

West Twyford Primary School Newsletter

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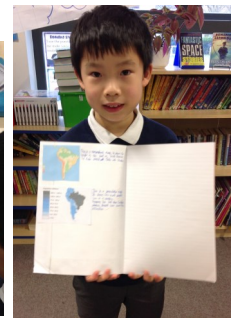
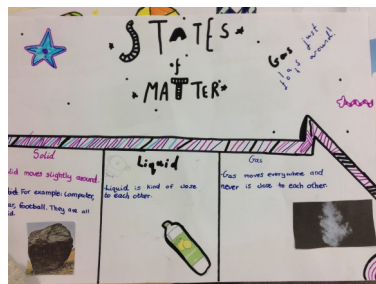
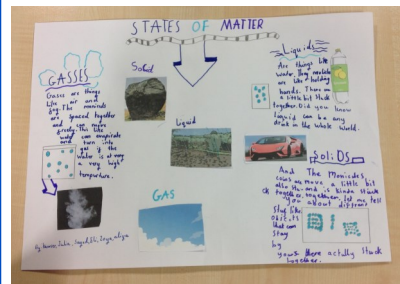
Friday 12th January 2024

Year 5 Learning

We have had a brilliant start to the term in year 5 as we have started new topics in both science and geography. Our geography focus for the Spring term is South America and we began this week by developing our map skills. We used atlases to locate South America and learn more about its geography. Paris (5 Aspen) said, "We learnt what countries are in South America, like Brazil, Colombia and Peru." We then studied different types of maps and built on our learning from year 4. Jun (5 Aspen) explained, "A topographical map shows the height of the land. I used the key to find out that the Andes mountain range is the highest point in South America."



In science, we will be investigating materials this term. We have focused our learning this week on identifying solids, liquids and gases and how the particles behave in each of them. Erbio (5 Silver Birch) said, "I enjoyed making a poster to teach others about the differences between solids, liquids and gases." We are all excited to continue learning and developing our skills in geography and science!



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

You may have heard in the news that there is a new national campaign about the importance of school attendance. We support this fully at West Twyford and know how important it is for our children.

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children in year 6 achieved the expected standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders and regular school attendance can facilitate positive relationships with others, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

From the first day of term to the last the small moments in school make a real difference to your child.



Special Menu next Thursday!

Come and join in with the Pirate lunch on Thursday—all children at school are now able to receive a free school meal!



Jolly Roger Margherita Pizza with wedges

Davey Jones' build your own Pasta

Tricolore Fusilli Pasta or Conchiglie Pasta (Pasta Shells) or Spaghetti

with Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Or Tomato Sauce

Swashbuckling desserts

Chocolate Cake with Custard or Ice Cream



Role Models of the Week

Well done to the following children for their outstanding learning and behaviour in school this week!

Behaviour Award: Patrikas & Barzan (Year 1), Mohamed & Omar (Year 2), Abraham & Malachi (Year 3), Leo & Rafif (Year 4), Elizabeth & Karim (Year 5), Ahmad & Riyah (Year 6)

Learning Award: Dominic & Layla (Year 1), Aalia & Sala (Year 2), Ruby & Siar (Year 3), Maheer & Enass (Year 4), Reem & Mazhar (Year 5), Nadia & Dorian (Year 6)

Attendance Certificates of the Week!

Well done to all our classes who have achieved 96% or above attendance this week:

Year 4 Pine 98.2%

Please remember if your child is absent from school in term time this will be an unauthorised absence.

Punctuality Cup: most punctual children this week! **Year 3 Maple**

Lunchtime Stars: best behaved class at lunchtime this week: **Year 2 Sycamore**