



## West End Academy

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### Reports

Next week, your child will receive their end-of-year report by e-mail. The report will tell you how your child has progressed in school this year and the effort they have shown in each subject. It will also tell you whether your child is working below, at, or above age-related expectations. I am sure you will be proud of their achievements. You can speak to your child's teacher about the report if you want to. To arrange a telephone meeting, please contact our reception.

### Special Visitor

Recently, Jane Simpkins, from Waterton Academy Trust, visited the school. Jane is the trust's school improvement officer for writing. She looked at a sample of our children's writing books from year 1 to year 6. She also met with some of the teachers to discuss the work in the writing books. Jane was very impressed with the standard of work and could see the pleasing progress that the children had made in their writing over the last twelve months. Even though their learning has been disrupted, it was great to see so many children in year 6 reaching the expected standard or the greater depth standard in their writing. Well done everyone!

### Relationships and Health

This year, all our children have been taking part in relationships and health lessons. These are two new subjects that were introduced to the school curriculum by the Department for Education. Last week, I spoke to the children about these lessons. The children showed great maturity and sensitivity when they told me about what they have been learning. They know that these lessons prepare them for the decisions that they may have to make when they are older. Seth and Maisie, in year 6 said, "We have been learning about how to help someone with a strain or a soft tissue injury. RICE tells us what to do. This means you should rest, ice, compress and elevate." Tia-Jae in year 4 said, "A poor diet would be classed as someone eating too much sugary or salty food rather than other healthier choices like fruit and vegetables. It might also mean you are drinking too many fizzy drinks instead of water or natural juice. Too many fizzy drinks would cause tooth decay." We will continue to teach these lessons next year and focus on supporting our children's mental wellbeing.

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 4 for having the highest attendance. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
91.24%	80.77%	94.7%	92.44%	98.08%	89.37%	96.3%	93.37%

### Always Green Event

We recently held our Always Green event. This term, our children got the chance to take a virtual trip to space! This event was originally cancelled due to Covid-19 and was a reward for those children who stayed on green during the autumn term. The children used virtual reality goggles to travel to different planets. The children had a 360-degree view of the planets when they moved their heads. After the event, Oliver said, "The air pressure is much higher on Venus than Earth. It could crush a car." Brodie added, "We learnt that there are lots of volcanoes on Venus as well. They are all dormant but we could see the outline of them when we had the goggles on."

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

