



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy week at Wessex Gardens. Thank you for getting your child in on time. I am handing out hardly any blue slips in Early Years and KS1! Year 1 continue to impress me with so many of them being in school for 8:40!

I have seen some great learning taking place across the school and have been really impressed with our Y6 motivational writing.

We learned all about Chinese New Year in assembly this week. Many thanks to Harry Y6 and Ethan Y2 for bringing in fortune cookies for the whole school! I hope everyone enjoyed finding the message inside the cookie.

Safeguarding: How to set up Parental Controls to Limit Age-Inappropriate Content/iPhone

Attached this week is an only safety guide on parent controls.

The parental controls on smartphones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads or purchases that might not be suitable for young people. Setting limitations around age ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to potentially upsetting material and information.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-restricted content, explicit websites and inappropriate search results.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Letters home this week

Y6 Moat Mount Meeting 20.01.2023
Y1-6 Parent drop in sessions
Y6 Moat Mount trip booking slip/
payment schedule



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

Parent class drop in sessions next week

23.01.2023	9.10am Redwood class 3.10pm Hazel class
24.01.2023	9.10am Acacia class 3.10pm Sycamore class
25.01.2023	9.10am Palm class 3.10pm Cedar class
26.01.2023	9.10am Chestnut class 9.10am Hawthorn class 3.10pm Mahogany class
27.01.2023	9.10am Maple class 9.10am Magnolia class

13-20.02.2023 School closed half term holiday

21.02.2023 School and Nursery reopens

Fabulous Friday Coffee Morning

Wessex Gardens Primary School
Rainbow House
9am, Friday 27th January 2023

Have a chat over a coffee/ refreshments

Share your talents / ideas!

Have some ME time!

Make new friends!

Support with your child's learning!

Learn new skills!

Wellbeing
Explore ways to look after ourselves!

Ideas to improve family life!

Enjoy a Warm relaxed space!

All welcome!
Speak to Zanaba for more Information

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SPRING TERM 2023

FIRST HALF:

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 13th February – Monday 20th February

SECOND HALF:

Tuesday 21st February – Friday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2023

FIRST HALF:

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

MAY DAY:

Monday 1st May

KING'S CORONATION

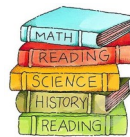
Monday 8th May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June

SECOND HALF:

Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July



TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have been focusing on the traditional tale, The Three Little Pigs. We have enjoyed pretending to be different story characters acting out a sequence of events with props. We enjoyed joining in with the repetitive language in the story with lots of expression and predicting the next event. We have enjoyed making masks and stick puppets of the characters. We have been building houses for the pigs using straw, wood and bricks.

Please continue to support your child with completing their home learning activities. We would love to receive some more examples of home learning to add to our classroom display!

Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to view your child's progress and latest achievements.

The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week full of adventures! We loved exploring all the ice and frost outside this week. We made amazing Chinese lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year. We enjoyed playing in the hospital role play and had great fun in P.E., climbing up high. Please remember the Bug Club challenge has started. Your child needs to read 10 books on Bug Club to choose a prize from the treasure chest!! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 1

Helllloooo Parents,

We have had another great week of learning in Year 1. In maths we have been doing place value and learning all about our numbers up to 20. We were introduced to tens and ones and making different numbers with different resources. We loved it!

In English we continued with our Power of Reading text which is Patten's Pumpkin. We did some more role playing and that was so much fun. It was funny making the different animal noises.

In science we continued learning about seasonal changes and became little scientists when we had to venture outside to carry out some observations. Like true scientists we even made some predictions. Will these predictions come true? Well, we will see.

We also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. Some of us made lanterns and some of us made dragons. It was a bit of a challenge but we did it!

Year 2

It has been a busy week in Year 2. In maths, the children are continuing to learn about money. They are getting better at recognising different coins and notes. They have been adding the value of coins and notes and work out the difference. In English, we have started to read a fantastic story called 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd Stanton. This is our core text for this term and we will be using it to do our English work! In science, we are learning about 'Materials' and how some objects and materials can be changed. Please remember to read books on Bug club daily to support your child with their reading comprehension and phonics. Mr Sheth and Ms Takemoto will be checking weekly to see who has been reading books at home!

Year 3 & 4

Another productive week in Year 3/4! In science, we were investigating the uses and properties of different rock types. The children were very interested to learn about how different rocks are useful in a real life context.

In maths, Year 3 have been multiplying 2-digit by 1-digit numbers (without exchange), and Year 4 have been multiplying and dividing by 10, and 100. We wrote diary entries in the first person as Hogarth, a main character in Iron Man. It was lovely to have the children share their writing with the rest of the class and receive feedback. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful week this week learning all about Kenya. They have been looking at what life is like here, researching religious beliefs, tribal life and discussing how urban landscapes differ. They have also been looking at cultural stories based in this region and reviewing idioms from the texts and illustrations. They also came up with their own figurative language and enjoyed sharing them with each other.

Year 6

The children have been working hard in the mornings on their 5 a day arithmetic, which has really helped them improve their fraction knowledge. We also observed an exciting science experiment, in which we dissected a lamb's heart. The children brushed up on their knowledge of the circulatory system, as well as being in awe at the sight of the fleshy heart and its stringy valves. For English, the children have been analysing the features of a motivational speech, by the end of the week, they wrote their own motivational speeches from the perspective of Ernest Shackleton to his fellow crew. We were super impressed with their writing and even had some lovely children present them in assembly. Next week we are looking forward to some more revision and hard work in Year 6!

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Samar
Chestnut	Filip
Palm	Ehsan
Redwood	Shirley
Cedar	Akira
Hawthorn	Denis
Hazel	Hawra
Acacia	Ethan
Sycamore	Wassim
Mahogany	Aaliyah
Magnolia	Carmelita

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Jacy-Areli, Maple class

Rickai, Chestnut class

Kahi, Palm class

Bora, Redwood

Certificate of Merit

Havin, Cedar class

Stacy, Hawthorn class

Liba, Hazel class

Wael, Acacia class

Kayrne, Sycamore class

Dina, Angela and James, Mahogany class

Arushi, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Zahra, Maple class

Luna, Chestnut class

Linda, Palm class

Rahaam, Redwood class

Malak, Cedar class

Victoria, Hawthorn class

Lewis, Hazel class

Dauhud, Acacia class

Kristella, Sycamore class

Saba, Mahogany class

Mustafa, Magnolia class

Well done!