



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 lovely week at Wessex Gardens. Thank you to those who supported Red Nose Day today. It was great to see splashes of red (and green for St Patrick's day!) about the place. We raised a grand total of £153.25 for Red Nose Day.

The children continue to work hard and make progress. We are really concentrating on presentation skills at the moment, so all our books look their best! You can support this at home by ensuring children use their neatest writing for their homework and that they use a pencil.

Full Day Friday after the Easter Break

After the Easter break, we will be finishing at 3:30pm on Fridays for all children from Reception to Y6 (Nursery will still finish at 11:45am). It will be great being altogether on Friday afternoons again! Thank you for your support over the past couple of years in allowing this early closure, but I am sure you are as happy as I am that we will be providing a full week again.

Reminder Uniform

While so many of our children follow our uniform policy perfectly, I have noticed the rules being broken by an increasing number of pupils. The key issue is footwear. Only plain black trainers may be worn in school or plain black shoes. I will be reminding individuals next week!

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Xbox Series X/S

The Xbox Series X and Series S are the next-generation video game consoles from Microsoft. They offer improved graphics, sound and much quicker loading times. Parents should note that the two versions available are quite different.

In the guide with this week's Newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate games, online interactions and in-game spending.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

24.03.2023	Y2 trip to Clitterhouse Farm
26.03.2023	British Summer time begins— clocks go forward 1 hour
27-31.03.2023	Book Fair
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



We would love to give our children here at Wessex Gardens the opportunity to practise/improve their music skills during lunchtimes. To be able to do this we are looking for donations of musical instruments as follows:
Electric base guitar, lead guitar, keyboards, microphones, small amplifiers.

If you have any items such as these that are in full working order and that you no longer have a need for, we would be extremely grateful. Please speak to Zanaba for further details. Thank you.



Fabulous Friday—Coffee Morning
Every Friday from 8.40am in the Rainbow House



As part of the Food Bank Aid launch of 'Don't turn your Back' fundraising Appeal some of our children took part by wearing the stickers on their back (see photos). The appeal is from Sunday 19th to Monday 20th March. The campaign aims to help raise much needed funds for Food Bank Aid, as well as highlighting what they do, and why their work is so important to families in desperate need.



Please see the poster for this campaign being sent out with this week's Newsletter.

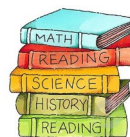
TERM DATES 2022/2023

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

Letters home this week

Chestnut	New arrangements in class
Y3-6	Ramadan letter
Y6	Non residential trips letter
Rec-Y6	Easter Raffle Tickets
Y3/4	Trip to British Museum 27.04.2023





TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have continued to focus on the theme 'Transport'. We shared a wide range of transport stories and songs about buses. This week we have been developing our awareness of space and safety in P.E. We are becoming confident at moving in lots of different ways. P.E. is now every Thursday, please make sure your child is wearing socks (no tights) and has shoes with Velcro fastenings so that they can take them on and off independently.

We have been enjoying our weekly music lesson. During the lesson we are continuing to create patterns using our bodies, learning how to follow pictures or rhythm cards and learning the words to new songs.

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.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Mothers Day!

The Nursery Team

Reception

This week in Reception the children enjoyed carrying out some experiments for science week. Over the coming weeks they will observe and see what happens to plants when they are left in a dark cupboard. Please continue to name flowers and plants around our local environment to support our English lesson discussions. In maths the children have been learning about the value of 9 and 10. The adventure continues next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 1

Year 1 have continued with their brilliant learning this week.

We have come to the end of another block of learning in maths and we begin a new block of learning on Monday—Place Value within 50. Please continue to support us and help us count properly to 50.

In English we have been preparing to write a report on the Great Fire of London. We have been learning lots of interesting facts about this historical event and learning about interesting people during that time.

It has been a fun and interesting week with all of our subjects.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 has been working hard to write the front cover of a newspaper article and book review about our core text, The Lonely Beast. We have thoroughly enjoyed using the story to produce some amazing writing this term! In maths, we have been using a 30cm ruler and 1m stick to measure various objects. Our science experiment is going well and we now have pots of 'healthy looking cress' and 'not yet grown cress' so we will be investigating the reasons. In history, we are continuing to learn about suffragettes and their historical significance. The children are looking forward to visiting the Clitterhouse Park next week! Please remember to read books on Bug club daily to support your child with their reading, comprehension and phonics. Ms Takemoto and Miss Ferdous will be checking weekly to see who has been reading books at home!

Year 3 & 4

This week in Year 3/4, we have continued to acquire knowledge of fractions in maths. In English, we have been beginning to think about the potential benefits to deforestation, as well as the harmful effects. We will participate in a class debate next week, before going on to write a balanced argument. For our history and geography learning, we have been learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. The children worked wonderfully together, using different resources to explore the remains of the Roman city of Pompeii, which was buried in volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been looking at the features of a persuasive leaflet in English. Specifically, pupils have been learning about fair trade and how to identify a fair trade item by its logo in the shops. In maths, Year 5 have been building on prior knowledge of fractions and decimals by learning how to convert from one to another, using a one hundred square as a guide. In science, we are continuing our work on life cycles. This week we specifically looked at a typical mammal life cycle including that of an elephant, dog and mouse. Climate zones was the geography topic for this week. The children enjoyed finding countries that they had visited in the past, and determining the climate of those countries.

Year 6

Another fantastic week of learning for Year 6. In DT we have started our topic engineering, where we have been learning lots about bridges. The children had great fun making paper bridges, testing their strength by adding layers, changing shape and size. In maths, we have been working hard on ratio as well as answering reasoning problems involving ratio. We are looking forward to starting co-ordinates next week! Macbeth has now come to a end and the children are now analysing the features of a book review, and after planning, will be writing their own wonderful reviews. We are looking forward to another week of learning!

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Bushra
Chestnut	Arthur
Palm	Mohammed
Redwood	Xhansu
Cedar	Holly
Hawthorn	Jayden
Hazel	Alex K
Acacia	Munai
Sycamore	Anisa
Y6	Ardil & Camelia

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Asma, Maple class
Emily, Chestnut class
Noor, Palm class
Rawda, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Bronek, Cedar class
Yusra, Hawthorn class
Jana A, Hazel class
Fadel, Acacia class
Vidi, Sycamore class
Fatima, Javier and Ezel, Y6

Reader of the Week

Hasan, Maple class
Victoria, Chestnut class
Mira, Palm class
Harun, Redwood class
Sirine, Cedar class
Avesta, Hawthorn class
Zainab, Hazel class
Arsham, Acacia class
Badrija, Sycamore class
James and Javier, Y6

Well done!