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Forest School girls explore
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BrightStart
(Pre-School and Reception)

Exploring artwork is a wonderful starting point for discussion and investigation.

BrightStart looked very closely at work by the Kenyan artist Florence Cherotich. We each created wonderful Kenyan sunsets using collage in hot colours and added silhouettes of Kenyan animals. Cherotich's work 'Mama Africa' features a map of the African continent which encouraged us to learn more about geographical vocabulary and to locate Kenya on a map of the world.

We loved the painting of 'The Lion King' especially the bright colours. Pre-School and BrightStart worked collaboratively to create a lion's face. We reused wrappers, bottle tops and wool to remind us about the amount of consumable waste we produce every day. BrightStart made clay animals and the older girls cut out silhouettes of the Nairobi skyline.

Charlotte's family shared with us a fabulous range of African artefacts which inspired our younger children when printing and painting fabric designs in African style. Reception and Pre-School then used a range of fine motor skills to produce African necklaces.

Mrs Alexanders



Prep@Westfield

The Spring term has been extremely busy for Year 3 - 4.

Our Roman topic has been the focus this term; we have learned what it was like to live as a Roman, built our own Roman villa and been on an adventure to a real Roman fort. Alongside our History topic, we have created a non-chronological report on the famous Roman city of Pompeii, including many fascinating facts. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this research project and amazed teaching staff with their fabulous factual reports!



Our Maths this term has covered Multiplication, Division and Fractions; these are difficult concepts and the girls have been engaged and focused throughout, using practical equipment to ensure understanding. I am so proud of the progress we have made during the term in Maths and look forward to our challenges next term!



We are ending our term as 'David Attenborough's assistants', writing a narrative for a film clip about a species of our choice. We will be researching our chosen species and analysing David Attenborough clips to create our narratives using factual vocabulary.

Miss Redhead

This term in Year 5 we have been learning about the tragedies of Shakespeare! We focused on the romance between Romeo and Juliet and the deceit of Macbeth.

We spent a lot of time getting to grips with the language and acting out many of the scenes. The girls loved both stories.

We have also taken part in a Young Engineers competition, designing something useful for everyday life. These have included a washing machine, tumble dryer, ironer and folder and a Hoover hover disk where you can play and clean at the same time!

Mr Drake



Libby presents her EPQ project "Are serial killers born or made?"



Wellbeing Wednesday

Lily enjoys charades.

Emily oversees charades as Wellbeing and Inclusion Prefect

Sixth Form Life

The Spring term is always an exceptionally busy one in the Sixth Form. Whether delivering assemblies, launching new charity initiatives or running their own extra-curricular clubs, I am extremely proud of how well the Sixth Formers continue to balance their academic progress with their position as role models within the school community.

This term's EPQ presentation day was an excellent demonstration of the maturity and passion with which our Sixth Form pursue their learning and a great reminder of the value of the enrichment courses on offer here at Westfield. I have perhaps been most proud of the ongoing success of the Sixth

Form Leadership Team's Wellbeing Wednesdays – a fantastic example of what makes life at Westfield so special.

Amongst all of this busy-ness and excitement, the Upper 6 are preparing for their exams and for life beyond Westfield. In addition to securing a range of excellent offers from a variety of universities, including Cambridge, Manchester, Newcastle, Hull, Leeds and York, we are also waiting to hear the results of applications for highly competitive degree apprenticeships. It is certainly a very exciting time and I am incredibly proud and privileged to be supporting the Sixth Formers in achieving their ambitions.

Mrs McGowan



Izzy and Nyasha loading supplies for the Turkey / Syria earthquake appeal.



Big Sister Little Sister playing dodgeball.



Caitlin, Philosophy Queen for Coquet.

Forest School ...in spring!



Forest School Report
by Anna and Millie

At Forest School this term, we have been making lots of Teepee tents and fairy houses. When it was World Book Day, we made stories out of leaves and sticks. We even made crumpets with chocolate, marshmallows and bananas.

We love to play our games like Camouflage and Blocky 123 and we love to make stuff like bracelets and Christmas decorations.

Recently, we tested if crayons were waterproof by making dens and putting our pieces of paper which was smothered in crayon ink onto the roof.

FOREST
SCHOOL!



World Book Day

Junior House embraced this event wholeheartedly when they came in dressed in their favourite characters and shared their love of reading in a number of creative ways.

Mrs Slack's class made hot air balloon models, to represent their book and the characters within it. Miss Redhead's class had 'Blind Date with a Book' where they had to make an assessment of a book just by the cover and then read a paragraph to compare and contrast.

Mr Drake



STEM Stories

KS3 STEM Challenge Day, 10th March



KS3 Science Club

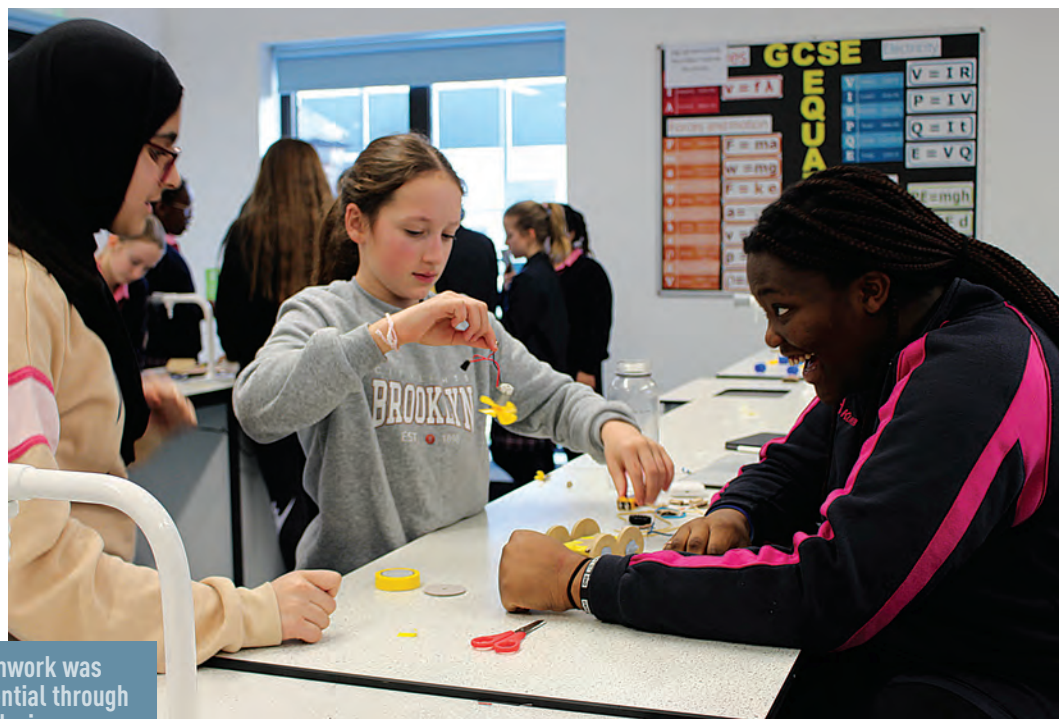
Every Tuesday lunch time, there is a KS3 Science Club run by myself and Hend. It was tough getting it off the ground at the start but we advertised it heavily and now we have a healthy group of STEM enthusiasts each week. Last week in particular, we completed an experiment on how to make invisible ink. It was really great fun, especially when Mrs Mullins set her paper on fire! Next week, we hope to make slime with the help of Mr Russell

Asiyah A, STEM Prefect



There was a variety of successful solutions

Pupils were asked to build 'propellor powered cars'



Teamwork was essential through the design process

Fine tuning the mechanism for their cars



...but developing a propeller powered car proved to be a challenging project!

Our task was to plan and construct our own propeller-powered cars and race them against each other in a series of different events. It was a very exciting afternoon and all the girls faced their own challenges along the way. Some struggled to make their car work and some struggled to keep their cars facing forward when moving! Lots of girls told me that they really enjoyed their experience. Dr Corbin arranged the whole activity and said it was such a worthwhile afternoon that taught the girls resilience when faced with problems. In the end, Wansbeck won first place! It was a very convincing victory and they were ably led by Tilly M. (Upper 4).



SUCCESS!

Asiyah A.
STEM prefect.



A Level Geography trip to London

We had an exciting time in the capital city, a world centre of globalisation and hyper connectivity. We also experienced the geopolitical influence of London and its cultural diversity and significance.

As part of our research into A-level Geography Topic 4, we conducted fieldwork at Kings Cross Central and London Docklands, both examples of large scale urban regeneration, which we contrasted with a visit to the community-led project of Coin Street on London's Southbank.



We also had a chance to view regeneration from the London cable car, 90 metres above the River Thames. Before heading home, we explored cultural diversity in Brick Lane and even had a chance to take in the delights of Oxford Street!

Nyasha M (Upper 6) and Mr Dunn



At the time of print, *The Addams Family* is reaching its final stages of production and our dress rehearsal is less than a week away.

It has been nearly 3 years since our last production at Northern Stage and I can't wait to see our performance come to fruition. I am so proud to direct such a talented group of performers and I urge everyone to check the school social pages for pictures and videos.

Mrs Forster

The ADDAMS Family



Westfield

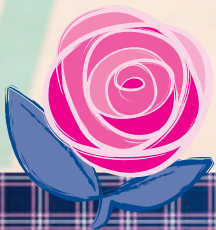
Spring term

Sport



“At last, we have fixtures back for the first time since Covid, including friendly leagues and tournaments taking place all over the county.”

Gabby H,
Sport and Creative Arts Prefect





Netball vs NHSG

An exciting term in Sport...

Sports include netball, swimming, cross country and football for the Juniors. It has been great to be able to carry on with many extra-curricular activities such as volleyball, badminton, netball and trampolining. We are also looking forward to being able to start athletics after the Easter holiday.

Gabby H, Sport and Creative Arts Prefect

It has been another busy term full of great sporting achievements by our girls. They have participated in a diverse range of activities, ranging from ballroom dancing to swimming and gymnastics. We love celebrating and sharing each other's achievements inside and outside of school.

It has been fantastic to see the effort the girls have put into practices and

how they have implemented what they have learned in netball. Recently, we have participated in lots of tournaments and fixtures across all age groups, playing schools from Durham and Northumberland and I was proud to see how well our girls played, showing great determination, teamwork and ability.

Miss B, Head of PE and Creative Arts

Laila,
England ballroom
champion

Anna (Year 5) now
in her 3rd year at the
Royal Ballet School.



The swimming medals keep coming for Ava (Upper 3).



...and some
fine individual
achievements!

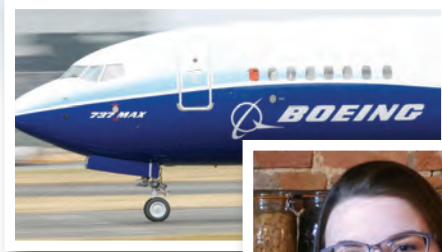
For all up to date news on individual sporting achievements head to our social media channels on



National Careers Week

Mrs Carton organised a super week to bring a practical insight into the minefield of careers.

We were delighted to meet presenters from a variety of businesses who talked about how their career path started and shared valuable advice on how to move forward.



Speakers included **Pete Graves**, Sky Sports TV presenter; Pete worked in an Indian restaurant and then moved onto working in a cinema. Working in lots of different places and getting lots of work experience will help build confidence in everything you do.

Former pupil **Alice Leech**, who left Westfield not so long ago, now works for Boeing, one of the biggest aerospace engineering companies in the world. She shared her career journey, from when she left Westfield to where she is now working as an Operations Analyst.

Another external speaker with an interesting background is **Mrs Louise Richley** who studied History at school and university and is now the MD of Beyond Digital, a creative design company that contributes to the clever designs in shops and showrooms like Greggs, Lotus and Swissport.

And finally...

Who doesn't like snow? The girls took full advantage of it in Forest School and then, at lunchtime, the snowman building began, resulting in Heidi, Fatima and Lily's perfectly formed snowman.

Snow fun...

