

# Westbrook Lane Newsletter



## Parent Governor



We are delighted to welcome Mr Marcus Sharpe as our new parent governor. Mr Sharpe was elected at the end of last term as a result of a very close ballot. A re-count was held when two of the three candidates received the same amount of votes. The decision was then made by drawing lots and Mr Sharpe was duly elected. Many thanks to Rev Richard Dimery and Mrs Hannah Mason for putting themselves forward as candidates and to everyone who took the time to vote.



## Class 3's independent learning projects

Class 3 children have been researching information about different countries for homework and then presenting that information in class. Where possible, they have looked for information on, and links with, global issues in the news. Currently they are working on creating works of 2D or 3D art which represent geographical features of the particular continent they are focusing on.



"I didn't know anything about the Himalayas before I made my model. Now I know a lot more." Adam

"I thought the Grand Canyon was a giant house before I started this work!" Tom



## Year 5 Basketball Tournament Success!!

A squad of ten year 5 children entered the Leeds North West Partnership Basketball tournament and did themselves proud! The tournament was held at Ralph Thorsby School; eight schools were entered into the competition and split into two pools.

We played four matches in total winning three of them! As runners up from pool A ,we played the winners of pool B where we went on to win 6 points to 4. This made us joint overall winners of the competition and we qualified for the area final.

The final will take place at Leeds Beckett University- the home of Leeds Force who play in the British Basketball League. Children representing the school in the final will be given a free ticket and the opportunity to watch Leeds Force play Manchester Giants in an official BBL game.



## Pleas for help and your expertise

**Advertising banners.** If you, or someone you know, could design and make banners at a reduced cost (or free!) could you please let the school office know. It is something both Westbrook and Brownberrie Lane Pre-School are looking into to advertise various events. It would also be an opportunity for some free advertising for you too!

**Drawing up plans of the nature area.** The Wildlife Area Group would like to draw up a plan of the nature area showing all the features that staff and children could use. Are you a graphic designer/landscape architect? Do you know someone who has this skill who could help us with this? If so, please contact the school office.

## Visitors are impressed with Westbrook!

We are part of the Red Kite Teaching Schools Alliance, a partnership of Yorkshire schools and institutions, sharing skills and expertise to help improve the learning and achievement of young people. As part of our membership, we receive a peer review with an Ofsted inspector/consultant and another headteacher from the Alliance. Mark Wilson and Julie Colley (a headteacher in Leeds) visited us on the 23rd January for our review.

There was some very positive feedback from both Mark and Julie and further details will be shared with you in the next newsletter.

## Vouchers

We are starting to collect Sainsbury's vouchers again for this year's scheme. Please send in any vouchers you receive. The collecting box is situated outside the office door. *Thank you*

### Musical Instrument Tuition

A chance to blow your own trumpet, toot your own flute or learn to play clarinet, cornet or saxophone! Music for Schools is a charity that gives music lessons in schools, and we are coming to your school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. Your child will have the opportunity to try each instrument and we will tell you all about how to sign up for lessons.

Come and see the Music Man to find out more – no obligation, packages to suit all budgets.

### Dinner Money

For anyone wishing to pay dinner money for the full half term after the holiday the amount needed for children having a school meal every day is: **Y3 26 days x £2.25 = £58.50, Y4, Y5 & Y6 27 days x £2.25 = £60.75**

Please remember to inform the office of any changes to school meals for after the holidays as one week's notice is required to amend the food order in the kitchen.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 10th February</b>	Taekwondo 3.30 - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 11th February</b>	KS2 Water Safety Workshop by RNLI
<b>Friday 12th February</b>	PTA Bun sale and coffee morning - details to follow Y6 Steel Pan Workshop - details to follow Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm Y3/4 Drama Club 3.30 - 4.15pm <b>School closes for half term</b>
<b>Monday 22nd February</b>	<b>School closed - training day</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd February</b>	<b>School re-opens</b> Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm
<b>Wednesday 24th February</b>	Taekwondo 3.30 - 4.30pm Y6 Maths Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
<b>Friday 26th February</b>	La Jolie Ronde Spanish lesson to replace Monday 22nd February. Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm Y3/4 Drama Club 3.30 - 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 28th February</b>	Wildlife Action Day - details to follow
<b>Tuesday 1st March</b>	Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm Street Dance 3.30 - 4.30pm
<b>Wednesday 2nd March</b>	Taekwondo 3.30 - 4.30pm Y6 Maths Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 3rd March</b>	World Book Day - Details to follow