

Fortnightly Headteacher Update



Dear families,

It is showtime here at West Exe and tonight marks the final performance of this year's musical production: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. It is one of my favourite weeks in the school calendar where we get to welcome families and wider community in to see the amazing results of months of hard work by students and staff alike. Having the school production as part of our electives programme has allowed the cast and crew to take this key annual event to new heights and show off West Exe students at their very #bestexe. If you are attending tonight you are in for a treat.

Yet the celebrations do not stop there and this update comes to you at the end of two jam packed weeks. We have seen a Welcome Week where students were awarded over 40,000 merits for displaying student attributes. There has been World Book Day where reading and literature has been celebrated across the school. The Science department have been celebrating the many inspiring achievements of women and girls in Science and our prefect body were proud to present Exeter Food Action with a cheque for over £1400 raised through school fundraising. The events and activities across our community are many, are varied and a celebration of the successes of the children at West Exe.

We are also welcoming some wonderful staff who are on placement here at West Exe, one of whom is visually impaired. We have provided information to students about how to appropriately interact with a member of staff with a guide dog and I am sure they will all make them feel welcome. It is worth remembering that while they can't stroke, call or feed the guide dog, Ernie will still be on hand for a stroke and a cuddle!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

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Celebrations

Well done to our World Book Day Treasure Hunt champions! Aimee R and Anna S beat the clock with their incredible team work and Sophie J won the draw.

Winners of the Word Book Day costume competition were Ewan D (Sherlock Holmes) and Katara J (Mitsuri - Demon Slayer).

Celebrating Women and Girls in Science!

On February 11, we marked International Day of Women and Girls in Science with an exciting poster competition, and we're thrilled to announce our winners: Jocelyn W and Sophie B!

A huge well done to both of you! We can't wait to see your amazing posters displayed in the Science Department. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped celebrate the incredible contributions of women in STEM!

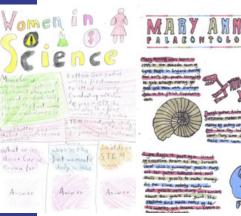
As part of our House system and charity fundraising efforts, some of our amazing Prefect Team met with Andy from Exeter Food Action to present a cheque for £1,475.75 – raised through last year's events!

A huge well done to all of our students and families for their incredible work and support for such a great cause.











Update continued

Whole school information

To view the progress of our Youth Club click here

Our AQA Unlocking potential students are travelling to Reading on Monday, 10 to present their social action plan to the Dragon's Den – Wish them luck!

Our fantastic Sports Leaders will be supporting our Year 1 and 2 pupils as they take part in an exciting Multi-Skills event, Wednesday, 12 March. This is a great opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork, coordination, and physicalskills while having lots of fun.



We are posting fortnightly on our social channels, E-Safety posters surrounding different topics - keep an eye out for these when they land. They will also be available on our <u>website</u>.

We'd love to hear from you to give a 'shout out' for your child/children involved in a club/group, activity or just trying something new outside of school. Please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

Key dates - You can also visit our website <u>here</u>. Non Pupil Day Monday 24 March 2025 Last day of term Friday, 4 April 2025 Start of the Summer Term Tuesday, 22 April 2025

Year Group Information

Year 7

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 netball teams for their fantastic performances against Queen Elizabeth School on Thursday, 13 February!

For our Year 7s, this was their first fixture after months of dedication at our extracurricular club, and they certainly rose to the occasion. With strong teamwork and determination, they secured an incredible 25-4 victory! A special well done to Martha C, who was voted MVP by the QE players.

Well done to everyone who took part – your hard work and team spirit truly paid off! 🎉

Year 8

Year 8 have an upcoming netball fixture.

Curriculum choices opened last week, have you submitted your choices?

Students have had tutor sessions, assemblies, and taster lessons to support their choices

Year 9

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 netball teams for their fantastic performances against Queen Elizabeth School on Thursday, 13 February!

Our Year 9 team also put on a brilliant display, showcasing their skill and versatility with an impressive 24-9 win. With players seamlessly switching positions and excelling in both attack and defense, it was a true team effort. Congratulations to Orla C, named MVP for her outstanding performance. Well done to everyone who took part – your hard work and team spirit truly paid off!

Bronze DofE will be doing their First Aid training for their expedition on Wednesday 12 March. Good luck!

Year 10

Year 10 assembly has been about Careers to support them with work experience and post 16 choices.

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