## WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### This Week's Value: Independence



This week's value is **Independence**. The children will have many opportunities to be independent in their classrooms and out at playtimes. We will highlight this behaviour in school and we'd love it if you could spot your child being independent at home!

Although (to me!) it seems far too early, upcoming assemblies will be merry as the children practise their carols in preparation for the festive season.

### Message from the Friends of Westgate

Christmas Bingo will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It's an amazing event where you can enjoy the game, win some prizes and see some nervous Westgate staff calling the numbers! We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 where children can come in their own clothes in exchange for a donation to create our exciting prize hampers.

This year, the Friends are having a rainbow theme with their hampers. We are asking for a donation of either an item in the selected colour for your year group or a bottle. Please don't worry if you can't find an item of your year group's colour, any donation will be much appreciated. See pictures for some examples:

Reception - red Year 1 - yellow Year 2 - pink Year 3- green Year 4 - purple Year 5 - orange Year 6 - blue

As always with Friends events, the money raised goes back into school to support all the children at Westgate. Thanks for your continued support.



#### **Staffing Changes**

Earlier this week, a letter was sent out regarding Mr Wright's absence. As a result, Mrs Henderson will become Acting Headteacher and Mr Clarke will become Acting Deputy Headteacher. We are also pleased to confirm that Mrs Penn will now be the Year Group Lead for Year 3. As with the other Year Group Leads (listed below), she will provide support for the class teachers in her year group and may be a point of contact for parents in Year 3.

Reception: Mrs Livingstone Year 1: Mrs Parkinson Year 2: Miss Eastwood Year 3: Mrs Penn Year 4: Mr Breeze Year 5: Mrs Doggett Year 6: Mrs Newton

#### Maths Week 2023

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Maths Week 2023. The aim of the week is to see Maths in a positive light and to raise the profile of Maths throughout England. One of the focuses for the week with be Times Table Rockstars for Years 2-6 and Numbots for Reception and Year 1. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, children can come to school dressed as either:



- A number or 'Numbot' for children in Reception and Year 1.
- A 'Times Table Rockstar' for children in Years 2-6.





#### **Dates For Your Diary**

Don't forget, every Friday morning from 8.20am so lace up those trainers to take part in parent/carer run-a-mile with your child.

As the children will already be dressed as rockstars, numbers or 'Numbots', this will be the theme for next week's run-a-mile. Parents – feel free to get into the 'rockstar' spirit if you want and you could win a spot prize!

17.11.23 – Maths Week Non-Uniform Day

24.11.23 - Non-uniform day (Donations for Christmas Bingo)

29.11.23 - Christmas Bingo

Dates for your diary.....

### Marvellous Maxwell

Finally, we were both delighted and proud to find out about Maxwell's fantastic artwork this week. He entered a 'Morecambe BID' competition to create a picture on the theme of 'What Morecambe means to me'. Maxwell's entry was chosen to be part of the calendar but not only that! The judges were so impressed that they chose his picture as the overall winner with the prize of an incredible bench for school! What a superstar!

If you want to buy a calendar, you can pick one up from selected local businesses in Morecambe for just £2.





## Wonderful Westgater



This week, these children have been our Wonderful Westgaters. Those children will be coming home with their affirmation sheets today.

Stick them on the fridge!

Mrs Ryan – Poppy H Mr Tait – Jenson C Mrs Parkinson – Gabi B Mrs Robinson – Harrison B Miss Eastwood – Milo J Mrs Charlton – Aliya CR Mrs Stuart – Bethany A

Kind regards,

Mr Clarke Deputy Headteacher Mrs Penn – Isabelle A Mrs Payne – Emilia F Mr Breeze – Cayden M Ms Rogers – Roman M Miss Braund – James T Miss Readman – Maxwell H Mrs Hay – Mason P Mrs Doggett – Emily H Mrs Newton – Violet G Miss Moore – Declan S Mrs Fielding – Ellie M

