



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 great week at Wessex Gardens. I have to congratulate Year 5 on their smoothie making. All those I sampled were delicious! I have also been impressed with some great writing about the Iron Man in Year 3 and 4 and in Year 1 and 2 some super retelling of Pagan's Pumpkin.

Thank you all who came in for the parent drop in session. The children really do enjoy having you in their classroom talking about learning. Please do not forget to book your appointment with your child's class teacher/s.

EYFS/KS1 Play Equipment

You will have noticed that we have installed new equipment in our playground. This was funded by an incredibly generous donation from an former Wessex Gardens pupil. We are very grateful and thank him for improving our children's environment. It needs a few days to set, so we can't use it for a little while. I'm sure when we can use it, the children will love it!

Birthdays

Thank you to all the families who have sent in books to celebrate their child's birthday. Reminder please do not send in party bags or cakes. Thank you!

Safeguarding: What Parents Need to Know about Nintendo Switch

Attached this week is an online safety guide on the Nintendo Switch. The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television-like traditional console (think a PlayStation or Xbox) or out and about, like a portable console such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet (with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online), in the living room together or on the go during long journeys... but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!

In this guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as indecent images and inappropriate language.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.
Alexander Banks

Letters home this week

Nurs-Y6 Parents Evening booking request
Nurs-Y6 Strike Action—1st February 2023 Information



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

6/7.02.2023 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening:
Nursery class
Silver Birch class
Pine class
Maple class
Cedar class
Redwood class
Hazel class
Hawthorn class
Sycamore class
Acacia class
Magnolia class
7/8.02.2023 Palm class
8/9.02.2023 Chestnut class
Mahogany class

Next week
Is Art Week
At school



13-20.02.2023 School closed half term holiday
21.02.2023 School and Nursery reopens

Gymnastics Club

Cancelled

Wednesday 1st February



Coffee Morning



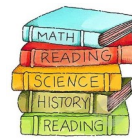
Another Fabulous Friday

Another Fabulous Coffee Morning

Friday 3rd February 2023

9am in the Rainbow House

All welcome, we will be talking about internet safety, as well as other matters. Looking forward to seeing you. Zana.



TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have been focusing on Chinese New Year. We have been talking about the many different ways the New Year is celebrated. We discovered that each year is named after a different animal and why? We learnt how to say Happy New Year in Chinese. We have enjoyed making lanterns, lucky money wallets and masks. We played different musical instruments to Chinese songs with lots of enthusiasm, some of us even attempted to join in with the words and actions. 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

This week we have had a lot of adventures in reception. The children are all very excited about the new playground installation which will be up and running soon. We have had a lot of box activity for English and we have been writing captions. In maths the children have been learning about the composition of 4 and 5. Have a lovely weekend

Year 1

It's been a wonderful working week this week in Year 1. In maths we have continued with learning our numbers from 1-20 and we have been using a number line. We even learnt how to estimate using a number line. In English, we have been writing our retell of Pata's pumpkin as we come to the end of our Power of Reading block for this half term. In RE we continue to learn about Purim. In geography we have been learning about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. Oh what fun that was to use the globe and Google Earth.

Year 2

Year 2 has been working hard to solve money problems (cost of living!) The children also had the opportunity to play shopkeeper and customer - this was great fun! We have been using the counting on method to work out change / difference between near numbers. Next week, we will be moving on to multiplication. It would be great to them to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. In English, we explored characters' feelings and wrote a letter to give Erin some advice. The children seem really immersed in The Secret of Black Rock. On this note, a reminder to continue to enjoy reading at home with actual physical books as well as Bug Club books, asking lots of engaging questions such as *'which adjectives and prepositions can you find?'* In R.E., the children created a flag with a positive message for the world. It was lovely to see the children clearly understand what to do if there was a fire at home (Get out, stay out, call 999). They designed a poster to reinforce these steps. Next week, the children will visit the media room to start coding.

Year 3 & 4

We are thoroughly enjoying our topic 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'. We have been learning about the historical figure Mary Anning, who was a geologist. The children really admired her accomplishments, especially during a time where being poor, uneducated and a woman meant you were not taken seriously as a scientist. In maths, Year 3 have been dividing 2-digit by 1-digit numbers using various different procedures, and Year 4 have been learning how to multiplying 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using formal written methods. In geography, we have been learning all about tectonic plates and the different types of plate boundaries. Do ask your child about the different types of plate boundaries and what is formed as a result. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have had a wonderful time creating our own recipes. We started off the week by looking at a model of excellence and whizzed through identifying the features in this type of text. We discussed why each feature is important and then set off to carry out our own research using the chrome books. Finally we rounded off our week by drafting our own recipes and publishing them in our neatest handwriting. We wonder who will create our wondrous meals and would love to receive some feedback!

Year 6

Year 6 have been exceptionally creative this week. We have been using Shackleton's polar expedition to inspire some narrative writing. The children have been planning their own Antarctica Adventures and we are looking forward to seeing all of their wonderful stories. In maths, we have continued revising decimals. The children are being tested regularly on their arithmetic and are showing great resilience and progress with each attempt. In art, Year 6 have been using different types of sketching to create their own beautiful landscapes! What a wonderful week!

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

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| Maple | Arvin |
| Chestnut | Victoria |
| Palm | Romikye |
| Redwood | Pia |
| Cedar | Annis |
| Hawthorn | Rayhana |
| Hazel | Keleecia |
| Acacia | Sadiyah |
| Sycamore | Sumaya |
| Mahogany | Damiona |
| Magnolia | Kora |

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Davi, Maple class
Elias, Chestnut class
Mia, Palm class
Max, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Sophie, Cedar class
Charlie, Hawthorn class
Amelia, Hazel class
Az Zahra, Acacia class
Yulia, Sycamore class
Tino, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Chloe, Maple class
Vincent, Chestnut class
Rayan, Palm class
Cynthia, Cedar class
Leila, Hawthorn class
Ioane, Hazel class
Jed, Acacia class
Vidi, Sycamore class
Ezel, Mahogany class
Kora, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Mahogany class

Well done!