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WORLD SMILE DAY
7 OCTOBER 2022

A day dedicated to sharing a smile with the people around us. World Smile Day encourages people to show acts of kindness through smiling. Research has found smiling is linked to better health; it reduces stress levels and helps you relax.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was known to be the person who smiled the most. Let us follow this blessed individual and gain rewards through this simple act.
So, smile, it is Sunnah!

Muntaha Shabir Year 5

CLUBS AT WESTWOOD HIGH

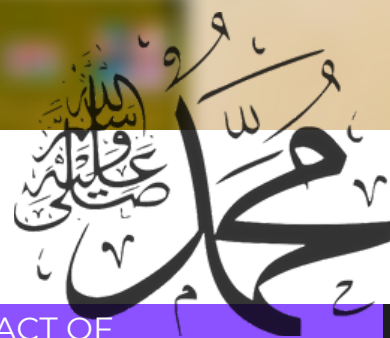
There are a variety of clubs available at Westwood High to help utilise your skills. Come along and sign up to clubs which interest you. You will also find the opportunity to meet new people and make friends. They are there to help you have fun and relax. Clubs available are: journalism; nasheed; sports; drama; mendhi and creativity club.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sumaiyah Safa Islam Year 9

'It was one of the greatest moments of my life.'

M.S. Hussain (WP) on becoming head boy



THE GREATEST ACT OF WORSHIP

Prophet Muhammed ﷺ spent days and nights praying for His Ummah. Through His blood, sweat and tears, He continued to worship Allah. His final words were 'Ummati, Ummati' - 'my Ummah, my Ummah.' So, why are we not remembering Him the way He remembered us?

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

A short, simple yet powerful phrase can bring our hearts closer to the Messenger of Allah. Salawat upon him will be returned ten times by Allah. Devote a small portion of your day to remembering this blessed individual. Join in on Westwood High's 2022 Du'ood Challenge to get closer to the messenger of Allah.

Pashtana Zazai Year 10

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WHO IS WEARING THE CROWN?

Queen Elizabeth II reigned for over seventy years, becoming the longest reigning monarch in British history. Sadly, her Majesty bade farewell to the Crown on Thursday 8th September 2022. A state funeral took place, panning across ten days. King Charles III has since been crowned by the monarchy and is the new king of the United Kingdom at the age of 73. While the new holder of the Crown is yet to have his coronation, the public has been presented with an image of the new 50p coin.

Emaan Abbas Year 9

PANIC IN PAKISTAN

The record-breaking floods have killed over 16,000 people and 800,000 livestock. This has left a staggering 33 million people with no home. These disastrous floods have taken over thousands of kilometers of land. Countless people were left devastated with their loved ones missing in the depths of these tragic floods. They are in desperate need of food, shelter, and clean water. You can help. A little goes a long way. Please donate any amount you can give. Our prayers are with them.

Malaikah Hamid & Aiyah Isha Omar Year 7

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1-3 OCTOBER 2022

Black History Month is a celebration of the African Diaspora. Numerous notable figures such as Rosa Parks, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King are celebrated during this month. This is a significant time of the year as it aims to educate society. 71% of African Americans say they have experienced racial discrimination, with a whopping 48% feeling their lives were in danger. The UK has more than 120,000 workers quitting their jobs because of experiencing racism. This shows the importance of continuing to raise awareness of Black History Month. Visit your local library to find out more. You can also do a deep dive into African influence on Islamic history.

Anaya Razzaq and Rahma Khan Year 8

LIZZIE DID AN OOPSIE

Jeremy Hunt shredded Liz Truss's economic plans in one of the most astonishing U-turns in modern political history. This included slashing the energy price freeze, which ex-Prime Minister, Truss had repeatedly championed. Many political members further dismantled almost all of the platform that Truss' leadership victory had been built on. An astounding number of conservative MPs had called for her removal. Truss trembled on her knees and called it quits on 24th October, after only forty-four days in office. A record-breaking figure in British history. Rishi Sunak is the first British Asian to be named Prime Minister. That is for now...

Fatima Naveed and Tazkira Abeedah Year 8

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WESTWOOD HIGH'S STUDENT COUNCIL 13 OCTOBER

An integral part of the student council is to build a hub which focuses on the betterment of the students and school. To have great leadership, you must be inclusive, confident, and approachable.

To welcome this year's student council, Muallimah Khadijah hosted a welcoming tea party where the representatives discussed their newfound roles. They also had the opportunity to eat delicious cupcakes!

With their new roles in check, they will embody leadership to make school an enjoyable place for you. Go and talk to them and discuss any worries and concerns. They are here for you!

Raihannah Begum Year 9

MY JOURNEY TO BECOMING HEAD BOY

Signing up for Head Boy was an interesting experience for me. I felt both feelings of excitement and anxiety since I had never experienced it before. I spent time, care, and effort on my speech. I also practiced it at home to ensure I didn't forget anything on the day. At the time, my mouth went dry, and I became nervous, but then I remembered my mother's voice. "Do not worry, everything will be fine." This gave me a boost in confidence and comfort. The following week, my teacher announced that I was to become Head boy. Everybody cheered and expressed their happiness for me. A feeling of warmth took over me. It was one of the greatest moments of my life. I plan to be the best head boy for Westwood Prep.

Muhammad Saleem Hussain Year 6

MACMILLAN CANCER BAKE SALE 30 SEPTEMBER

We were pleased to hold a bake sale in support of Macmillan Cancer Support this year. One of the largest British charities providing specialist health care, information, and financial support to people affected by cancer. The bake sale was held at lunch time, bringing in a gush of students to enjoy delectable treats. All the proceeds went towards this fantastic cause. Students also had the opportunity to wear non-uniforms for 50p. This was a great way to bring the students together for a wonderful cause.

There will be many more bake sales to come, so keep an eye out and keep your change ready!

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once said, "the people of charity will be called from the Gate of Charity." (Bukhari)

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