



# West Meadows Weekly

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This week we have been holding our School Council Elections in class, developing children's understanding of democracy. We will announce this year's successful candidates next week and one of their first projects will be to find out how children would like our school playground to be developed in the future as some of our current equipment such as the climbing wall and trim trail now need replacing. Our School Community Team are already working hard to look at ways to raise funds to help towards the cost. Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and World Mental Health Day is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. As always, the wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance and as such, next week we will be doing a range of different activities with them in class to support this.

**Thank you!** A huge thank you to everyone in our wonderful community who supported the fundraising event for Enya on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September and for all those who worked so hard to organise it!

## Changes To The School Day:

A letter went out to parents this week explaining our changes to the school day. From 1<sup>st</sup> November (after October half term) the school day will change back to its normal start time. Doors will open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. Nursery times will be 8:45am – 11:45am for the morning session and 12:15pm – 3:15pm for the afternoon session.

## Phonics Workshops:

We are running our first phonics workshop of the year on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** which is open to all F2, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

## Year 6 Open Evening:

Kirk Balk are hosting an Open Evening for our current Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The following link can be used to book your place to attend a presentation by the Principal.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kirk-balk-academy-open-evening-tickets-177968136487>

## Toys in school:

We have a large number of children bringing Pop-It toys into school. We encourage children not to bring any toys into school as they can be lost or damaged and ask that no toys are brought into the classroom so as not to disrupt pupils' learning. Thank you for your support with this.

## Next Week's Events:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October: The start of Anti-bullying week  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Mr Gates from Kirk Balk to visit Year 6 pupils  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October: A free school meal for **all** pupils on Census day  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Year 5 & 6 Netball - Hoyland

## Attendance Matters!

Every Monday we will celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and at home, including their attendance in school. Good attendance is vital for your child's education and means they can make the most of all aspects of school life.

F1	95%
F2	92.8%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	98.9%

And this week's  
winner is...  
Year 6 Class

Unfortunately this week we have lost 542 minutes learning due to lateness.

**Absence:** Could all parents please ensure that any absences are reported via the school absence telephone line and not via twitter.

**Head Lice:** We have had some parents reporting cases of head lice so could you please ensure that you regularly check your child's hair please.

## Sharing Assemblies:

Our class sharing assemblies are coming soon and we are excited to be able to share our work with you. In the Autumn term they will be for Year 1 to 6, with our Foundation Stage children joining in later in the year. They will start at 2:30pm.

Year 1: 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 2: 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 3: 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 4: 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5: 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 6: 2<sup>nd</sup> December

## P.E Days:

Mondays: Year 2 and 3  
Tuesdays: Year 1 and 5  
Wednesdays: Year 2, 4 and 6  
Thursdays: F2, Year 1, 3 and 4  
Fridays: Year 5 and 6