

# Westgate Academy Newsletter

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024



### Our Westgate Stars

Hamlet	Oscar CS & Leo	Boudicca	Hector & Evie
Macbeth	Alisa & Kristians	Claudius	Elijah & Gerard
Tempest	Ollie & Karma	Caesar	June & Jayden
Othello	Oscar & Ava	Hadrian	Hana & Charlie

### Attendance

This week's best attenders are Darwin with 99.71%, Claudius are on 98.91% followed closely by Nightingale on 98.88%

### Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to Spitfire for topping the league this week!

Speller of the week - Isla Cu in Spitfire

Top Speller 1 - Roja in Lancaster

Top Speller 2 - Harriet in Hampden

### Times Tables Rockstar - Winners

Class winner - Seacole

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tempest and Nightingale

4<sup>th</sup> - Tennyson

Rockstars of the week:

Aanvy - Nightingale

Felicity - Tempest

Scarlett - Seacole

### After School Synergy Sport Coaching

Just a reminder that the booking link below and will go live for booking from 5pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

<https://synergysportscoaching.coordinate.cloud/type/3480>

### Tesco Blue Tokens

Whilst you are shopping at Tesco's on Wragby Road you will notice that we, Westgate Academy, are now one of their Community Champions, the best one obviously! Please support our school community by popping your Blue Tokens into the Westgate collection slot.

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### Message from Mr Beaven

What a busy half-term we've had, from visiting Romans to Victorian Workhouses and potters and authors talking to us about their crafts. I've been so proud of our children every step of their half-term journey as they always tried their best. It has been lovely to see the number of children who want to support us in making Westgate even better. We have children who are School Councillors, ECO Warriors, Rights Ambassadors, Play Leaders, Wellbeing Advocates, and those who help us to think about how to stay safe on-line. As a school we have also elected House Captains this term who support our house system. I look forward to seeing what our children plan to do.

The staff have worked tirelessly to support your children into their new classes. As we know everyone experiences change differently, I would like to thank them for all they have done. We are heading into a very busy period and look forward to seeing what's going to happen over the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, this half-term we had some really sad news, Laura Keating sadly died a couple of weeks ago; although she had cancer, it was a shock and came very quickly. We have spent the last few weeks coming to terms with the news. Laura was a valued member of our amazing lunch time team, who greeted every situation with a smile, ensuring the children were at the forefront of her mind. No task was too big for her, she will be greatly missed.

#### Premises improvement

During our week off, our estates team will be hard at work replacing and remodelling the year 5 & 6 toilets as well as redecorating various areas of the school, we are excited for you to see the results.

#### Homework

Over the last few weeks we have been reviewing our approach to homework. We are aware that this can cause many difficult conversations at home. Some parents don't like children to have homework, some want more homework. We are offering homework as follows:

- It will be given on a Thursday to be handed in the following Thursday.
- Everything would be sent home in a paper format apart from spelling and times table rocks stars.
- Everyone will have an appropriate reading book, that we hope they read every weekday.
- There will be a consolidation activity for Maths and English.
- There will be a BIG term creative activity.

We will reward for homework that is handed in, but not punish when it is not handed in. The work will be marked as a class, with pink pen, and handed back to the child. Every child will be given a folder to store their homework in.

We hope you have an enjoyable week and look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

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### Head Lice

If you have been lucky enough to have avoided head lice this term, well done! It's fair to say they have enjoyed a great time, visiting almost every part of the school. During our week off we would encourage you all to check your child's hair and treat if there are any signs of eggs or lice. Don't forget to treat all family members if necessary and to try and launder all towels and bedding on a high heat on the day of treatment, to avoid recontamination. If we are all vigilant and work together, we can start next term afresh.

#### Wet combing

Most people prefer to start with natural methods to treat head lice, which is a good idea given that lice are becoming increasingly resistant to chemical treatments.

You should:

- Wash the hair and apply a generous amount of conditioner, this should be left in
- Use a fine-toothed steel comb and comb the hair in small sections over a piece of paper to make sure you can see the lice drop out. You should wipe the comb clean on a piece of tissue between each comb
- Make sure to continue until you can't see any more lice or nits while you're combing. This can take at least half an hour
- Repeat this every three or four days for at least two weeks so you're removing any hatching lice before they have the chance to lay new eggs. You can only remove the actual lice by combing, not the nits

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Just a reminder that the Flu Vaccine will be administered in school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please register below, if you haven't already done so.



### WESTGATE ACADEMY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

#### Your child's annual flu vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): [Immunisation Consent \(lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk) Please complete at your earliest convenience as the online system for your school will be closed prior to our visit to allow for essential administration to take place.

You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school (WESTGATE ACADEMY): **EE137451**

The date allocated to your school will be finalised and communicated to you at a later date. All schools will be visited on two occasions prior to the end of term in December. Should we not be able to vaccinate your child(ren) in school alternative arrangements will be made and communicated to you.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. This vaccine is a yearly vaccine.

For further information please follow this link to the School Aged Immunisation Service Flu page <https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme>

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on **01522 572950 (8.30am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri)**

Yours sincerely, *Anna Fisher*

Professional Advisor for School Aged Immunisations, Lincolnshire Community Health Services

**\*IF YOUR CHILD IS PRESCRIBED ORAL STEROID MEDICATION ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1st, 2024 please contact the immunisation team on the above number. \***

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please also complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](https://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)



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**SATURDAY**  
**ROZALLA KILLERZ**  
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WEST END KIDS

**SUNDAY**  
**ARCTIC ROLL** BLACK LACE LOGGERS  
DENE MICHAEL  
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