



## NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers

### West St Leonards Primary Academy Principal appointment

Following the recent Principal recruitment process, I am writing to inform you that Interim Principal, Mr Dominic O'Regan, has now been appointed as the permanent Principal of West St Leonards Primary Academy, with immediate effect.

Mr Dominic O'Regan, has contributed to the exceptional leadership of West St Leonards Primary Academy in his capacity as Interim Principal, and prior to that as Vice Principal, with the support of staff, parents and carers and the local board. I am therefore extremely pleased that Mr O'Regan has been appointed permanent Principal to lead the academy in the next important stages in its development.

Yours faithfully

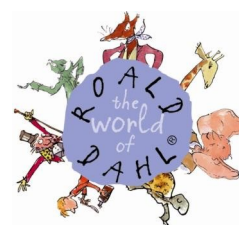


Dr John Smith  
Chief Executive  
University of Brighton Academies Trust

## End of Term and Roald Dahl Day

The last day of term for children is **Thursday 22 October 2020** which is also Roald Dahl day so we will be dressing up as our favourite characters from books that day!

Classes resume on Monday 2 November 2020.



## Free Food Boxes Available

We have received a variety of dried and tinned foods that we are able to offer to families who may need to restock their cupboards. If you are interested in receiving one of these parcels, please contact the office [office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk) for more information and to arrange a suitable collection time.

## Win a £20 Book Token!

Over the half term holidays we will be having a 'Spooky Spectacular Reader' competition. Photos of children dressed up in their Halloween gear reading a book. Our winner will receive a £20 book token!



## West St Leonards Learning Channel

Over this week and next week, we will be uploading more videos to our [YouTube learning channel](#) to allow parents and carers to gain additional insight into the learning happening in school. This week will be the release of our first Talk for Writing class video which we are producing in place of our usual Talk for Writing assemblies. Please enjoy Year Six's overview of their learning around Jane Goodall.

Also, to support parents and carers of our Reception children, we have put together some information to provide an overview of how children learn in Reception. Mrs Toth has also added a special thank you to parents in this video as the children have had a superb start to the year so far.

Finally, our Year 2 teachers have put together an overview around the strategies used to support reading in year 2, including the use of RIME and Daily Supported Reader. We hope you find all of these useful and look forwards to providing more of these in the coming terms.

## Y6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder that parents of children in Year 6 must apply for a place at secondary school by **31 October 2020**. For a virtual tour of Claverham Community College click [here](#).

## Numbots

Year 1 have all been given a username and password for their own NumBots account this week. You will find it in the front of their reading record. Please support your child to practice their number skills in this fun way. Thank you.

## Y1 Reminder

Y1 children will need to bring in recyclable items on Monday for some exciting junk modelling next week.

## Children's News

Inspired by Robin Hood, Ava in Year 5 got all her family involved in building a den. Great teamwork and creativity, Ava. We love it!

Adam in Year 1 has also worked really hard building letters using his Lego blocks. Wonderful idea, Adam. You will have to join Lego Club when it returns.



## Well Done Blackbirds!

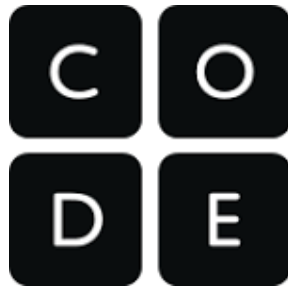
Blackbirds were delighted to earn their eighth ping pong ball last week and enjoyed their chosen class treat on Wednesday of 'Party Games'. The children played a variety of party favourites, musical chairs, musical bumps and musical statues followed by party bingo and sleeping lions with the winning children earning lovely prizes.

Well done to Blackbirds for working so well as a team since returning to school and keep up the great work!



## Let's get Active Together

We noted that the link to 'Let's Get Active' from the Department of Education did not work in last week's newsletter. The updated link can be found [here](#) to support with exercises and healthy activities that children can do at home or in the garden,



Computing is a subject that we are all exposed to every day, however do we ever stop to think about what computing is? We are in a digital age of computers, mobile phones, tablets and more. Computing is a fascinating subject to dive into. Let some of the world's richest people tell you why... <https://youtu.be/nKlu9yen5nc>

Coding can get you almost anywhere. It teaches you about E-safety, how to build games, sequencing data and will expand your future goals and prospects. At Code.org there are courses from Reception up to Year 5. Each course is broken down into small activities and will teach you the basics of coding. Dive in deeper to play other games using your new skills, such as Minecraft, Flappy Code and Dance Party.



So visit <https://code.org/educate/curriculum/elementary-school> to start your coding practise and love of games now.

For Year 6, Code.org also has a range of Computer Science discoveries to build on these coding skills to develop your creativity, communication, problem solving skills. <https://studio.code.org/courses/csd-2020>



All children who are currently in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are being given the opportunity to play the violin with East Sussex Music.

As well as being enjoyable, learning to play a musical instrument has many benefits such as enhancing memory and confidence and boosting organisational, concentration, maths, reading and social skills.

The lessons will take place during the school day.

**Group Lessons** for 2 children as a group lesson of 20 minutes; or 3 or 4 children for a group lesson of 30 minutes or

**Individual lessons** 20 or 30 minute lessons are available (no assistance with fees available for individual lessons).

For information on fees and assistance with fees and opportunities with East Sussex Music and to apply for lessons in school, please click [here](#).

Email: [esm@brightondome.org](mailto:esm@brightondome.org)

Telephone: 01273 261 540

Or you would be extremely welcome to contact the violin teacher, Jenny Benwell, at:

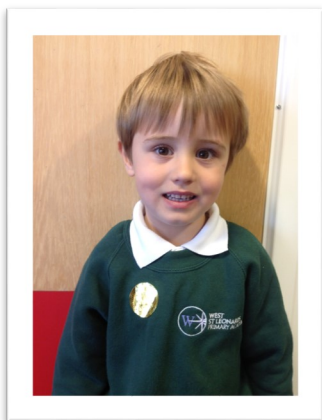
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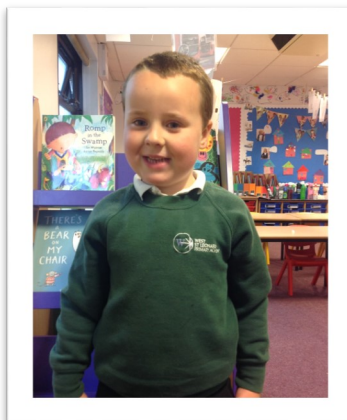
# Gold Awards

We continue to award children each week for showing their POW values and showing Excellent Learning and Friendship. Here are the gold awards for this week.



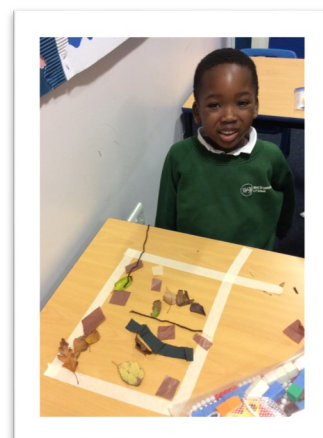
**Puffins - Edward N**

Edward has been working really hard on his phonics. Well done, your sounding out is fantastic.



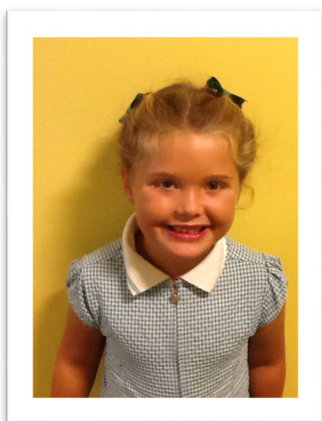
**Ducklings - Charlie A**

Charlie has been doing some excellent work during carpet time this week. He has been focused during phonics and has worked very hard. Well done Charlie!



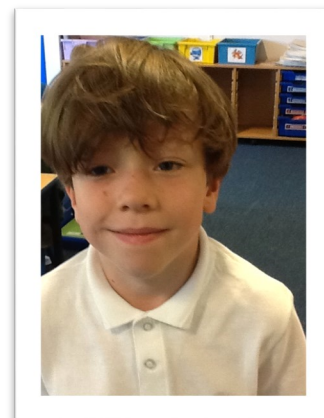
**Robins - Andrew N**

Andrew is consistently ready to learn. He is always the model pupil for showing class etiquette through sitting nicely, using his manners, showing patience and always willing to give any task a go. Well done Andrew. Robins class are proud of you!



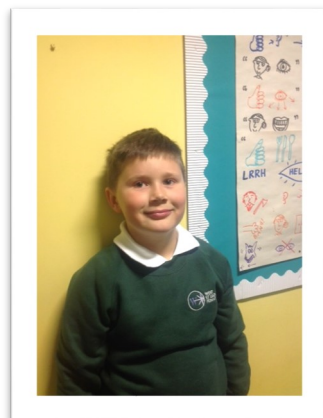
**Blackbirds - Aimee L**

Aimee has been working so hard in every area of learning. She is making brilliant progress in reading and maths and showing improved confidence with independent writing.



**Warblers - Finn S**

Finn has worked so hard to STRIVE for five and his handwriting progress is fantastic! Finn has also been working hard to add and subtract using a number line.



**Kingfishers - Rocco C**

Rocco for his amazing work so far on his diorama - great use of the resources and using his creativity!





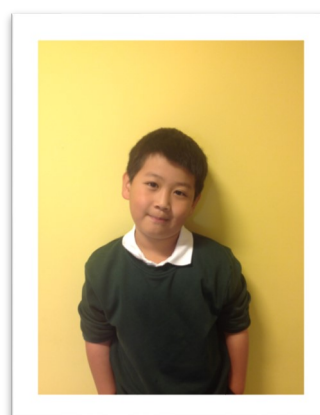
**Nightingales - Isabella P**

Bella for her exemplary attitude towards learning. Bella is enjoying learning French and has been teaching herself new French words at home. Well done Bella!



**Sandmartins - April C**

April has been showing her perseverance in maths. As a result of her determined approach to learning, April now has a better understanding of place value.



**Avocets - Zhen Xuan W**

Zhen for his consistent positive attitude in all subjects. You are an exceptional role model for all. We wish you all the best for your new adventure!



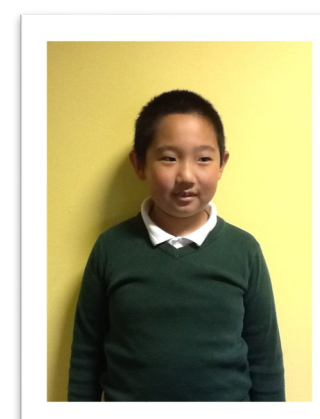
**Oystercatchers - Summer W**

Summer for her perseverance this week in handwriting. Summer has worked exceptionally hard to join her letters, you are consistently striving for that five! Well done summer!



**Herons - Scarlett SM**

Scarlett for working hard in school and at home. She has completed seven pieces of homework! All the homework shows she is striving for five. Well done Scarlett, keep up the good work.



**Cranes - Lurvy Z**

Lurvy for demonstrating his politeness at all times and persevering in everything he does. Well done Lurvy, keep setting a great example for others!



**Razorbills - Charley S**

Charley for her excellent work in her maths group, showing that she can recall learning in class about place holder zeros and apply it to her work in a small group.



**Swifts - Jack M**

Jack for his continued enthusiasm in reading and maths every day at school - well done!



**Doves - Ashton R**

Ashton for the wonderful, positive attitude he showed towards his maths learning this week. His understanding of number bonds to 10 has grown thanks to the resilience and determination he showed in working on this area.

## Free Maths and English Catch-up Classes

[Invicta Academy](#) is a social enterprise aimed at helping schoolchildren across the UK catch up on the core subjects of Maths and English and has been praised by the Prime Minister and described as “brilliant” in Parliament by the Education Secretary. Most importantly, feedback from parents and learners is extremely positive.

Throughout the October half-term holiday they will be running Maths and English lessons every day with lessons taught live by a fully-qualified teacher assisted by a trained facilitator. These will be providing lessons FREE of charge to all children in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium or just £2 a session to all other children. The timetable for the lessons (Monday to Friday) can be found below: (26th October to 30th October)

• **1000 - 1045 Maths (separate lessons for KS1 and KS2)**

• **1100 -1145 English (separate lessons for KS1 and KS2)**

If you are interested in finding out any more information then [click here](#). The application link for free school meals or pupil premium children can be found right at the bottom of the page after you have selected the relevant key stage

