOLS VIRTUAL TOUR

We are proud to present our superb Team West Moors Middle Virtual School Tour for you all to enjoy. We believe it really shows the true spirit of Team West Moors Middle and we encourage you all to share it with friends and family interested in joining our team in September. Follow the link [here](#).

School Christmas Lunch

KS2 (Year 5 and 6) Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 16th December**, the kitchen will be serving a delicious traditional Christmas lunch for £4.00. **Due to safety guidelines this will be for KS2 only.** This will consist of roast turkey, potatoes, carrots, peas, sprouts, a chipolata sausage and gravy followed by jelly or a mince pie with cream. The meat-free option will be a quorn slice with roast potatoes and vegetables.

Likewise the KS3 (Year 7 and 8) Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 17th

December. The kitchen will **NOT** be serving any other food on this day so if you do not require the Christmas meal, you will need to bring in a packed lunch. Please look out for the separate letter with full details and complete the return slip and return the **CORRECT** money in a **sealed envelope** marked with your child's name and class by **Friday 4th December.**



In Year 5,

5SB pupil's were presented with their VIP certificates in assembly. Also Rights Respecting work was completed this week in class.

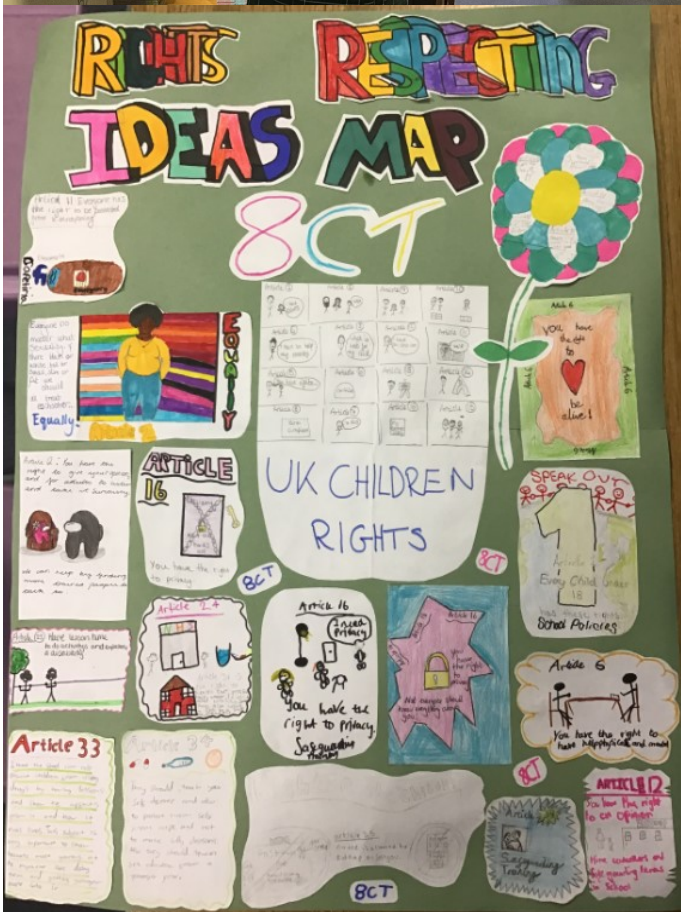
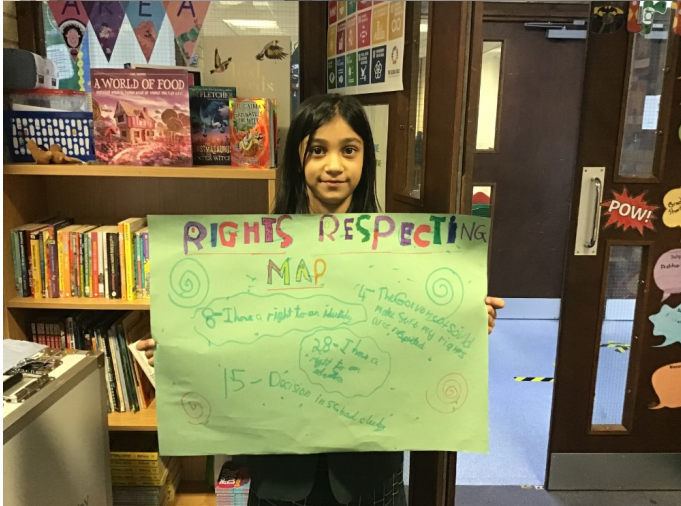
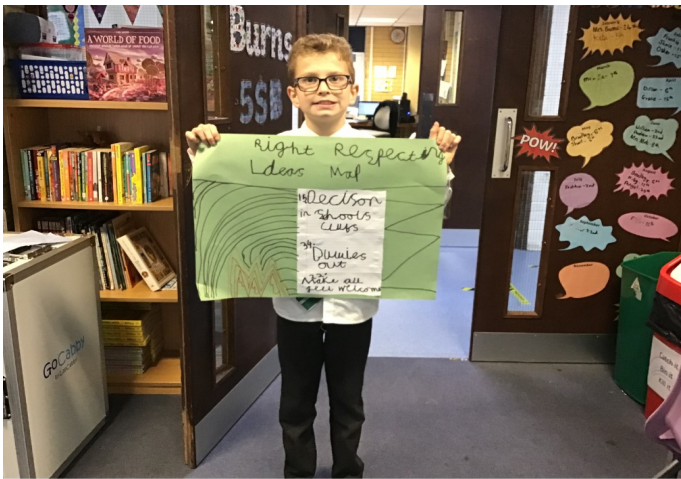


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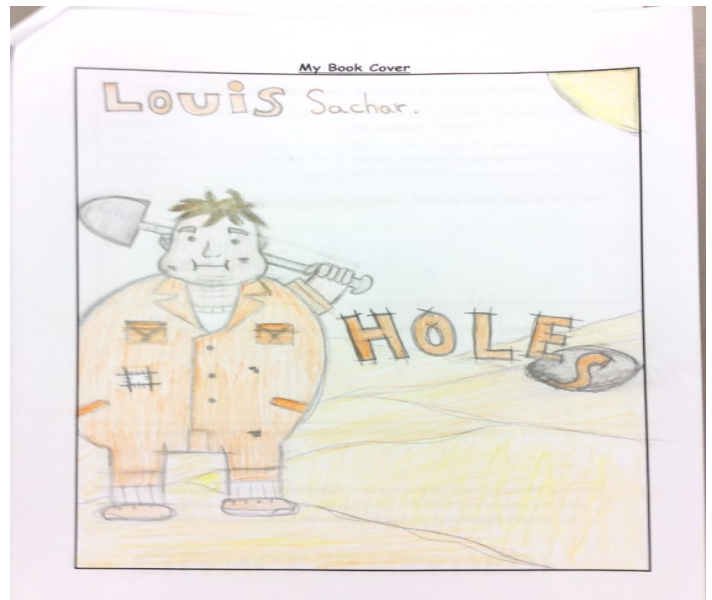
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8CT English

Once again 8CT have been hard at work this week, taking part in some challenging activities yet producing excellent results. This week we have been focusing on the skills for summary writing. As some might already know, summarising is a truly challenging task. Being able to take a lengthy piece of writing and transform all its important information into a concise, yet informative read, is truly a difficult task. It was very encouraging to see how successful all of our Year 8s were in this task. Their homework last week was to design a new book cover for the exciting piece of literature they are studying. **Holes**, by Louis Sachar has been extremely enjoyable and some of the Year 8s came up with some creative pieces of work.



Equipment for lessons

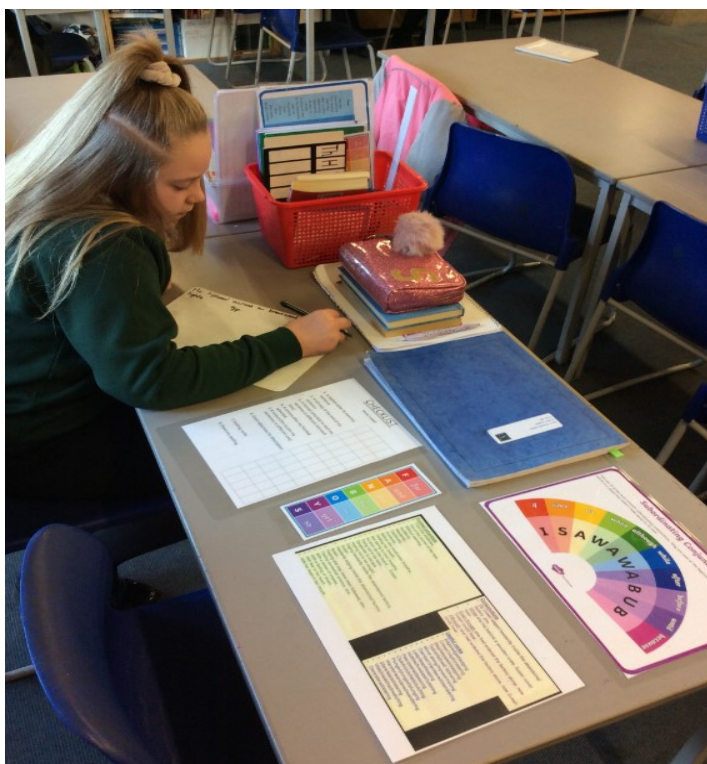
It is essential for all students to be organised with the correct equipment for lessons. Please would you support us by ensuring your child has the basics they need. We are also enjoying daily reading this term and every student is expected to have a book with them. Please do ask you child about the book they are reading but also encourage them to continue their reading at home. We are very keen to develop a love of reading but also recognise the added benefits in all lessons for students who read fluently and have an extended vocabulary.

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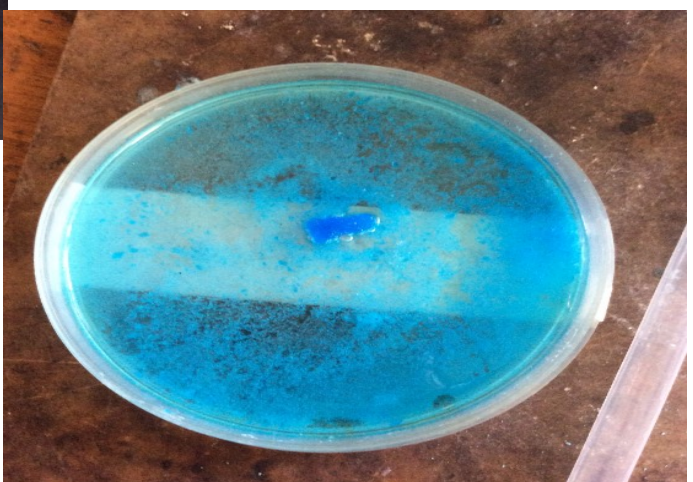




During our **ARTSMARK** celebration week, each tutor group took part in creating an art quotation creative piece in the form of graffiti or street art. The collaborative approach that was shared produced some colourful results.

Science in Year 8

This week year 8 have been learning about salts. We have begun the process of using copper sulphate to create beautiful blue crystals. Over time and in the warmth the solution of liquid will evaporate and we will be left with stunning crystals that we can then place under the microscope. The children have been practising their chemical and word equations while writing up their experiments in a professional format.



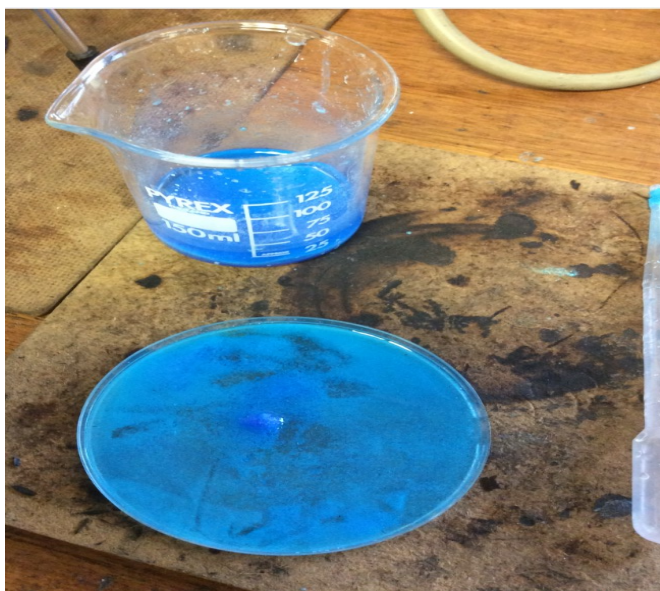
English in Year 6

This week 6CC have thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'How to write a Mystery Story?' With all their mystery word mats, spooky resources, chilling vocabulary mats and of course, their dictionaries spread across their desk area; they were focused and concentrating, hard at work applying their writing skills writing to paper.



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Kindness Week

Our focus last week was on the importance of kindness during 'Anti -Bullying' week as we all wore odd socks to represent our uniqueness and also to reinforce the message that we are a 'telling school'. It was lovely to see so many of our children volunteering to train to be 'Playground Buddies', ensuring everyone has a happy playtime.



Christmas Preparations in School

As we are fast approaching Christmas and our glitter season at West Moors Middle School, the staff want to reassure parents that although Christmas may be slightly different this year, we have some great activities in mind to ensure that it is just as special as always. The Christmas trees are being decorated in school and all children will have the opportunity to design a decoration of their own. which they will then be able to bring home at the end of term.



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)

Say No To Bullying

Say no to bullying
If someone is trying
to make you feel bad
so that most of the time
you are frightened or sad

Just remember to tell
When someone is hurting you
day after day
and whatever you do
they just won't go away

Just remember to tell
Telling is brave
and telling is cool
telling is one of
the rules of this school

So remember to tell
T. E. L. L.
TELL!



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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