



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

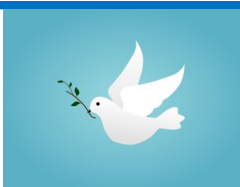
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Newsletter

Spring Term - 24th February 2023 (Issue 21)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a wonderful half term break and are ready for the next part of the term. The Spring term is traditionally very short. We only have 5 weeks until it finishes so a lot has to be packed in!

A special thanks to all those who were involved with our Ofsted inspection this week, especially those who spoke with the inspectors at the gate on Thursday. I cannot share the outcome until we receive the full report, which we should receive in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.



Sporting Success

As you will recall, our Boccia team came first in the Barnet Boccia competition (Boccia is a game similar to curling, but uses ball). As a result of this success, Wessex Gardens represented the London Borough of Barnet in the London Youth Games. I am so proud of our team who showed such dedication and concentration and it is with the greatest pleasure that I inform you that Wessex Gardens came first out of all of the London teams. Thank you to Mrs Atanassova for supporting the team so effectively.

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Age Ratings (BBFC & PEGI)

We all have concerns about the films and TV shows our children watch and the games they play. This guide this week takes a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Letters home this week



Nurs-Y6 Ofsted Inspectors
Letter to parents & questionnaire
& Guidance
Nurs-Y6 Book Week letter
Design a National Book Token competition

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

27/28.02.2023 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening Nursery
01.03.2023 Book Day-children dress up as favourite book Character
03.03.2023 Fabulous Friday Coffee Morning with Zanaba
6&7.03.2023 Reception Hearing & Vision testing AM
07.03.2023 Inclusion Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm
29.03.2023 Football Club Y1&2 make up session
31.03.2023 Last day of term Nursery & School
School closing 1.15pm
No Friday afternoon provision
No After School Club
17.04.2023 School and Nursery reopen



Inclusion Team Coffee Afternoon

Who: Parents and Carers of children with additional needs
Where: Rainbow House, Wessex Gardens Primary School
When: Tuesday 7th March 2.30-3.20pm

Please let Antonia or Maiko know if you are able to attend by Monday 6th March. Thank you!

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SPRING TERM 2023
SECOND HALF:

Tuesday 21st February – Friday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2023
FIRST HALF:
MAY DAY:
KING'S CORONATION
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:
SECOND HALF:

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May
Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May
Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June
Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July

TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023
FIRST HALF:
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:
SECOND HALF:

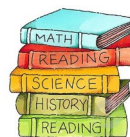
Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2024
FIRST HALF:
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:
SECOND HALF:

Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February
Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024
FIRST HALF:
MAY DAY:
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:
SECOND HALF:

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
Monday 6th May
Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June
Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July



TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

We hope you had an enjoyable half term holiday. At the beginning of this half term we will be focusing on the theme, Transport. We will be sharing a wide range of transport stories and songs and introducing the children to information books. This week we have been talking about how we travel to school and describing the different forms of transport. We re continuing to learn lots of new vocabulary. Please encourage your child to observe and describe different forms of transport on their way to and from school.

Please can you make sure that your child has always has spare clothes labelled in their bag in Nursery. We are always in need of plastic bags for wet clothes and newspaper for our activities. 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 more examples of home learning on Tapestry.

Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to view your child's progress and latest achievements. **Meetings for Nursery parents will be taking place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February.** We are looking forward to discussing your child's progress and achievements with you!

The Nursery Team

Reception

It was lovely to see all the children back and ready to learn. On pancake day (shrove Tuesday) the children enjoyed eating pancakes. We have continued with our phonics lessons and in maths the children have been learning more about numbers 6,7, and 8. The adventure continues next week. Have a great weekend!

Year 1

We have had a very good week of learning this week in Year 1.

We have been learning to find and write our number bonds to 20. We have also started to double numbers. We used lots of maths resources in our learning this week. What fun that was.

In English we have started our new Power of Reading text named Lila and the Secret of Rain. We have been learning how to describe a setting and talked about the different illustrations in the book.

In geography, we learnt about natural features that you can find in the United Kingdom. We learnt about mountains, hills, rivers, lakes, coastlines etc. In science we learnt about the seasonal changes that some animals go through. In history, we learnt about the Great Fire of London.

Year 2

Welcome back to the Spring second term! We will be continuing with our topic 'Coastline'. In English, our new core book is called, 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. In maths, we are learning about 'sharing' and 'grouping' in equal groups and we started to apply this in simple division calculations. We have begun our science topic of 'Plants Survival' and the children visited the secret garden to examine where the plant grass grows most successfully. In geography, we looked at Clitterhouse Farm and how it has changed over time. In RE, we will be learning about Sikhism.

Year 3 & 4

Years 3/4 have had a wonderful week full of learning opportunities. In English, we have been using powerful noun phrases to describe eruptive volcanoes. We look forward to using this vocabulary to write shape poetry next week. In maths, we have been continuing to explore length and measure with a particular focus on its usefulness in real life situations. We have been using globes and atlases in our geography lessons to locate volcanoes around the world. Thank you for your continued support and for all that you do! Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5

Welcome back to Wessex, we hope you have had a wonderful break! In Year 5 we have been eager to get on with our maths work and are revisiting our fractions topic. We have been looking at new mathematical vocabulary including integers, unit fractions and non-unit fractions! Do you know what they mean? Perhaps you can ask a pupil in Year 5 to explain them to you. You could even share any amazing mathematical vocabulary you know! We can't wait to add to our growing list!

Year 6

What a fantastic start to the new term. Year 6 have now started learning all about electric circuits and its components, the children are eager to make electric circuits next week. In English, we have started studying the Shakespearean play Macbeth, as well as exploring all the different themes present in the play. The children have been working really hard on volume, perimeter and area this week in maths and have been given homework on Corbett maths to solidify this new topic. We are looking forward to the great World Book Week next week!

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Zahra
Chestnut	Mustafa
Palm	Sofia
Redwood	Aisha
Cedar	Abdumalik
Hawthorn	Alexa
Hazel	Alex P
Acacia	Ethan
Sycamore	Malek
Mahogany	James
Magnolia	Kora

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Mohamed, Maple class
Elias, Chestnut class
Linda, Palm class
Matin, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Ori, Hawthorn class
Zainab, Hazel class
Canfidan, Acacia class
Kristella, Sycamore class
Harry, Mahogany class
Miyuka, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Kareem, Maple class
Nitin, Chestnut class
Hamza, Palm class
Bora, Redwood class
Pedro, Cedar class
Victoria, Hawthorn class
Suha, Hazel class,
Sadiyah, Acacia class
Nevaeh, Sycamore class
Camelia, Mahogany class
Magnolia class

Class Merit

Cedar class

Well done!