

NEWSLETTER



Message from Mr O' Regan

This month, we are focusing on the POW (Pride of West St Leonards) value of Patience. This will be a theme of our assemblies and our discussions with the children. Ask your child about why bamboo is used as our symbol for patience.

I am delighted to be able to share our Ofsted report with you, following the inspection last month. I wish to thank you, parents and carers for your support; the University of Brighton Academies Trust staff; Trustees and the Local Federated board members; the dedicated and talented staff who make a difference every day and finally the children– they work incredibly hard and are a credit to us all. I am proud of each and every one. Well done.

Please read the report [here](#) and thank you to all who were able to complete the survey.

Leaders' aspirations for pupils to succeed academically are clear to see. Staff also understand that supporting pupils' social and emotional development is vitally important. Parents are particularly positive about this. Pupils value the wide range of opportunities to take on additional responsibilities in the day-to-day life of their school. Ofsted Oct 2021

Year 1 Talk for writing Assembly	09.11.2021 2:30 p.m. in the hall
Doves Talk for writing assembly	10.11.2021 2:30 p.m. in the hall
Year 2 Talk for writing Assembly	11.11.2021 2:30 p.m. in the hall
Individual Photos	15.11.20
Reception Talk for Writing Assembly	16.11.2021 2:30 p.m. in the hall
New Reception for September 2022 events	22.11.2021 10:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m.
New Reception for September 2022 events	23.11.2021 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Golden Bugs

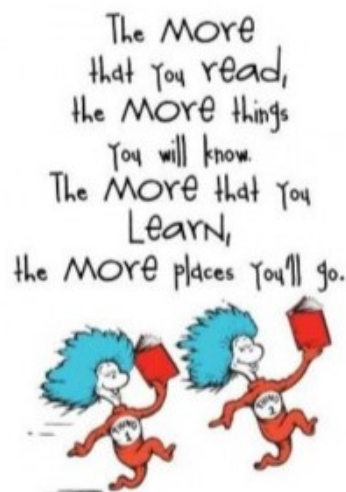
Congratulations to our glittering GOLDEN BUGS this week! Your patience, perseverance and resilience with your reading will help you to make super progress across the CURRICULUM!

KS1: Roman, Oliver, Jamie, Jack

KS2: Zachary, Teddy

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is **Ivy-Grace** from Ducklings who completed 10 books! Well done!

Stay golden!



Year 4 Shoebox Plea

This term in Year 4, we are hoping to construct a flying dragon model in D&T. However, to do this, we need shoe boxes for the base of our dragon. Please could we ask that any spare shoe boxes be donated to Year 4 to create these wonderful models. Thank you!

Poppy Appeal

This year will mark the return of our fund raising for the British Legion through the Poppy Appeal. This is a nationwide system that you may have donated money to before in return for a poppy for you to wear.

During Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, our Year 6 children will be going across the classes to collect donations from children in exchange for a poppy to show support for this fantastic charity. The money raised will support vital funds for the Armed Forces community. Donations can be brought in any time from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November in preparation for Remembrance Day on the 11th November.



Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and a big shout out to **Grayson** (Blackbirds) and **Oliver** (Robins) who are our Handwriting Heroes.

This week the focus is the second half of the 'anticlockwise round' letter family. You can watch the formation tutorial videos by clicking [here](#).

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it. Good luck heroes!

Year 1 would also like to remind parents and students to bring in pupils' reading records, reading books, phonics books and reading for pleasure books each week to ensure that these are regularly changed. Please keep phonics books and reading books inside the reading record so they are always together.

Phonics books and reading for pleasure books are changed each week, whereas the children's reading books are changed daily.



Reception—Term 2 Stunning Start

The Reception children are having a Teddy Bears' Picnic on the 10th of November at 2pm. Parents and careers of Reception children are invited to join the event which will take place in our Aviary playground (where the Puffins children enter at the start of the day). We will be providing the children with a small selection of picnic food however they will still require their lunchtime food as normal for the day. The children are welcome to bring in their own teddy on the day. In the event of the picnic not being able to go ahead due to poor weather, the event will be rescheduled for later in the term. Thank you.



Individual Photo Day

Van Cols will be visiting on the 15th of November to take individual pupil photos. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing their school jumper. Those pupils with siblings in school will also have their photo taken together.



Passing Information onto Class Teachers

Should you need to pass on information to the class teachers at the start of the day, please direct this to the school office by emailing at office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk. Our office staff can then communicate this with the class teachers and avoid any lost learning time from conversations at the start of the day that delay children from going up to class and starting their learning in the mornings. Thank you.



School Office Update

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, our lovely receptionist Miss Stringer has moved on and we have now appointed a new member of staff. However, we will be short staffed in the office until early December, hence our request to please, unless it is an emergency or you are responding to a call from us, email your queries to the office via office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk. Currently there is only one person in the office so please be patient as our response time may be delayed. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Talk for Writing Assemblies

Parents are invited into school for the final part of the day, at 2:30pm, for a 20 minute assembly. The assemblies will take place in the hall for children to show their learning to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

We look forwards to seeing what future opportunities there are for other year groups to have similar assemblies and to showcase some of our great Talk for Writing with our parents and carers. Please note– COVID-19 measures may mean these are postponed at short notice.

Year Group	Date
Year 1	Tuesday 9 November 2021
Doves	Wednesday 10 November 2021
Year 2	Thursday 11 November 2021
Reception	Tuesday 16 November 2021

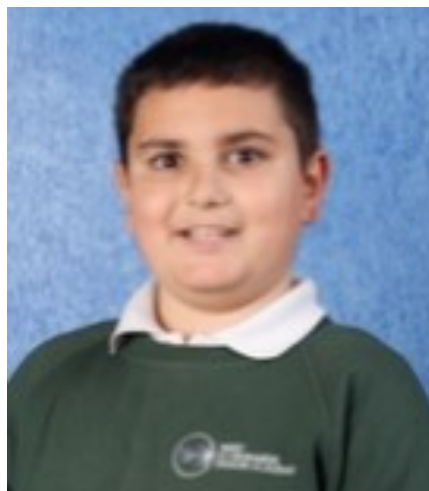


Politeness Cup

Celebrating our children with impeccable manners who put a smile on our faces. We focus on many POW values each week but we know how politeness can support them all. Well done to **Izabella** (Warblers) and **Yuri** (Razorbills).



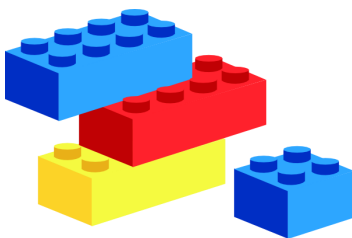
Izabella



Yuri

Year 1 Appeal for Lego

In year 1 this term, the children will be learning all about Lego, including finding out the incredible story of its founder, Ole Kirk Christiansen. To support the topic, we are asking for donations of Lego. If you have any mixed boxes or bags of this incredible toy lying around at home that will no longer be used, we would be delighted to give them a new lease of life at West St Leonards. Please bring your donations in a bag or box to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.



The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to WSLPA!

We are delighted to welcome back the WSLPA much loved Scholastic Book Fair! Reading is of the utmost importance to us here at WSLPA. We recognise that reading –both to learn and for pleasure –is a sacred knowledge. The children will be previewing the books in school and parents/carers are invited into the school hall from 3.00pm – 3.45pm on their allocated day in order to purchase wonderful books and/or highly desirable stationery items! For those non-fiction fans there will also be a range of books bursting with fascinating facts and stats.

Year Group/s	Date
Reception	Monday 22 November 2021
Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 23 November 2021
Year 3 and Year 4	Wednesday 24 November 2021
Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 25 November 2021

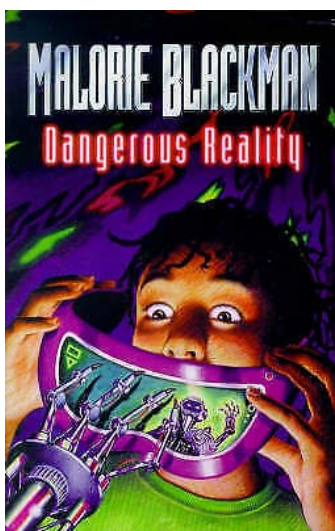
This is a great opportunity to stock up on some rewards for children showing their excellent learning, discover further books by favourite authors, or maybe try out a new genre of fiction! There may even be some good gifts here for festivities happening towards the end of next month.

The money raised by the school will support in acquiring new books for children to read and enjoy in school. This year, we are looking to enhance children's love of poetry and look forwards to using the money to complete our Poetry Book Spine across the school for all children to enjoy.

Recommended Read (Upper KS2)

Dangerous Reality | Author: Malorie Blackman

So your mum's this brilliant scientist. She's just invented the most awesome Artificial Intelligence system. Its virtual world is the perfect place to forget about real life which is exactly what you want. But then a bug corrupts the system and it's unpredictable. This is no ordinary glitch - someone's trying to sabotage it. You need to figure out who, and why. And fast! What if your life was about to be game over? Dangerous Reality is a nail-biting thriller from the author of the bestselling Noughts and Crosses sequence.



Lots of Exciting Things...

Year 5 will be going on a trip to Michelham Priory on **14 December 2021**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.38 to be made on ParentPay by **23 November 2021** to support this exciting event.

Year 3 and Doves will be participating in a workshop run by Mr Pineapplehead on **10 December 2021**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.70 to be made on ParentPay by **26 November 2021** to support this exciting event.

Voluntary contributions are sought from parents/carers based on the total cost of the workshops and trips. Parents are asked only to contribute to the 'per head' of their child's participation. Should the academy receive insufficient contributions, the workshops and trips risk cancellation.

Cross Country at St Leonards Academy

Yesterday, children from years 3-6 took part in a cluster cross country run with other schools in the area at The St Leonards Academy. It was fantastic to be involved in sporting events again. The children did a spectacular job! Each and everyone used their POW values throughout. We are very proud of you all.



Hastings Storytelling Festival

Huge thanks to all of the wonderful families that attended the Hastings Storytelling Festival. A great time was had by all as we held our school flag high for all to see, alongside our flapping, dapper foxes that took part in the Roald-Dahl-themed procession through the bustling old town streets. We were all very proud to represent our school and the wonderful love of books that we all share.



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.



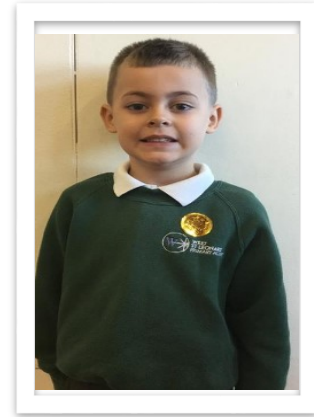
Puffins - Pasha

Pasha has made excellent progress in his reading. He sounds out words accurately and is working really hard on his blending. Well done Pasha, you are trying really hard.



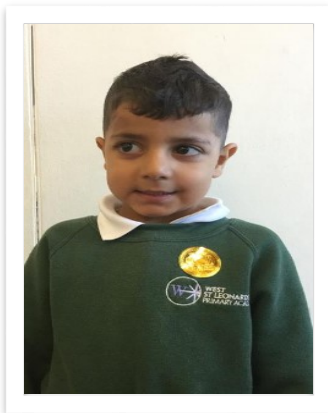
Ducklings - Esmee

Esmee has been trying very hard in her phonics lessons this week. She has been practicing her tricky words and blending words to support her reading. Well done Esmee!



Robins - Harvey

Harvey, you have been able to think of a simile to describe Traction Man. We are so pleased with how hard you have worked on your writing this week!



Blackbirds - Tolos

Tolos for his excellent use of story language when retelling our model text Traction Man. Tolos used the text map to help him when he retold the story using his Traction Man puppet!



Warblers - Macie

Macie is working well across the curriculum. She is making progress with her handwriting and her lower case letters are more consistently sized and joined correctly. Thank you Macie for all your hard work.



Kingfishers - Alicia

Alicia, you have been working so hard to improve your presentation both at home and at school. Well done for your continued resilience and keep it up! Keep striving for 5!





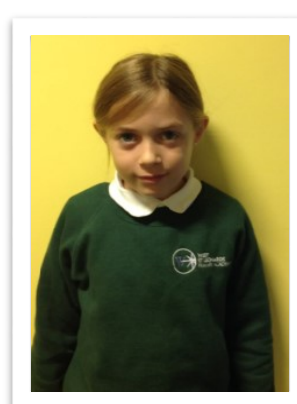
Nightingales - Sophie

Sophie for always showing her excellent attitude towards her learning. Recently, Sophie taught herself how to ask "How are you?" in French! Trê's bien, Sophie!



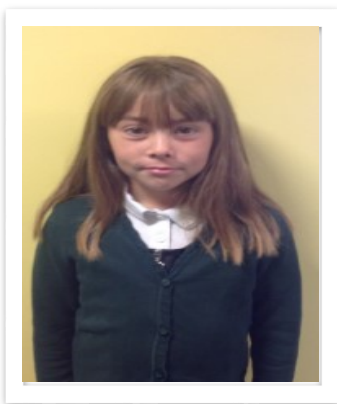
Sandmartins - Maisy

Maisy has made a fantastic start to term 2. Her perseverance and determination has shown her amazing attitude in all areas of her learning. Her willingness to be successful is contagious to all around her.



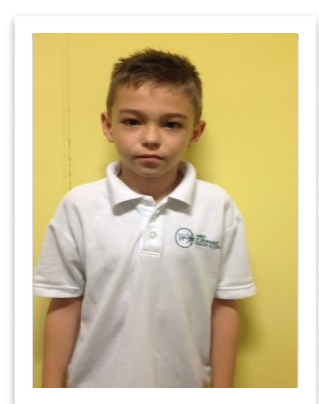
Avocets - Sophia

Sophia for her great start to term 2. Sophia has shown that she has an increased focus this term and has a great attitude towards all areas of her learning. Keep it up Sophia!



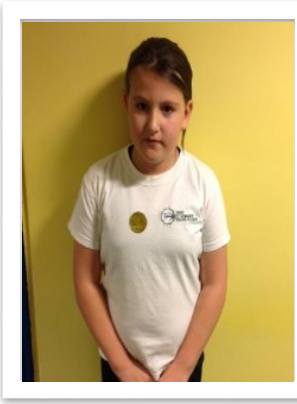
Oystercatchers - River

River for showing her POW value of creativity within her role play pretending to be the angel Gabriel in front of the class. Keep up the good work River!



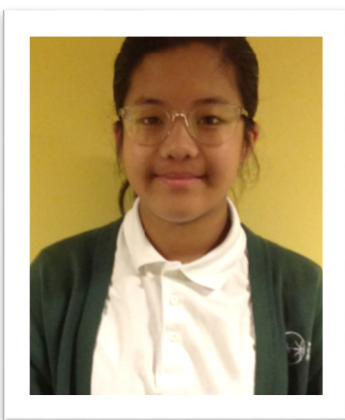
Heron - Kian

Kian for showing his excellence, learning and friendship in and out of the classroom. Additionally, for working hard and really striving for five! Well done



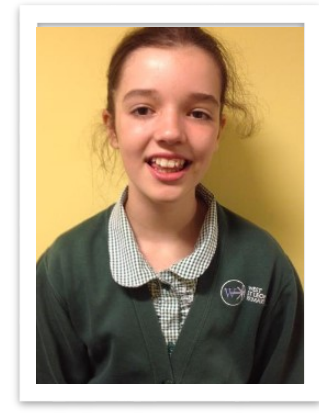
Cranes - Ruby

Ruby for her excellent contribution to class discussions this week. Ruby has been keen to share her ideas, help her peers and challenge herself in all subjects. What a superstar!



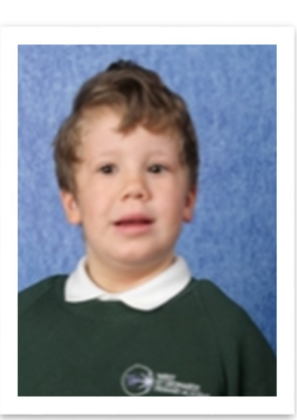
Razorbills - Ishika

Ishika for having great focus in all of her learning and working hard to further her mathematics knowledge with Mrs. Collins.



Swifts - Maisie

Maisie for showing fantastic resilience and optimism in the face of challenges. We are really proud of you!



Doves - Spencer

Despite not feeling so well this week, Spencer has worked really hard rehearsing for the assembly next week and on his Individual Learning play targets. Well done Spencer, keep up the good work!

PE in Term 2

We now ask that your child comes into school in PE kit on their PE day. Your child will remain in full PE kit for the whole day. Therefore, please remember to dress appropriately for the weather.

A reminder of the PE kit expectations

- A white WSLPA t-shirt or plain white top
- Dark green PE shorts
- Dark green or black jogging bottoms/leggings
- An unbranded sweatshirt or school jumper
- Black plimsolls or appropriate sports trainers

Puffins	Tuesday and Thursday
Duckings	Thursday and Friday
Robins	Tuesday and Wednesday
Blackbirds	Tuesday and Wednesday
Warblers	Wednesday and Friday
Kingfishers	Wednesday and Friday
Sandmartins	Monday and Thursday
Nightingales	Monday and Thursday
Avocets	Monday and Tuesday
Oystercatchers	Monday and Tuesday
Hérons	Monday and Thursday
Cranes	Monday and Friday
Razorbills	Wednesday and Thursday
Swifts	Wednesday and Friday



PARENT & CARER COFFEE MORNINGS

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A safe, non-judgmental, confidential space for parents and carers, whose children are struggling with their mental health to come together; to be supported, to connect, chat and share.

9.30AM - 11.30AM

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OPEN EVENTS

2021

YOU'RE INVITED TO SEE US IN ACTION

Is your child starting school in September 2022? We welcome you to visit us at our upcoming open events and discover the fantastic opportunities we offer at our Academy. Come along and meet our teachers, students and Principal and take a tour of our learning spaces.

Monday 22 November 2021 at 10.00 – 11.00am

Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 10.00 – 11.00am
and 6.00-7.00pm

Book HERE



Find out more and register
for an open event

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*Open events are subject to
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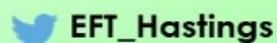
Where: EFT Community Learning Centre, 464 Bexhill Road, St Leonards-on-Sea
TN38 8AU

Who: Parents/carers/grandparents 19+ with under 5s
(priority given to those in receipt of benefits)

Cost: FREE

When: Fridays 12th November - 10th December 2021, 10am - 11.30am

**To book your place, contact us on 01424 722241 or
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A Survival Guide

Starting on 2nd November 2021 for 6 weeks
18.30 - 20.00



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And how it's affecting you?

Being a parent to your child when they hit the teen years is hard!

This 6 week programme will help you to understand and navigate the teenage years from hormones, to school life, relationships and family life.

Schedule

Week One: Development – understanding your child

Week Two: Communication and relationships – building strong connections and positive relationships.

Week Three: Connection and looking after yourself – being present and working with feelings and emotions

Week Four: Behaviour – boundaries and consequences.

Week Five: Trouble Shooting

Week Six: Putting it all together so you feel positive about yourself and confident in your parenting.



Introducing Jenny

I work with you to form and manage positive, healthy relationships with the people who are most important to you.

I am a fully qualified counsellor and have worked with children, young people and their families for over ten years. I worked in youth and family services in Melbourne and as a school counsellor in East Sussex providing counselling and support to children, young people and their families

The clients I work with have complex and multiple needs such as trauma, grief and loss, relationship and family issues. They have experienced separation and divorce, family violence, emotional and sexual abuse, behavioural problems in children and adolescents and managing life with a mental illness.

I have developed and designed this parenting programme with Holding Space to engage and help local families and parents.

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