



Friday 20th October 2023

# West End Newsbites

## Stars of the Week

	w/e 13th October	w/e 20th October
Mrs Cliff	Ellie	Chizaram & David
Year 6	Caleb	Marcel
Year 5	Lola	Marinos
Year 4	Connor	McKaii
Year 3	Autumn	Lillie-Mae
Year 2	Jarefa	Laura
Year 1	Darcie	Sarah-Jane
Reception	Ava	Serene



## Lates and Attendance

Here are the class lates and attendances for the past two weeks.

Remember the gates will close at 8:55am and if you need to be buzzed in your child will be classed as late:

	<u>Lates</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
	13th October	20th October	13th October	20th October
Year 6	0	1	92.2%	89.1%
Year 5	5	1	93.7%	89.7%
Year 4	3	3	95.6%	95.6%
Year 3	1	1	91.3%	94.0%
Year 2	1	0	97.1%	95.9%
Year 1	2	2	96.3%	95.3%
Reception	0	0	97.3%	94.0%

Well done to Years 6, 2 and Reception who move their bee for the least lates.

Well done to Year 2 and Reception who have had the best attendance.  
**Our school target is 97%**

## Reading Challenge

Well done to all of the children who have read at least four times a week at home with parents, resulting in them filling their reading bookmark. They are **Super Readers!** Check them out on our Facebook page.



### Super Readers Roll of Honour –

Year	Number of Super Readers 13.10.23	% of Class	Number of Super Readers 20.10.23	% of Class	Please can we ask that all of our EYFS parents get out their child's reading book and read to them, then sign their reading record. It is so important that children see reading as a pleasure at home. They will then get stickers to fill their bookmark.  A gigantic "Well Done" to Year 2, everyone in the class read four times last week!
6	15	63%	15	68%	
5	21	70%	20	69%	
4	25	96%	22	81%	
3	19	63%	21	70%	
2	17	100%	16	94%	
1	23	77%	15	50%	
R	11	73%	5	29%	

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### **Facebook Policy**

Please can all parents/carers read the new Facebook Policy which was sent out on Parentapp (Letters Home). This contains important information including not using Messenger to contact us (this is not monitored in school hours), not using children's names in posts, posting positive / negative comments, and how to deal with complaints.



### **New Home School Policy**

Your child will be bringing home a copy of the new Home School Policy today, please sign this and return it to us when we return after half term



### **SATS Dates**

The following important assessment dates are programmed in for this year, it is vital that if they affect your child's year group that your child is in school for them (not taken out for medical appointments, holidays etc). Please pop them in your calendar now!

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Year 6	SATs	13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Year 4	Multiplication Check	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Year 1, plus any Year 2 children who didn't pass in Y1	Phonics Screening	10 <sup>th</sup> - 14th June 2024



### **Spooky Disco**

Our Spooky Disco on Wednesday was truly spook-tacular! A big thank you to all parents who bought tickets and helped children to dress up, and all staff and PSA members who worked so hard to make it such a fun event for the children. Congratulations to Amelia and Zola who won the Sweetie Hamper raffles.

### **Sports Events**

We have been so impressed with our sports teams lately. The BLA SSCO Years 3&4 Football Tournament team made us all so proud, they never gave up and in their final game they got a 1-1 draw. We also had two teams represent our school at the BLA SSCO Dodgeball Tournament. They were a credit to our school with one team getting through to the knockout stages! Great performance, and great sporting spirit - well done everyone.



### **EYFS / Reception**

Our September EYFS intake children are settling in so well, big thanks to all families who have worked so well with us in transitioning the children starting school.



### **Dentists**

We have been contacted by Welcare Dental Surgery on Kensington Road. They currently have a number of NHS places available for both children and adults, if you have been struggling to find a dentist please feel free to drop in and see them.



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## **September 2024 Starters**

We will be running an Open Day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November for families of children starting school in September 2024. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school then, please could you let them know so they can come along and see our school.

Session times will be –

9.30am – 10.30am

1.30pm - 2.30pm

4.30pm – 5.30pm



## **Reading at Home**



We've had a couple of families querying the rules on Reading at Home / Golden Time so thought we would clarify. An adult needs to sign the child's reading record four times in the school week to be a Super Reader. If the reading record is not signed and sent into school we do not know that your child has read and they will not get their sticker.

Golden Time is an earned privilege, children earn this by staying off the red/yellow triangles and by reading four times each week. If they have not done both of these they will not be rewarded with Golden Time, and the time will be used for reading in school instead. We really cannot stress enough how much of a positive message it sends to your children for you to show that you think reading is important by reading with them at home. It doesn't need to be time consuming, you can start off with just five minutes, four times a week.

## **Happy Half Term**

Wow, what a busy half term it has been! We've had trips to Leighton Hall, Coniston and Warton Crag with Big Adventure. We've studied a variety of interesting topics including the solar system, dragons, stable structures, poetry day, beebots, stop motion animation, World War II, 3D printers, and local history. We've competed in Football and Dodgeball and shown amazing team spirit. We've met with parents at Parents Evenings and the EYFS Phonics Party, and we've had great fun at the Spooky Disco, Triangle Treat, After School Clubs, and lunchtime yoga / relaxation.



We've seen some fantastic behaviour, an improvement in lateness, and a massive increase in reading at home - many thanks to all families for your support with these. Thank you also for all of your support with events, fundraising, book donations, and building strong relationships with us to support our children's education and well being. We hope you have a great half term break, and look forward to seeing you all again on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Parent Staff Association (PSA)**

A huge thank you to all that helped set up and run the Spooky Disco on Wednesday. The children had a great time. If you haven't seen them already, there are lots of pictures on the schools Facebook page.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October we held our first AGM and the following officers were re-appointed

Chair - Becky Webster

Secretary - Claire Childs

Treasurer - Wendy Clarke

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Thank you to everyone that has supported the PSA over the past year. If anyone would like to attend the next meeting (there will be biscuits!), we will be meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in school.

If you haven't already, please give the PSA Facebook Page a like – search **@WestEndPrimaryPSA**

**Important Dates for the Diary**

02.11.23 & 03.11.23 INSET days – School Closed

06.11.23 School reopens 08:45am

08.11.23 Y5 Author visit

10.11.23 Remembrance Assembly with Father Michael

11.10.23 PSA AGM Meeting 2-3pm

15.11.23 PSA Meeting 2-3pm

17.11.23 Y6 & EYFS Height and Weight Checks



## All Hallows Family Crafts

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2-3.30pm

Spooky crafts with a Christian theme

Make a skull bracelet

Make a pumpkin bauble

Make a light jar

FREE while supplies last

**At St Barnabas Church, Regent Road, LA3 1BJ**

facebook.com/stbmorecambe or 01524 941521 for more details

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