



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely last week before the half term break. One highlight has to be Wessex Gardens success at the Barnet Partnership for Schools Boccia Competition. I am so proud of the teams that took part. Wessex Gardens will be representing Barnet in the London Wide competition later this year.

I hope you found the parent evening useful and know how best to support your children. It was great to see so many children talk about the learning with their families while waiting outside for their appointment.

Thank you to all who donated to our non-uniform day to support relief work following the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The response has been incredible and we raised an impressive £427.79. Thank you.

Safeguarding: A Parent's Guide to Internet Controls A free online safety guide on Home Internet Controls.

It's easy for a child to come across harmful content online whether by accident or on purpose. Internet filtering software is your line of defence. Everything you need to know about internet controls in a handy guide, covering router filtering controls, parental software controls, ISP filtering controls and useful recommendations is being sent out with this week's Newsletter.

In this guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as privacy and security, unrestricted access and harmful content.

Wishing you relaxing weekend and half term break. School opens for children on **Tuesday 21st February 2023**.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

13-20.02.2023 School closed half term holiday
21.02.2023 School and Nursery reopens
27/28.02.2023 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening Nursery

Sporting Achievements This Term

Gold medals for Wessex Gardens from the Boccia tournament in Barnet: An amazing opportunity to represent our school and Barnet in The London Youth Games



On Wednesday we had the privilege in taking two teams for the Boccia tournament in Barnet. Our Y4,5 and 6 team (Fadel, Anik, Alea and David) came first in their group and secured a place into the semi-finals, where they displayed amazing teamwork. This then resulting in a place in the finals. The children maintained concentration and accuracy, which helped them win the gold medals. We wish them best of luck in the London Youth Games on 23th February, representing the borough of Barnet. Our second team Y3&4 (Rehan, Reagan, Ersi and Keleecia) impressed us with their determination, coming 5th place out of 17 schools in Barnet. Well done everyone, you made us very proud!

Y6 Boys Football

Our Y6 boys team came 6th out of 23 schools in the Barnet tournament. Special mention to our goalie Ivailo who made great saves and contributed for the team success. Well done for your great effort and team work Ivailo, Archie, Lamar, Kevin, Ezel, Maksym, Gesi, Tino, Halil and Ibbey.

Bikeability Training

Years 3 & 4 were offered the opportunity to gain Level 1 in Bikeability. The children had a great time and gained more confidence in their cycling skills.

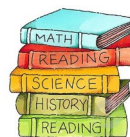


TERM DATES 2022/2023	
SPRING TERM 2023	
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 21 st February – Friday 31 st March
SUMMER TERM 2023	
FIRST HALF:	Monday 17 th April – Friday 26 th May
MAY DAY:	Monday 1 st May
KING'S CORONATION	Monday 8 th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 29 th May – Monday 5 th June
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 6 th June – Friday 21 st July
TERM DATES 2023-2024	
AUTUMN TERM 2023	
FIRST HALF:	Wednesday 6 th September – Friday 20 th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October
SECOND HALF:	Monday 30 th October – Wednesday 20 th December
SPRING TERM 2024	
FIRST HALF:	Monday 8 th January – Friday 9 th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 12 th February – Monday 19 th February
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 20 th February – Thursday 28 th March
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

Nurs Parent Teacher Consultation Evening
(rescheduled) booking request





TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have been talking about the different events in the story 'The Gingerbread Man' and sequencing them. We have been joining in with the repetitive language in the story with lots of enthusiasm. We are continuing to learn lots of new vocabulary and are becoming confident at sharing our ideas. We have enjoyed making our own puppets of the different characters. We are very proud of the progress which the children are making with their listening and attention skills during our weekly PE and music sessions and daily carpet sessions.

Please can you make sure that your child always has spare clothes labelled in their bag in Nursery. We are always in need of plastic bags for wet clothes. Your support is appreciated very much"

Please continue to support your child with completing their home learning activities and learning their fridge words, which we upload to Tapestry every Friday. We would love to receive some more examples of home learning on Tapestry. Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to view your child's progress and latest achievements.

Wishing you all a healthy and restful half term holiday!

The Nursery Team

Reception

It was lovely seeing you all this week for parents evening, thank you for taking the time to come and hear about the progress your children are making. In maths the children have been learning about capacity and in phonics we have been recapping all the sounds the children have learned so far. In English there was an uproar of investigation on Thursday "who messed up our playground". The adventure will continue next half-term. Have a lovely restful break.

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about some of the features of poems. We learned that some poems rhyme and others contain repetition. We enjoyed reciting our own poems with actions.

In maths, we have been using different strategies to add ones. We have been playing games to learn our number bonds. We have continued to find out facts about London and looked at aerial maps.

Year 2

It has been a brilliant term of learning in Year 2. We learnt all about materials in science. In maths, the children have been learning to use repeated addition methods to help them understand times tables. In English, we enjoyed reading 'The Secret of Black Rock' and we have composed some poems and wrote a recount about our mini-picnic in the secret garden. The topic 'Coastline' will be continued next half term. We are sad to say goodbye to the wonderful Redwood teacher Mr Sheth. We wish he will have a great journey ahead. We will miss him greatly. Love from Redwood and Palm.

Year 3 & 4

This week Years 3 and 4 have been learning about the different statuses and types of volcanoes. Our learning around earthquakes and volcanoes is particularly meaningful given the recent tragic events in Turkey and Syria. The children were very saddened to hear this news, and our thoughts are with all of those who have been affected. In English, we have been writing non-chronological reports about the Earth's crust. Our science and topic learning supported us really well with our writing as we already know a lot about the different types of rocks found in the Earth's crust. Our maths learning has been very active this week. We have been exploring metric units of length by measuring different things around the school. A big thank you to all of those who signed up for parents' evening. It was really lovely to share with you all of the amazing things your children have been doing, and ways in which you can support them at home. Wishing you a wonderful and relaxing half term break!

Year 5

It has been an exciting last week of half term within Year 5. The week started with an Art Display in the hall. Pupils were able to share their own work, observe and learn about what other children in the school did during Art week. In English, the week began with a planning session; writing a balanced argument on whether or not everyone should be vegan? Despite some very balanced and well written arguments, many pupils in Year 5 would unlikely turn down a trip to McDonald's. In maths we continued our work in division; learning about how to deal with more complex problems, which involved additional multiplication steps too. To finish the week off, Year 5 had the opportunity to clean their classroom, so that it was ready for when they come back.

Year 6

Year 6 have conducted some amazing research into the polar regions to help them write their non-chronological reports. They have used a range of writing features and we are so impressed by their quality of their writing. In maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter and learnt how to calculate the area of different 2D shapes. Earlier in the week, the children set up their art work for our very own Wessex Art exhibition! They have worked very hard and we wish you all a restful break!

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Ridha
Chestnut	Rohaam
Palm	Brooke
Redwood	Izabel
Cedar	Pedro
Hawthorn	Nour
Hazel	Amelia
Acacia	Max
Sycamore	Dauhud
Mahogany	Mouaz
Magnolia	Bayleigh

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Lucas, Maple class
Freya, Chestnut class
Zahra, Palm class
Megan, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Sean, Hawthorn class
Abokor, Acacia class
Canfidan, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Asma, Maple class
Filip, Chestnut class
Isa, Palm class
Nadine, Redwood class
Malak, Cedar class
MJ, Hawthorn class
William, Hazel class
Livia, Acacia class
Sadiyah and Az zahra, Sycamore class
Maryam, Mahogany class
Arushi, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Hazel, Mahogany and Magnolia classes

Well done!