



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Spring Term — 28th March 2024 (Issue 25)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carers,

We have had such a lovely end to a very busy term and despite the weather we still had lots of fun!

To all the families who are leaving us this term, we have loved having you as part of our family and wish you all the love and luck in the world.

Hoping you all have a relaxing and peaceful break.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 29.03.2024-
- 12.04.2024 School closed Easter holiday
- 15.04.2024 School reopens
- 16.01.2024 National offer day Reception places 2024 (evening)
- 17.04.2024 Year 6 trip to London Zoo



31.03.2024 British Summer Time begins

Don't forget to set your clock forward 1 hour.

Poetry By Heart Competition

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHJ73CL>

Children in Years 3-6 who complete the survey which is about them entering the Poetry by Heart Competition (see link above), will receive a badge sent to the school.

The winning entry (Magnolia) and the runners-up (Oak) have now been entered into the national competition. Watch this space...!

The winning entry is shown on the last page of this letter under Writing of the Week.



Easter Raffle

Winners were as follows:

- 1st Prize Family Topsy Turvy Ticket and Easter egg—*David, Maple class*
- 2nd Prize Family Topsy Turvy Ticket and Easter egg—*Mrs A, Palm class*
- 3rd Prize Family Topsy Turvy Ticket—*Alessia, Chestnut class*

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	93%
Maple	94%
Palm	87%
Redwood	99%
Cedar	81%
Hazel	99%
Hawthorn	97%
Oak	97%
Acacia	97%
Sycamore	99%
Magnolia	94%
Mahogany	99%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week.

Swimming next half term

Children in each class will be swimming as follows:



Reception	Mixed	Wednesday
Maple	Mixed (all)	Monday
Chestnut	Mixed (all)	Monday
Palm	Girls	Wednesday
Redwood	Girls	Wednesday
Cedar	Boys	Friday
Hazel	Boys	Friday
Oak	Boys	Wednesday
Hawthorn	Boys	Wednesday
Acacia	Girls	Wednesday
Sycamore	Girls	Wednesday
Magnolia	Girls	Friday
Mahogany	Girls	Friday

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF:	Monday 15 th April – Friday 24 th May
MAY DAY:	Monday 6 th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 27 th May – Monday 3 rd June
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 4 th June – Wednesday 24 th July

Letters home this week

- Y6 Trip to London Zoo 17.04.2024
- Rec Solutions4School—Vision and Hearing screening



Nursery

We've enjoyed an exciting few days in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story 'We're going on an Egg Hunt' by Laura Hughes. We enjoyed talking about the pictures in the story and joining in with the egg hunt. In maths, we have been sorting and naming 2 and 3D shapes. We enjoyed creating beautiful Easter cards for our families this week. We have been talking about the traditions associated with Easter. Please continue to look on Tapestry regularly to access your child's home learning, fridge words and latest achievements! Many thanks for working in partnership with us this half term.

We wish you a relaxing Easter break!!
The Nursery Team

Reception

What an incredible Spring term we have had in Silver Birch. The children were amazing performing their poem today 'Spaghetti Spaghetti' to the children and adults in Key Stage One. We enjoyed reading the clues from the Easter Bunny and searching for the yummy chocolate Easter eggs. We have created Easter puppets and chicks hatching from their eggs. Everyone in Silver Birch has worked so hard during the half term. A huge well done to all the children who are reading on Bug Club. Reading with your child everyday makes such a difference to their learning. We are very excited to begin our new topic after the half term 'On Safari'. We hope you all have a lovely half term and are looking forward to seeing you on Monday 15th April.

Year 1

It's been a term filled with exciting learning opportunities and wonderful achievements. In mathematics, the children have been consolidating their understanding of fundamental concepts, number bonds to 20, finding one more and one less, and have delved into the world of measurement, exploring objects using centimetres. In English the children have honed their skills by writing instructions on how to make chocolate nests and they learned more about the Easter story. Exploring the world around us has been a key focus in geography this term. The children have had the opportunity to compare two vibrant cities, London and Tokyo. By delving into the similarities and differences between these cultural hubs. In DT, our young engineers have been hard at work evaluating the vehicles they've created. Their innovative creations are a testament to their ingenuity and perseverance. We're immensely proud of the progress each child has made this term. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break

Year 2

Hi Parents,

First of all thank you all for your hard work and support during the Spring term. This half term has been filled with hard work as well as fun filled moments. This week has been another week of learning and fun. We started length and height in maths and we have been measuring and comparing lengths and heights using centimetres (cm) and metres (m). In English we have been writing an explanation text about the Great Fire of London. In science we completed our learning on animals, including humans. In history we also completed our learning on the Great Fire of London.

We understand that it is a 2 week break but please continue reading with your child and allowing them to practise their times tables as many of them are struggling with this. Reading for just 10-15 minutes everyday makes a very big difference in fluency and comprehension. Have a safe and wonderful spring break!

Year 3

We would like to say what an amazing term we have had! Our children have filled their beautiful minds with a substantial amount of knowledge regarding our topic of rocks and soils and our ever erupting volcanoes. We have completed multiple assessments which has demonstrated the progress our children have made since the beginning of the year. We engaged in a Midsummer Night's dream by Shakespeare and wrote a mini review on our likings of the show. In D&T, we created our own mosaics from small cutting of papers. In maths we investigated different masses and amounts. We truly hope you have a restful holiday and look forward to seeing after the Easter break. Wishing those who celebrate Easter - a very happy Easter and those who celebrate Eid - Eid Mubarak!

Year 4

Firstly, a huge well done to Oak class for being selected as runners-up in our poetry recital assembly. They have now entered their recital of "Cat Rap" by Grace Nichols into the national Poetry By Heart competition. A huge well-done to Magnolia for winning our school competition! This week in Year 4 we have been using embroidery hoops to embellish fabric in the style of William Morris. We have chosen to use birds, flowers, leaves and small animals. It has been wonderful to promote each other's artistic talents and creative abilities. In maths we have begun to learn about decimals this week. We will continue this after Easter. In English we have written persuasive letters to our MP, Mike Freer, demanding he take action in preventing Elvis Cave's outrageous behaviour and protect the residents of Lizard Street (Elvis is the character in our novel, Krindlekrax, and Lizard Street is a fictional location). We have been exploring insulators and conductors in science lessons and continuing to learn about how circuits work. In history we have continued to learn about the Vikings. Wishing you all a festive break. Ramadan Kareem and Happy Easter to all of you!

Year 5

The students have had a great week last week as they learnt about William Shakespeare in their English lesson. The students did a lot of reading of his plays and poems and then they had to plan and prepare a playscript on 'A midsummer's Night Dream'. They also had to perform some of their work. It was wonderful to see how they engaged and collaboratively worked with each other.

In history the students have been learning about ancient Greece and this week they focussed on language and Olympics. The students worked in groups and researched on their chosen topic and planned a poster and then presented their work to the class. They all did very well.

Year 6

It has been a wonderful and productive end to the Spring term in Year 6! In science, we continued learning about living things, focusing on the classification of invertebrates. In geography, we developed our knowledge on climate change and its impact on humans, plants and animal species, as well as actions that can be undertaken by us to reduce our carbon footprint. In preparation for our SATs in May, we went through the test papers as a class, giving the children opportunities to ask questions as we did so. We have sent papers home to share with you. In other news, we are very much looking forward to our trip to London Zoo on 17th April. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to get up close and personal with the different species of animals that they have been learning about in science. Girls will be swimming on Fridays next half term. Thank you for your support and as always we wish you a wonderful and peaceful holiday!

TREAT FROM THE

CHEST



The children invited to take a treat from the Chest

Silver Birch	Nina
Chestnut	Grace
Maple	Marinel
Palm	Chloe
Redwood	Nazanin
Cedar	Hussein
Oak	Holly
Hawthorn	Rehan
Acacia	Liba
Sycamore	Hussain
Mahogany	Anna
Magnolia	Amirali

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

George, Silver Birch class
Mariam, Chestnut class
Moussa, Maple class
Bushra, Palm class
Aleksandre, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Mohammad, Cedar class
Suha, Oak class
Jana, Hawthorn class
Aywel, Acacia class
David, Sycamore class
Zoya, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Eve, Silver Birch class
Cassius, Chestnut class
Nicolas, Maple class
Zach, Palm class
Arifah, Redwood class
Afsa, Cedar class

Natalie, Oak class

Lulu, Hawthorn class
Lisa, Acacia class
Victoria, Sycamore class
Magd, Mahogany class
Malek, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Mahogany class

Well done!

Writing of the Week

Daniel—Mahogany Class

Poem inspired by Shakespeare's witches in 'Macbeth'

DEATH CURSE

A fatal, eternal curse from hell,

Will ascend for someone to tell.

A triple-sided, purple pot,

Is where they will be sent to rot.

They will be fed to be fat,

And later eaten by ten bat.

Cats will spread the deadly curse,

And later be sent to a nurse.

Then they will be sent to Kill,

With some evil, burning pills.

It will start off small and raw,

But later end you with its claw.

Try to face it with your nail,

Try to run, but you will fail.

All the tempting juicy food,

Will be filled with gruesome blood.

Victims of the curse will eventually double,

Just as they will cause more trouble.

A tiny drop of poisonous liquid...

And finishing off with the eye of a squid.

—Daniel D.R (Mahogany)

Alex—Maple Class

Year 1's trip to

Sea Life at the London Aquarium

My favourite sea creature at the aquarium is the guitarfish because it kept on going around and coming to my feet. My favourite sea creature is the jellyfish because because it is colorful bright and silly. My favourite sea creature is the stingray because of its long tail.