



# 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. The Y1 tea party was a huge success! I even had a few of the leftover sandwiches! Thank you Y1. Y2 had a lovely trip up to Clitterhouse Farm. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to go with them. We are planning lots of school visits next term to get us out and about a lot more.

### Attendance

I am sharing weekly attendance with the school in Assembly. The expectation is 96% - as you can see in the attendance section of the newsletter, only two classes have reached above the expectation. Please send your children in everyday to school, even if they have a minor illness.

### Reminder: Full Day Friday after the Easter Break

After the Easter break, we will be finishing at 3:30 on Fridays for all children from Reception to Y6 (Nursery will still finish at 11:45)! 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.

Please note the next Friday (31st March) the whole school will finish at 1:15 for the Easter break.

### Reminder: Uniform

I have seen a big improvement this week but we still have a way to go! Only plain black trainers may be worn in school or plain black shoes. I will continue to remind individuals next week!

**Safeguarding:** How to Set up Parental Controls to Limit Age-Inappropriate Content: Android and iPhone

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.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



### Dates for your diary

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

## Sitting Volleyball



Congratulations to our Y3&4 team in the Barnet Sitting Volleyball tournament. With a great advance, we won all of our matches and deserved the gold medals.

We also had representatives in the Y5&6 event, where our team came in 4th place. All pupils tried extremely hard and worked as a team for this success! Well done Alexa, Ioane, Denis, Anik, Aliyah, Jayden (Y3/4) and Carmelita, Javier, Kyan Lee, Artemis, Anna, Alisa (Y5/6).



We are delighted that the Book Fair will be visiting us next week. The Book Fair will run every morning from 8.30am-9.00am and parents are welcome to come and along with their child to browse/buy books and other items. Please see following timetable to see which morning your child's year group is attending.

Year Group	Date
Nursery/Reception	Monday 27th March 8.30-9.00am
Y1 & 2	Tuesday 28th March 8.30-9.00am
Year 3 & 4	Wednesday 29th March 8.30-9.00am
Year 5	Thursday 30th March 8.30-9.00am
Year 6	Friday 31st March 8.30-9.00am

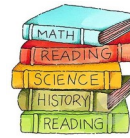


## Letters home this week

Y6 London trips (non residential/Moat Mount)  
N-Y6 Book Fair letter and flyer



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



## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Alia
Chestnut	Ines
Cedar	Ramani
Hawthorn	Charlie
Hazel	Lewis
Acacia	Wael
Sycamore	Abokor
Mahogany	Ivaylo
Magnolia	Tino

**Congratulations!**

### Nursery

This week we have been focusing on the children's interest in mini beasts. We have been sharing a wide range of stories. We are continuing to develop a wide vocabulary and learn what new words mean. This week we have been continuing to develop our awareness of space and safety in P.E. We are becoming confident at moving in lots of different ways and have been very proud of our achievements.

Reminder that we have PE on a 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 music lesson on a Tuesday. During the lesson we are continuing to enjoy clapping different patterns and developing our skills when playing egg shakers and claves to different 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. Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to review your child's latest progress and achievements. Many thanks for all your support with your child's home learning.

The Nursery Team

### Reception

The children in Reception had an exciting start to their week, a parent came in to speak to them about his job as a nurse in a hospital. In maths the children have been exploring 3D shapes, please point out any 3D shapes you have in your home. In English our book Errol's Garden, has come to an end and the children have been sharing their ideas through mark making/writing. The adventure continues next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 1

Year 1 have continued with their brilliant learning this week. We have started our learning in place value in 50 and we have been having fun learning about tens and ones and using different resources to build numbers. We have been using deines blocks, numicons and bead strings to help us with our numbers.

In English we had fun preparing our tea party to write a recount of it. Our tea party was so much fun. The food was delicious and we listened to the story of The Tiger Who Came to Tea. What a great story! We all agreed it was a very greedy tiger.

In RE we have come to the end of learning about Purim and we delivered Mishloach Manot to the Reception classes. It felt very nice to give a gift to someone.

Have a wonderful weekend.

### Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about Gladice Keevil, a famous suffragette who lived in Clitterhouse Farm! So we went on a trip to visit her old home. We had such a great time walking there and exploring the farm and the gardens. In English, we have been looking at poetry this week. We learned about how poems are different to stories and we composed our own poems about sea creatures. In maths we have been learning all about mass and comparing the mass of different objects. In RE we learned about the Sikh wedding ceremony called Anand Karaj and we pretended that we were invited to a Sikh wedding.

### Year 3 & 4

This week in Year 3/4 we have been completing end of term reading and maths checks to assess the children's progress. The children approached these checks with positive attitudes and growth mindsets, therefore should be very proud of themselves. In maths, we have been continuing our learning around fractions, exploring equivalent fractions and going on to tackle challenging reasoning and problem solving questions. In science, we have been learning about magnetic fields. The children took on the roles of little scientists, as they made careful observations during various different demonstrations carried out by their teachers. In English, we have been using different writing techniques to write balanced arguments on the issue of deforestation. Wishing you a restful, relaxing weekend!

### Year 5

This week Year 5 have been delving into fair trade and what this looks like. They have been looking at farming practices around the world and in different seasons. Their work culminated in producing beautiful leaflets to encourage more people to purchase fair trade goods. They wrote persuasive paragraphs about the moral aspect of trade and used devices such as rhetorical questions and modal verbs to try and persuade their readers. They also directed their readers to identify fair trade products and places in which they can often be purchased. Finally, they presented their work in assembly to help inform their peers on how to make a difference in the world they live in today.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a smashing week investigating electricity and testing out different ideas regarding electric circuits. The children were using scientific vocabulary to describe what they had observed and how some components function. In English, the children have been writing persuasive leaflets about visiting Antarctica and they have used lots of great vocabulary. In maths, we have been busy revising for our upcoming mock SATs next week. We are sure the children will do very well!

### Stars of the Week



### Superstars of the Week

Kareem, Maple class

Rickai, Chestnut class

All of Palm class

All of Redwood class

### Certificate of Merit

Ramani, Cedar class

Adonis, Hawthorn class

Greta, Hazel class

Mohammad, Acacia class

Badrija, Sycamore class

Gesi, Magnolia class

### Reader of the Week

Samar, Maple class

Arifah, Chestnut class

Doha, Cedar class

Neil, Hawthorn class

Amelia, Hazel class

Shahruza, Acacia class

Anissa, Sycamore class

Darlene, Mahogany class

Kora, Magnolia class

### Class Merit

Mahogany class

**Well done!**

### Attendance % week ended 17.03.2023

<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Palm</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Acacia</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Magnolia</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Mahogany</b>	<b>88</b>