



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Autumn Term —30th November 2018 (Issue 11)

Dear all,



Once again our children showed such confidence and skill presenting their 'Hanukkah' and 'Welcome to Winter' assemblies. Everyone performed brilliantly!

Please do take time to read the letter sent out this week regarding school budgets - this is a very challenging time for schools' finances.

Thank you for your continuing support. Have a lovely week!

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher



### SCHOOL REMINDERS & REQUESTS

Traditional Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 19th December. If you would like your child to have a school dinner that day, please make sure you pre-order on [www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk](http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk) Thank you.

Class parties will be on Thursday 20th December—please see class teachers for what to bring.

The last day for Nursery is Wednesday 18th December 2018. Nursery will reopen on Monday 7th January 2019.

Last day of term for school is Friday 21st December 2018, school will close at 1.30pm that day. There is no Afterschool Club that day.



### Nature Squad

Last week, the Wessex Gardens Nature Squad visited Clitterhouse Farm and learned about how the work and passion of just a few local residents has grown and resulted in the protection of a fantastic community space, including a community garden. The Clitterhouse Farm project's mission is to protect these historic Victorian farm outbuildings from demolition and to secure their future, so the entire site can be transformed into a vibrant, creative and sustainable hub that supports our community and small businesses. They are working hard to foster a sense of pride in our area and bring people together through arts, culture, food growing, the principles of sustainability, skill-sharing, educational workshops and training. The benefits to our school are numerous- from education around sustainability, to learning about food growing and contributing to our local community through working in the garden. The project is currently raising money in order to access the £50,000 pledge from the Mayor of London. We have a number of school performances coming up; Year 4 Nativity, Year 1 & 2 performance and the Reception Sing-a-long and Nature Squad would like to invite you to make a donation into their buckets at the end of each of these performances. However much you can donate will be gratefully received by this very worthy cause and will benefit both the school and the local community. Thank you.



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| 07.12.2018 | 2.30pm—Year 4 Nativity                                  |
| 13.12.2018 | 2.30pm—Year 1&2 Performance for Year 1 parents to watch |
| 14.12.2018 | 2.30pm Year 1&2 Performance for Year 2 parents to watch |
| 18.12.2018 | 3pm—Reception Sing-a-long                               |

### Dates for your diary—the week ahead

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| 04.12.2018 | Flu vaccination Rec-Y5  |
| 04.12.2018 | 4.15pm Dance & Movement club Performance for parents                        |
| 04.12.2018 | Wessex Gardens Girls Football Team v All Saints at Whitefield School—3.30pm |
| 07.12.2018 | Y4 Nativity Performance 2.30pm—parents invited                              |
| 07.12.2018 | 9am PTA Meeting Infant Hall—all welcome                                     |

### PTA

The next PTA meeting will be on Friday 7th December at 9.00am in the Infant Hall. Those of you who came to the AGM meeting we very much look forward to seeing you again. If you were unable to make the last meeting we would be delighted if you could join us.

### Letters home this week

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| Nurs-Rec | Letter from Mr Banks about Schools funding together with Letter from Barnet Headteachers (email) |
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**Nursery** This week we have been learning about St. Andrew's Day and Scotland. The children have been making Scottish flags, watching Scottish dancers and listening to bagpipe music. We have found out a lot about the Scottish culture and learned some new words such as kilt, thistle and tartan. At the same time the children have been sharing experiences of how they celebrate special days and festivals within their own families.

**Reception** In class we have been learning about adding small numbers and we are beginning to use our letter sounds to spell words. As we are coming towards the end of the Autumn term we are beginning to think about Christmas and the children are learning new songs. We have sent the songs home if you could please practise them with your child. Our Christmas Sing - a - long will be on Tuesday 18th December at 3pm—save the date in your diaries and do come and join the fun with the children.

**Year 1** Year 1 have enjoyed some active maths learning, as they played a game called *Race to Zero*- you can even play it at home! First, draw a large number line from 0-10 with chalk on the pavement. All players start at 10 on the number line. They then roll a die and subtract this amount. *What would you like to roll? Why? Why would you not want to roll a 1?* In English, we have really enjoyed reading Beegu and have learned how to write a question with a question mark!

**Year 2** We've had an awesome week learning how to use the expanded column method in Maths, we created our very own non-fiction books about Antarctica for English and in Science we are beginning our studies on how animals are adapted to their habitat. The children had an incredible experience visiting the penguins at London Sea Life Centre and were amazed to see the different habitats that each animal lived in. We've also been rehearsing for our Christmas production and can't wait to perform it for you! Thank you to all our parents for reading with your children and for your on going support.

**Year 3** We've had a great week in Year 3! We've been making Christmas decorations, writing fantasy stories about magical journeys and learning even more about shape poetry. This week we started our spelling lessons by learning about the prefixes dis- and mis-. We've also been working hard on multiplying by 8! Finally, we've been learning about the life and career of Mary Anning, a fantastic fossil hunter!

**Year 4** This week, Year 4 have had great fun making electrical circuits to make a clown's nose light up! Also, we have been working hard to put on a spectacular Nativity show next Friday. We have now moved on to looking at measurement in maths and spent a lesson investigating how many times we would walk around the playground to travel 1km.

**Year 5** Year 5 have had lots of fun whilst preparing and performing their Hannukah assembly for everyone to enjoy. We would like to thank everyone for watching and we hope it has been informative! Also, 5 Acacia had an exciting visit to Whitefield School where they learnt how to bake delicious Spanakopita.

**Year 6** Year 6 are very much looking forward to writing promotional leaflets, encouraging people to visit PGL or take part in the London Activities.

## TEA WITH THE HEAD



Each week a child from each class is invited to Tea with Mr Banks. This is in recognition for children who have worked hard, shown good behaviour or other reasons for which their teacher feels they deserve to be rewarded. The children who were invited today were:

Chestnut	Ichito
Maple	Rauf
Palm	Arushi
Redwood	Dion
Redwood	Darlene
Cedar	Giovanna
Oak	Shirdon
Hazel	Rana
Hawthorn	Vashta
Acacia	Soha
Sycamore	Kevin
Mahogany	Yassin
Magnolia	Euridce

**WELL DONE!**



## Attendance and Punctuality this week

	Attendance %	Lates
Silver Birch Leaf	96%	1
Silver Birch Tree	90%	0
Chestnut	97%	1
Maple	97%	3
Palm	97%	1
Redwood	93%	2
Cedar	98%	1
Oak	98%	3
Hawthorn	91%	2
Hazel	97%	1
Acacia	98%	3
Sycamore	97%	2
Magnolia	92%	1
Mahogany	97%	4

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week