

THE HARMONY TRUST Westwood Academy





Miss Wimperis says... A massive well done to the Y5 children are becoming published authors!

School finishes today, for a two week break. We look forward to seeing you all on the 17th April.

Miss Wimperis' news

Westwood Academy primary pupils become published authors!



Year 5 children at Westwood Academy were tasked by their teacher Tamanna Begum to write a mini saga with an exciting twist in the story. The children were asked to keep the story both original and creative - and they definitely lived up to the brief! The children based their story on their class text 'The Pirate Queen' and looked at how they could turn aspects of the familiar story into an original piece of writing to enter into a Young Writers' competition called 'A Twist in a Tale'. The children worked in groups to perform their mini saga, before using the dictation facility on their iPads to write up their story. They then edited their saga as they had to cut their story down to 100 words to adhere to competition rules.

Discussing what they enjoyed most about the writing process, Shumaiya said: "I enjoyed the challenge of having to write in under 100 words!"

And Ibrahim said: "I enjoyed changing a part of the story to make it my own."

Teacher Tamanna said: "Watching the children's imaginations come to life as they went through the writing process was a real privilege."

Commenting on the event, Antony Hughes (CEO, The Harmony Trust) said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the children and for Westwood Academy and a wonderful example of how technology has been embedded into everyday classroom practice and is enhancing the way children learn and express themselves."

The children from Westwood Academy will now see their work published in a book they will be able to share with their friends and families.

Word of the week

Attendance Champions!

Application – Trying and working hard

Well done Year 4!

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★★★ Stars of the week ★★		
Year group	Stars of the term	Reason for the award
Nursery	Rahil All of afternoon nursery	For growing in confidence and joining in with our learning especially reading and mark making. For always being super learners and trying their best all the time.
Reception	Farhan Rahmah	For always being engaged and working hard with all his learning. For always working hard and trying her best with all of her learning.
Year 1	Anaya Aaliyah	for a fantastic attitude towards her learning and showing fantastic understanding in her reading and comprehension. for showing great enthusiasm towards her learning, always wanting to learn more and always sharing her fantastic ideas.
Year 2	Ayan Khadijah D	For his amazing progress in reading! For her beautiful writing.
Year 3	Ayamin Anaya	For consistently excellent home research For consistent development of writing and for asking questions for how to develop her work.
Year 4	Shihan Sara	For his continued effort and engagement in all lessons. For always trying her best in all that she does.
Year 5	Labibah Maariya	For her willingness and enthusiasm towards learning and being a kind, caring member of our class. For being an all-round amazing pupil and friend, and making fantastic progress this term.
Year 6	Habib Tasfia	For being kind and caring in class. For amazing effort and progress.

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What has each class been learning about this week?

<u>EYFS-</u> This week EYFS have been learning all about the celebration 'Easter'. We have been marking making and writing information about how Easter is celebrated. In Maths, Nursery have been making patterns and Reception have been exploring numbers beyond 10.

<u>Year 1-</u> This week Year 1 have been measuring capacity and volume in Maths. In English, we have been writing a letter to the Dinosaur.

<u>Year 2-</u> This week, Year 2 have been writing their own version of 'The Great Explorer!' In Maths, we have been learning about fractions and finding one half and one quarter!

<u>Year 3-</u> This week in English, we have created an explanation text about the process of how chocolate is made. In Maths, we have been recapping our knowledge of the times tables we learn in year 3.

<u>Year 4 -</u> This week in English, we have been writing a setting description for the Amazon Rainforest. In Maths, we have been continuing to work on our fractions.

<u>Year 5-</u> This week in English, we have been writing non-chronological reports about Spain. In Maths, we have been learning about time and interpreting information from a time table.

<u>Year 6-</u> This week have been learning all about how light enables us to see colour in science. We used colour filters to investigate which light passed through which colour filters. In English, we wrote a complaint letter about restaurant which were very unpleased with.

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