



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Another busy week come to an end. We have had quite a few trips this week and I can proudly report that the children were a credit to the school! Our sporting successes continue!! Read our PE update below!

We are looking forward to welcoming you on Monday and Tuesday for our parent consultations. I hope you have read the code of conduct that I sent out this week. The agreement will need to be signed during the meeting.

Lastly congratulations to Mariama, Wiktorja, Julia, Euridce, Amina and Nicole in Year 6 - the winners of our snow sculpture competition. Their snow cat looked like it had been carved from marble! Well done!



Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & REQUESTS

Please be reminded that the **climbing frames** are not to be used before or after school, do not allow your children to play on them. **These are only for use during play times while school is open and there are staff on duty.** Thank you.

If you have not already done so please can all GDPR forms be returned to the school office by Monday 11th February.

Also if you have not already returned the permission for digital images, this should also be returned by Monday 11th February. Thank you.

You may have noticed that we have a new signing in and out system outside the school office. All visitors to the school will need to sign in and out using this system, this includes parents attending courses or appointments here. On signing in, the system will take a photograph, this will be printed onto a sticky label which must be worn whilst on the premises and you will need to produce this again when signing out. The office staff will be happy to help you with this new system.

Tips for Keeping our Children Safe

Please see the following link for online safety 'What Parents Need to Know about Age Ratings' and download the guide.

https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Age_Ratings_January_2019.pdf

Letters home this week



Y3&4 Bikeability Training level 1 (by email)
Nur-Y6 Code of Conduct policy (by email)



Dates for your diary—the week ahead

11.02.19 Year 5 Whitefield School to watch
High School Musical
11.02.19 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
12.02.19 Parent Teacher consultation evening
14.02.19 PTA Event—Y1-3 Disco
15.02.19 Last day of half term—school closes normal
home time 3.30pm



18.02.19-22.02.19 School closed—half term holiday
25.02.19 School reopens
26.02.19 Book Fair at school 26.02.19-29.02.19
01.03.2019 Year 6—National offer day-secondary transfers



Nursery This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children listened to the story about Chinese New Year and learned about the zodiac animals. We have made lanterns, dragons and money wallets and had a go at Dragon Dance. The children have been using their imagination in our Chinese Restaurant role-play, cooking, serving and ordering some delicious Chinese food and learning about Chinese culture. One of our parents also kindly brought fortune cookies for everyone. It's been a busy and fun week at the Nursery.

Reception We have had a lovely week learning about vets and next week we will talk about how our families help us. Please talk to the children about the jobs you do. Remember to check the swimming dates for your child.

Year 1 Thank you to all of those parents who made appointments for parent/teacher consultations next week. We are looking forward to this opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how we can work together to best support them with you. See you next week!

Year 2 This week we have started learning about statistics in Maths. The children really enjoyed collecting data from their peers! Next week we will move on to learning about 2D and 3D shapes. In English the children have written fantastic 'Wanted' posters!

We had an amazing time at the church. The children were curious and had prepared a lot of questions for Vicar Rex. We look forward to exploring and learning about more places of worship.

Year 3 What an exciting week we've had! Our trip to the Science Museum was great fun, and we learned lots about forces, as well as seeing some pretty amazing objects in the exhibits! In school we've continued our Statistics work by looking at bar charts and tables, and we've finished re-writing the story of The Tin Forest. We can't wait to see what next week will bring!

Year 4 In Year 4, the children have been writing newspaper reports based on an event in Varjak Paw. They have been learning how to write in the correct style and their reports are interesting to read.

In Mathematics, the children have been continuing with their study of multiplication; moving on to written methods.

Year 5 Year 5 are exploring the different methods for multiplication. Ask your child to discuss the different methods we have learnt so far. Can they teach you the methods? In Literacy, we have started to draft and edit our stories using our growing knowledge of grammar. 5 Sycamore had a wonderful time at the Museum of London last week and 5 Acacia are eager to go in March!

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been working extremely hard and focusing on sharpening and applying their knowledge and skills during 'Mock SATs Week'.

They have been revising and putting everything they know into practice so that they will be as ready and relaxed for their actual SATs as possible.

TEA WITH THE HEAD



Each week a child from each class is invited to Tea with the Headteacher. 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. Children who attended Tea with the Head this week are:



Chestnut	Mostafa
Maple	Malek
Palm	Alicja
Redwood	Fatima
Cedar	Bridie
Cedar	Ashlee
Oak	Jonatan
Hawthorn	Hawza
Hazel	Kawther
Sycamore	Amdia
Acacia	
Mahogany	Pablo
Magnolia	Adam

WELL DONE!



Attendance and Punctuality this week

	Attendance %	Lates
Silver Birch Leaf	80%	6
Silver Birch Tree	98%	0
Chestnut	96%	3
Maple	95%	1
Palm	96%	5
Redwood	98%	2
Cedar	95%	1
Oak	97%	4
Hawthorn	81%	1
Hazel	94%	2
Acacia	96%	4
Sycamore	99%	1
Magnolia	97%	5
Mahogany	95%	0

**No classes achieved 100% attendance
Sycamore class—so close!**

PE News

Great Sporting Success!



On Tuesday, a group of children from Year 5 & 6 took part in a tag rugby tournament. They played 5 group games of which they won 4, drew the last one and won their group! After progressing to the semi-finals, they ended up coming 3rd place, the highest finish at a tournament for Wessex Gardens this year! The children were presented with their bronze medals during assembly today. Well done Matylda, Izma, Djevon, Dominic and Henry—Mahogany class; Amina and Zeineb—Magnolia class and Sam, Aron and Jean David—Acacia class.

Today, a group of children across Year 2-6 attended the Barnet Bar No-One multi sport event at Hendon Leisure Centre. They participated in a number of activities such as table tennis, curling and rowing. They represented the school extremely well, showcased some of their athletic skills and had a lot of fun in the process! Well done to Aaliyah—Redwood class; Diarta—Cedar class; Jayden & Shiridon—Oak class; Faisal—Hawthorn class; Zak—Hazel class; Kasra—Acacia class; Yahya & Mohammed Ali—Sycamore class; Andreii—Mahogany and Kaan & Mouadh in Magnolia class.

