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On February 1st Westbourne Sports College became Westbourne Academy, under the sponsorship of the Academy Transformation Trust.



Dr Ron Impey,
Chair of Governors

An enormous amount of work has gone on behind the scenes preparing the financial and legal aspects of this conversion, and now the hard work of putting in place plans that will lead the academy to our goal of 'Outstanding' begins.

We were delighted with the response to our survey about the new logo, which saw us develop our use of social media as a way of communicating with our community. This is an area of future growth for the academy.

The next step is the development of a new uniform. Parents have already been surveyed and the basic option of a blazer and tie proved popular, however numbers of decisions are still to be made including colour and design, cost and distribution of the new uniform. We will use our website, social media and newsletters to publicise ideas and plans, and parents will have many opportunities to share views and opinions. If you would like to be part of a small group of representative parents involved with the planning of the uniform please contact Mr Lee-Allan (dlee-allan@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk) if we have too many requests names will be selected at random.

HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTOR'S LATEST VISIT

On 25th January Ian Seith, HMI, visited Westbourne to see if the targets he had identified at his last visit were being implemented. We are delighted to report that he was very pleased with what he saw. In his letter to the school he said 'The school has moved quickly to improve the use of assessment in class' 'Guidance on marking has been sharpened' and 'Innovative use of feedback...has been introduced.' He summarised by saying 'the school is making good progress...'

Students, governors and staff have been working extremely hard to raise the standards at Westbourne and we are delighted to have this hard work recognised. Education is not something that you can work on and then ignore. Improving education is an ongoing process and therefore the hard work will continue.

WESTBOURNE STUDENTS MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

CATERING PROVIDER CONTRACT

Thanks to Sian William, Joss Oliver and Maddison Cloud for their excellent work helping us choose our catering provider – they were able to witness and take part in high level business discussions. Congratulations to EATS, our local provider for winning the contract.



TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Thanks to Maddison Cloud, Temuri Turner and Grace Gayle for their help interviewing candidates for teaching posts.

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CONTACT NUMBERS

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HEAD OF PHASE
Years 7 & 8
Ms Salter 466104

HEAD OF YEAR 9
MR Dyer 466109

HEAD OF PHASE
Years 10 & 11
Mr Payne 466168

STUDENT MANAGERS
Years 7 & 8
Mr Lee 466172

Year 9
Mrs Anderson 466169

Years 10 & 11
Mrs Clark 466170

W.I.S.E group
Mrs Banks 466171

KEY DATES

HALF TERM
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb

Year 9 OPTIONS

Mon 11th March
Student progression interviews
and Options Book distributed

Thurs 14th March
Options Evening for students
and parents

Fri 22nd March
Deadline for return of
Options forms

Thurs 28th March
Year 10 Parents Evening

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Mon 22nd April
PD DAY (no students in school)

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HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

One of the easiest ways for us to communicate with parents is via email – if you have an email address (mainly for us to send general announcements, newsletters, etc) please email your details including your child/s name to thanson@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk and keep us informed if you change it. We also use text messaging for sending urgent/targeted information to parents (snow closures, changes to trips etc) – so please also keep us updated with your mobile number(s).



We are continually reassessing how we communicate with our students, parents and the community. Should we use Facebook, Twitter, email, SMS or something else maybe?



Please help us out by letting us know, email us with your thoughts wsc@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk or give us a call on 01473 742315.

THE END OF LEARNING GATEWAY

In August our license runs out for The Learning Gateway. This software is being replaced by Go4schools, please see article below about how you can access your child's report on line.

CHEQUE PAYMENTS: Please note that with our change to academy status ALL cheques should be made payable to **WESTBOURNE ACADEMY**.



Any payment slips should state this quite clearly as a reminder.

REPORTS

Your child's Spring reports will be issued during the last week of term (w/b 25th March). You will however be able to view them online a week earlier at www.go4schools.com and then following the on screen instructions. If you have still to provide the school with an email address you can do so by contacting Tracy Hanson at thanson@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk As well as being able to access your child's reports online, you are also able to access their attendance record along with assessment data we hold from every single one of their lessons, allowing you to monitor their progress throughout the year.



On the 5 February 2013 the UK celebrated Safer Internet Day. This is now in it's tenth year. Digital Student Leaders at Westbourne submitted two audio broadcasts in a nationwide competition for schools contributing towards a marathon internet radio day. This year the focus was on student rights and responsibilities online. As part of the Safer Internet Day a list of top tips was shared with students and parents. Click the link on the school website or type in www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/News/sid to

CIVIC SOCIETY PROJECT IN SCHOOLS

Westbourne has been invited to participate in a new local government initiative and a group of students from year 10 have been selected to take part. The purpose of the programme is to involve young people in discussing how people power works; the role of communities in 'getting things done'; empowering young people to find out how local and national government functions; to build capacity enabling communities to participate and achieve change. In total, the project will consist of six days out of school (one a month) working with various agencies to culminate in a presentation evening in the Suffolk County Council Chambers, delivering presentations and experiences from the project, to parents, MP's, the Mayor, Councillors and invited guests.



The first of these visits took place on Friday 8th February when the team visited Ipswich Borough Council offices in Grafton Way. Next term the students are looking forward to a trip to the Houses of Parliament.

SCHOOLS MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION 2013

Westbourne's team of fifteen young "legal eagles" Sian Williams, Megan Brett, Charlie Lewis-Pyke, Olid Miah, Jodie Miller, George Fields-Talbot, Reece Lain, Eileen Hawkesford-Baker, Zoe Ablitt, Alisha Hixson, Teagan Stone, Maddison Cloud, Kalib Muller, Marley Curtis, Ellie Matthews are busy preparing their case for the prosecution (and the defence) as part of this year's Mock Trial Competition which takes place on Saturday 9th March at Ipswich Magistrates' Court.





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IMPRESS CELEBRATION

Last term students at Westbourne put in another great effort with their IMPRESS projects. Projects were submitted by students in all subjects across Key stage 3. Numbers completing projects to a very high standard is rising which is very encouraging. The end of term whole school assembly saw those students who had been nominated for a diamond award in multiple subjects, receive a special Platinum Award in recognition of their fantastic effort.

The total number of students receiving a Diamond award totalled over seventy. All of these students were invited to a celebration event at the end of January. In attendance was one of our Governors, Father Paul who congratulated the students for being in the top 10% of all students in Key Stage 3. He was very

impressed with the work on show and students were very keen to chat about how they had put their project together. All those in attendance couldn't fail to see the hard work that these students had put in and it was a great way to celebrate their achievements.

Impress Projects are set by all subjects so speak to your teachers about getting involved or check out the information on the school website.



BOOK MASTERMIND



On Friday 1st February Lewis Seago represented Westbourne Academy at the area final of the Book Mastermind Competition. Lewis had to answer as many questions in 2 minutes, to the maximum of 20 questions, in the first round and then 13 general knowledge questions with no time limit in the second round. Lewis was competing against seven other schools for a place in the county final. After the first round he was in second place after answering all 20 questions in the 2 minutes and getting 16 1/2 correct. Fortunately for Lewis as we are still Westbourne we were last to go and he knew he had to get 10 out of the 13 questions correct to win! After 12 questions Lewis had 9 correct answers, the last question was the picture round where Lewis correctly identified the Queen. Lewis won by 1/2 a mark and will now represent the south west region at the county final on March 22nd. **WELL DONE LEWIS!**

KICK BOXING ENGLISH CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Kiera Devereux 7D and Jack Purdy 9H who both won their title fights at the I.K.F English Junior Championships in Kent to become I.K.F English Junior Champions. Kiera's fight went straight through to the final, which she then won. Jack had to fight several bouts to get to the final, which he also won.

Both had to use great technique, skill and their many years of experience in Kickboxing to achieve their goals. Instructors Den and Zoe (in photo) from Mamba Martial Arts were very proud, as were their parents.

WELL DONE KIERA & JACK!



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SCHOOL GAMES

The role of School Games is an ongoing legacy of London 2012, with Westbourne Academy continuing in its capacity as hub-site for high schools and feeder primary schools across West and South Ipswich. School Games Organiser, Mrs Ali Furlong, is based at Westbourne

and is responsible for putting together an exciting calendar of sporting opportunities and events each year in which our students participate.

The Schools Games provides competition opportunities for both primary and secondary level pupils to play and compete against other schools at basketball, netball, rugby, gymnastics, trampolining, cricket, mini-tennis, athletics, table-tennis, badminton and swimming. Central to the vision of School Games is the development of Young Leaders in local and school communities.



Students with a particular interest in sport, attend leadership academies where they train to become officials, umpires and event organisers as well as receiving accreditation from various governing bodies. So far this academic year Westbourne students have gained leadership accreditation in badminton, rugby and first aid with basketball, gymnastics, netball and cricket on the horizon.

The culmination of this year's School Games competitions is the Suffolk School Games Festival, which takes place on 5th July at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre. Over 1000 young finalists from all school years supported by 150 young leaders, from the Ipswich area, will compete in gymnastics, mini tennis, quad kids, Super 8's athletics and swimming to name but a few of the events involved.

For further information about the School Games and activities locally, please contact Ali Furlong at afurlong@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk or phone 07715 800936.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT AWARDS



Ricardo Paixao 10L

wins Sports Person of the month for January 2013 for excellence at U16 table tennis and reaching the semi-final.



Congratulations to Ashley Mulligan 9D

who won Sports Person for Autumn Term 2012 for his excellence in PE lessons & his involvement with a range of extra-curricular sports clubs as well as representing the school in two sports this term

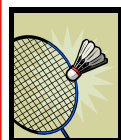
Well done to our Most Valued Playes in extra-curricular sports:

Destiny Minors 8R (netball)

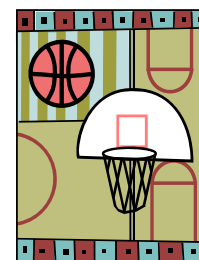
Hollie Walden 7W (basketball)

Depade Ouassingou 7R (basketball)

Harry Stephenson 8N (football)



Congratulations to Gavin Coyne 11N and Jack Curl 11K for achieving Badminton Leadership accreditation



PHOTOGRAPHY GCSE

Our new GCSE Photography course is going from strength to strength with some excellent quality photography being produced. The course was new from September 2012 and has seen our first cohort of Year 10 students go on a variety of trips, as well as get creative, making landscapes out of vegetables! The first project 'Weird and Wonderful' is currently reaching its conclusion and here are some of the weird and wonderful images from the project

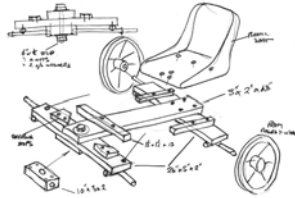


SCIENCE CLUB GO KART PROJECT

Science club are currently designing and building a go-kart to (hopefully) enter in the Red Bull Soap Box race in July.

Any students interested in joining the club should speak to either Ms Sleigh-Ives or Ms Feakes, it runs on Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 in C1.

In order to do this we require: old BMX bikes, plastic pipes (guttering off cuts etc) and a old galvanised bath. If you have any of these items which you would be happy to donate to our project, we would be very grateful and they can be delivered to us and we can store them, Thank you.



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POLICE CADET AWARD WINNER



CONGRATUALIONS to Damian Sikorski who is a member of the Suffolk Constabulary Police Cadets. The first ever parade was held on Sun 27th Jan and Damian was chosen to be a flag bearer. He was also presented with an award for his work and behaviour and intuitive questioning and learning.



LINGUIST OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

Jake Rayson 7K
Megan Brett 8D
Tommy Singh 9H

JANUARY

Connor Bilner 7R
Reece Lain 8R
Nathan Widmark 9H

GREAT PROGRESS

Many congratulations to the following students who recently received praise letters from Mr Edwards for their exceptional progress across a range of subjects

Adam Goddard 9K	Megan Carver 9T
Callum Nichols 9K	Lanya Sarawan 9R
Kiran Singh 9H	Sian Williams 9K
Kaitlynn Rose 9H	Zoe Ablitt 9L
Olid Miah 9N	Eileen Hawkesford-Baker 9N
Ewan Milne 9H	Nathan Widmark 9H

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Sandra Kowal 7R
Sophie Halls 8W
Alisha Hixon 9W
Oliver Cranmer 10L
Katie Rudd 10H
Natasha Goodchild 11L

PSD STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Alex Baldry 7K
Teagan Stone 8T
Luke Addison 9K
Adam Goddard 9K
Lucy Brighty 9W
Jay Gilbertson-Saggers 10R
Georgia Hubert 11W
Jack Bennett 11T

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE READERS OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

Year 7 Migle Marincityte

Year 7 top class
7y1 Ms Lawson

Year 8 Ayesha Begum

Year 8 top class
8y3 Ms Salter

JANUARY

Year 7 Oliver Parker
and
Conner Bilner

Year 7 Top Class
7y1 Ms Lawson

Year 8 Jakub Dahm

Year 8 Top Class
8x2 Mr Melton



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ENGLISH STUDENT OF THE MONTH DECEMBER

Jack Bowen 7D
Sylwia Kedzierska 7D
Jack Amass 7K
Pacey Laughlin 7K
Darren Stansfield 7L
Viktoria Isakova 7N
Lara Soares 7T
Luke Scott 7W
Mohammed Abedin 9H
Bethany Brown 9R
Afsana Begum 9R
Bethany Welham 9R
Alisha Hixson 9W
Szymon Lyzwinski 10H
Kamila Kujawa 10N
James Sherman 11W

JANUARY

Kiera Devereux 7D
Jake Rayson 7K
George Ablitt 7N
Sandra Kowal 7R
David Beales 7W
Shannon Chittock 8H
Callie Green 9D
Ben Tillotson-Hurn 9R
Samuel Loose 9T
Ethan Flack 10T
Chloe Beard 10T
Daniel Serra 11L
Clinton Chisholm 11R
Gabija Didelyte 11R

HUMANITIES STUDENT OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

Connall Walsh 7K
Hayden Welch 7W
Taylor Warner 8D
Megan Brett 8D
Teagan Stone 8T
Jamie Robertson 9K
Zoe Ablitt 9L
Alisha Hixson 9W
Lily Nunn 10
Andrew Davis 10D
Rowan Haste 10H
Tori Meers 11N
Katie Clarkson 11R
Abbie Taylor 11W

JANUARY

Joss Oliver 7W
Naomi Cook 7L
Manpreet Kour 8N
Daisy Hodson 8K
Grace Gayle 8T
Dawid Hojka 9L
Leah Dobson 9K
Joe Ford 9H
Callum Southgate 10D
Haydn Chaplin 10T
Dominika Dahm 10K
Beth Seager 11H
Abbie Taylor 11W
Brenda Zini 11R

SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH JANUARY

Gabija Nausedaite 7R
Ryan Fountain 8D
Joshua Tribe 9K
Oliver Cranmer 10L
Shanice Crabtree 11K

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

Leon Norte-Clarke 7D
Maryam Farris 7K
Joss Oliver 7W
Chloe Northcott 8D
Grace Gayle 8T
Cameron Smy 9H
Tara Norman 9N
Nicholas York 10L
Katie Chaplin 10W
James Startup 10W
Jonathan Nicholl 11D
Jack Curl 11K

BUSINESS STUDIES

Student of the Term (Autumn)

Amber Smith 10W
Amy Twomey 11H

Praise Postcards for Excellent Work

Casey Horsnell 10W
Chase Holland 10D
Diana Ramalho 10D
Charlotte Sutton 10D
Emily Webb 10K
Nathaniel Haste 10W
Niamh McCullough 10K
Shelina Begum 11T
Hafijun Nessa 10W



to all our award
winners