



# WESTON NEWS

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## Dates for your diary (**new dates in red**):

15<sup>th</sup> February – Aqua Class Grease rehearsal at Alsager (afternoon)

15<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term

25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens

26<sup>th</sup> February – Aqua class Grease dress-rehearsal at Alsager

1<sup>st</sup> March – Grease evening performance

4<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 residential

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (costumes)

8<sup>th</sup> March – Y1/2 football competition

**11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (3.30 – 6pm)**

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Start of school book fair (here for a week)**

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (5 – 7.30pm)**

**15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

**18<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 cross country**

**25<sup>th</sup> March – Turquoise class weather workshop**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – Blue and Aqua classes performances of Robin Hood**

**1<sup>st</sup> April – Theme week**

**5<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter**

## A message from Mr Cutts

It has been a half term of arts at Weston. Lots of classes have been working hard at producing some fabulous art work including Blue Class's African wax art/batik (keep an eye on Facebook for pictures).

On top of this, the school choir has performed at a Cheshire-wide singing competition, Orange and Green classes have really improved their pBuzz skills (really!) and the majority of key stage two performed as part of a choir of over 6000 children at Manchester Arena last night.

We look forward to Blue and Aqua class's performance of Robin Hood towards the end of term and Aqua class will take to the stage as part of Alsager School's performance of Grease very soon.

Some schools flood their timetables with maths and English. It is correct that these subjects are valued and at Weston, literacy is at the heart of the curriculum. However, we firmly believe that we prepare children for a life of success by providing them with opportunities beyond maths and English, such as the arts. Try

**New Things** is one of our **Secrets of Success** for a reason.

I wish everybody an enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## Young Voices 2019

Yesterday, 8  
teachers, 7  
volunteers  
and 113 very  
excited key



stage 2 children spent the afternoon and evening at Manchester Arena rehearsing and performing in Young Voices with thousands of other primary and secondary children. It was one of 24 concerts that take place across the country. The children sang a huge range of songs

that included a Moana mash-up, a Greatest Showman medley, American folk songs and a Coldplay classic. They were accompanied by an incredible band and led by a very talented conductor. At times, they sang alongside some famous artists – Beau Dermott, who earned a golden buzzer on Britain's Got Talent, Sharlene Hector from Basement Jaxx and Tony Hadley, who sang some Spandau Ballet classics!

Our children sang the songs beautifully, performed the dance routines with style and represented our school perfectly. We are very grateful to the parents who volunteered their time to spend the day with us. Special mention to Mrs Bate who arranged the event and led the children through their rehearsals so well.

### Film Night

Friends of Weston pulled off another very successful event last week. A huge number of children turned up for Film Night and enjoyed The Greatest Showman, Hotel Transylvania 3 and lots of snacks and sweets! Great fun was had by all! Keep an eye out for a grand total soon. Every penny generated by these events comes back into school for the purpose of enhancing the children's experience at Weston.

### Time to Talk

Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Rendall introduced the Time to Talk theme to the children in a special assembly last week. The theme is a key part of the message around mental health awareness and the idea of talking about worries and anxieties and knowing that there is always someone to talk to. Emotional wellbeing and mental health are a school priority and we have invested time and money this year into developing staff understanding and providing systems that support children who have low self-esteem or struggle with resilience.



### Safer Internet Day



Internet safety has been a real area of focus over the last two weeks as you know. The Year 6 safety officers and digital leaders led an assembly designed to further develop the children's understanding of what it means to be safe online. Despite us having concerns about some of the children and their online behaviour, we are delighted that recent events have created a strong dialogue between children and teachers in this area. We are able to support children and work with parents more effectively when we know what children are doing online.

### Gold Class Assembly

Gold class did a great job in their assembly this week. They have clearly worked hard on their history topic about famous people. They shared lots of facts from their research about people who are famous for significant achievements, including Ernest Shackleton and Andy Warhol. Well done Gold (I've got that Spandau Ballet song from last night in my head again now!).





## Future DJs

We were delighted to welcome Mr Kennedy (Fleur's dad) and Future DJs to school earlier this week. They introduced the children to the art of DJing and invited some of the children to have a go themselves at matching beats, adding effects and scratching. It was a very enjoyable morning! DJ decks are classed as musical instruments and children can take GCSE music playing them. Keep an eye on ParentMail for details of how you can book DJ lessons for your child here, at Weston.



## 14<sup>th</sup> South West Cheshire Scout Group



Your local scout group holds sessions for beavers, cubs and scouts right here in Weston, at the village hall. The leaders provide an excellent range of activities and many Weston pupils attend. I was honoured to be invited along as a judge to a Chinese New Year themed cooking competition in the scouts section last week. The children cooked some very tasty meals and worked hard in their teams. If you want to learn more about the scout group, find them online <https://westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk/>

## Choir

Mrs Bate's choir performed in a Love Music Trust competition last week at St Thomas More school. In the hotly contested primary choral category, Weston were pipped to a place in the final but we are very proud of the children for their performance and delighted to have been able to offer them another opportunity to **push themselves**. A great experience for them all.

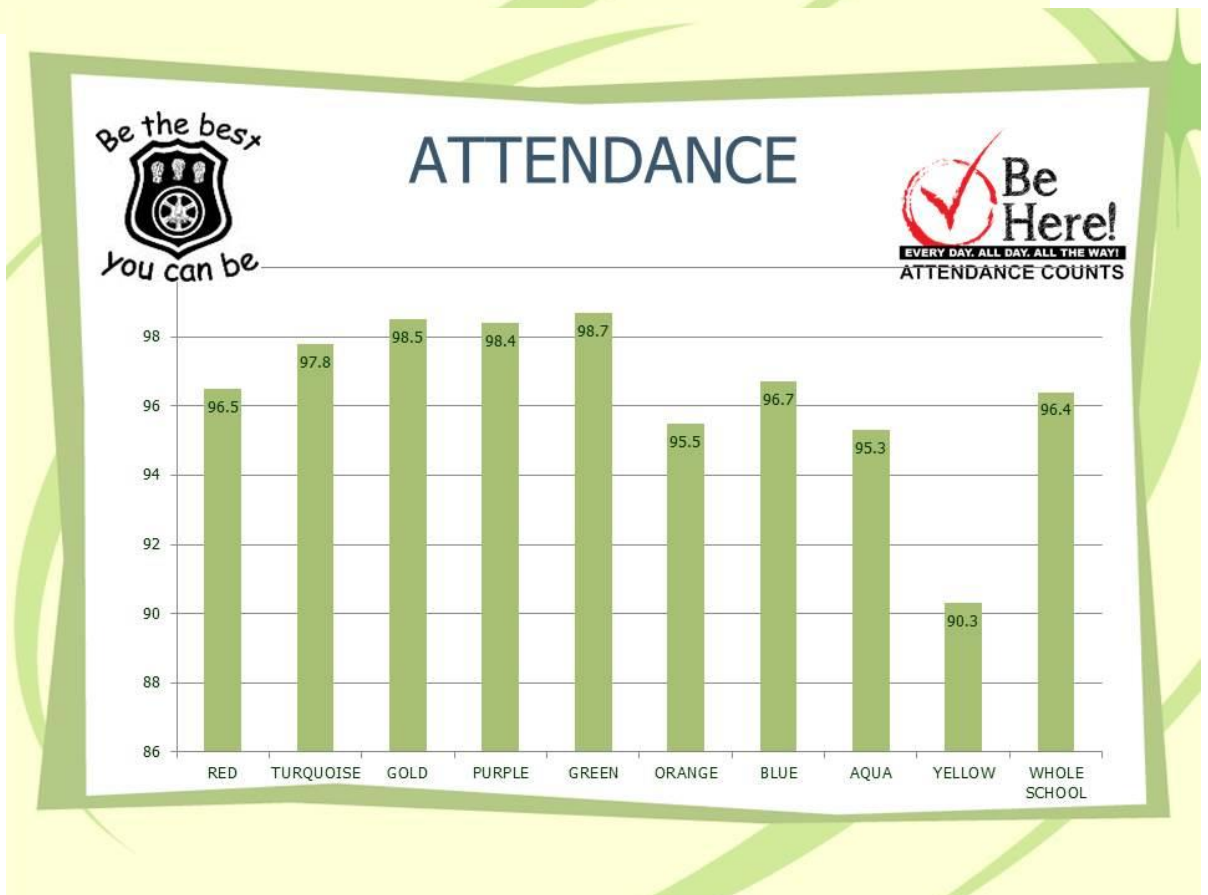
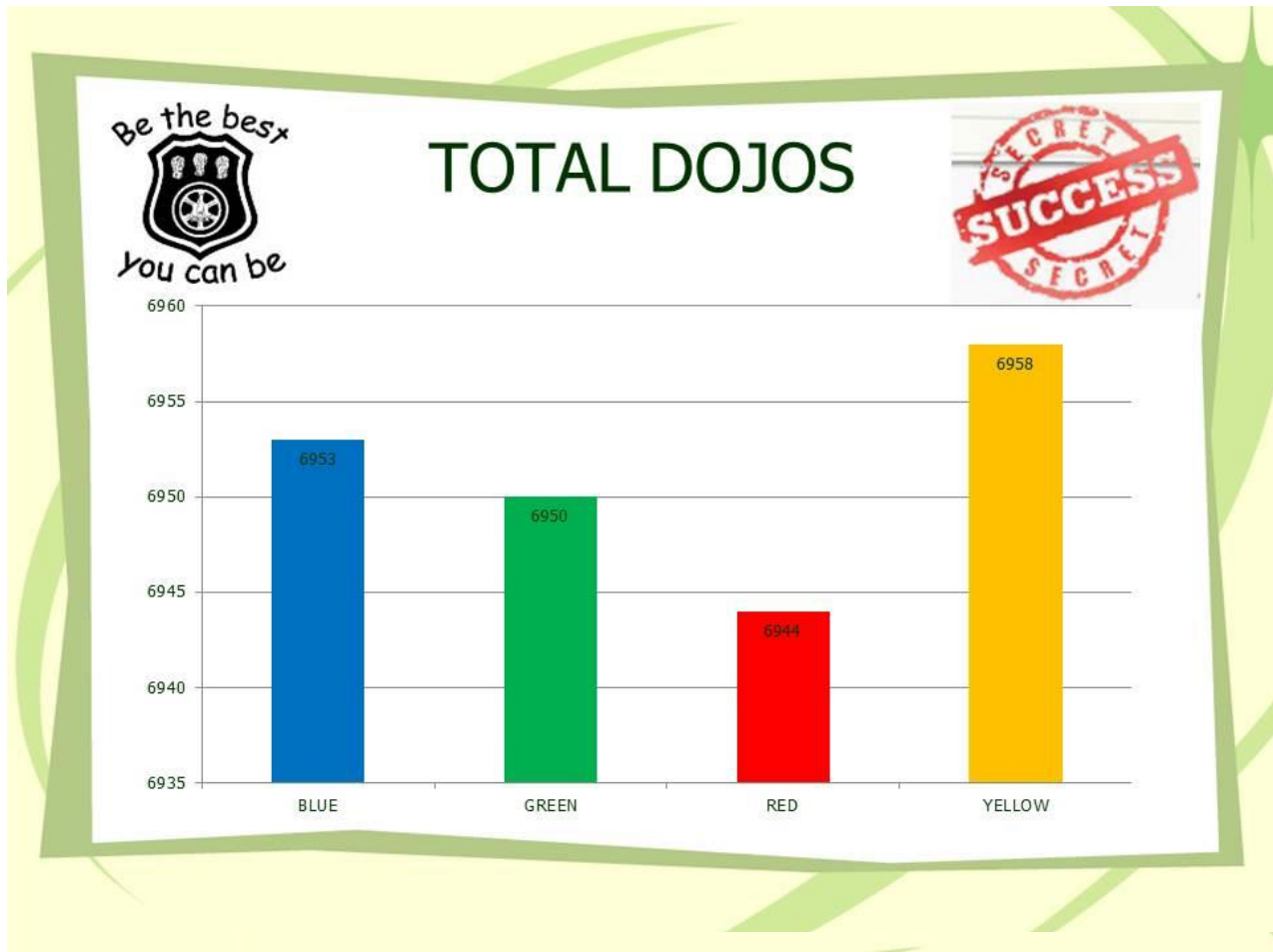


## Netball

Weston took a team of nine to a High Five Netball competition. As a relatively inexperienced team, they had to dig in and show that they could **work hard** and **concentrate**. Although they didn't win, the children really enjoyed themselves.

## Celebration Assembly

Here is the current dojo total and most recent weekly attendance figures. Our school target is 97%.





## Stars of the Week



Here are the most recent stars of the week. They all tucked into juice and biscuits and we spoke about life, hopes, dreams and dancing. They have excelled through their application of the secrets of success and we are very proud of them all.



Have a wonderful half term break!

*Thomas Cutts*