



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

A very busy week at Wessex Gardens! Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful day out at the British Museum yesterday, they learned so much about the Romans. Thank you to all you accompanied them, I do hope you were not too tired by the end of the day!

I am so proud of our Reception children who showed me their brilliant writing today. They had written about going to the library and about what lions like to eat! They are really applying the phonics that they are learning. Well done!

Next week we will be thinking a lot about the upcoming coronation. I will be sending some family homework to do afterwards. Please support your child with this. More details to follow! Remember we have our Royal Picnic on Friday!

Finally a huge thanks to all who organised our school disco yesterday. Great fun was had by all who attended!

Safeguarding: 5 Top Tips for Parents: Disney+

Disney+ is a big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent to 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device - mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TVs and games consoles—and features a huge library of classic Disney titles.

In the guide attached this week, you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as hackers, age-inappropriate content and outdated cultural depictions.

Wishing you a long relaxing weekend. Enjoy the Bank holiday on Monday.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

01.05.2023	Bank Holiday—School Closed
02.05.2023	Possible Teachers Strike Day
05.05.2023	Kings Charles III Coronation celebration school picnic
08.05.2023	Bank Holiday—School Closed—Kings Coronation
09-12.05.2023	KS2 SATs week
16.05.2023	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Parents meeting 9am
29.05-05.06.23	Half Term Holiday—School Closed
06.06.2023	School Reopens
07-09.06.2023	Year 6 School Journey—Moat Mount/ Year 6 Non School Journey London trips
27.06.2023	Year 2 trip to National Portrait Gallery
28.06.2023	School Photographer—Class Photos
14.07.2023	Year 2 trip to Royal Mews
21.07.2023	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm No after school club



Kings Charles III Coronation Celebration Picnic

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the upcoming coronation of King Charles III by holding a whole school picnic. For Nursery children this will be in the morning, with the rest of the school being in the afternoon.

Children may come to school dressed as Kings /Queens / Royals or wearing red, white and blue. The children should bring something to share at the picnic such as soft drinks, cakes, biscuits or crisps and something to sit on such as a small blanket or towel.



FOOD BANK AID

We are also asking the children to bring in something to donate to Food Bank Aid such as tins foods, dry foods such as pasta or cereal—please see poster at the end of this week's Newsletter.

Strike Action—Tuesday 2nd May 2023

The following classes will be closed:

Maple
Redwood
Palm
Cedar
Hawthorn

Children in these classes to stay at home on Tuesday.

TERM DATES 2022/2023

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

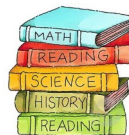
Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June

Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July

Letters home this week

Y5	Trip to Science Museum/Imax 11.05.2023
Y5	Secondary transfer meeting details and information
Y3-6	School dinners price increase





TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Ridha	Nabiya
Chestnut	Nourrsin	Filip
Palm	Kahi	Kamaya
Redwood	Shirley	Shirley
Cedar	Bronek	Abdumalik
Hawthorn	Victoria	MJ
Hazel	Samuel	Hawra
Acacia	Fadel	Saaliha
Sycamore	Livia	Max
Mahogany	Maryam	Amila
Magnolia	Carmelita	Miyar

Congratulations!

Nursery

This week we have been focusing on the children's interest in superheroes. We are continuing to develop a wide vocabulary and learn what new words mean. We have enjoyed mark making on a large scale, making superhero masks and capes. We have been spending lots of time outdoors moving like our favourite superheroes and sharing our super powers.

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 view your child's progress and latest achievement.

The Nursery Team.

Reception

We had another exciting start to the week, Silver Birch visited the library. Thank you to our parent helpers. In phonics the children have been going over some of the sounds they learned last term to write C.V.C words, captions and sentences. In Maths we have been exploring numbers beyond 10, counting and ordering. In English the children have been learning about the Savannah, the animals that live there and the climate. The children have also been learning a lot of new vocabulary. The adventure continues next week, have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Year 1

Year 1 have had an awesome time learning about the history of Wessex Gardens Primary School and have taken photos comparing the past and the present, for our topic 'School Days'. We have been measuring a variety of school objects using rulers this week- we even learnt about centimetres! Why not ask them to show you how to measure things at home? In English, we have discussed whether the main character, the girl, should be left in the wild or taken to the town- the children have had so many different opinions! We have been learning to chop, mash, grate and peel a variety of vegetables in DT- why not put the little chefs to work this weekend?

Year 2

In Year 2 we have made a great start to the summer term. In maths, the children have been learning about fractions, they can now recognise and find halves, quarters and thirds in shapes and amounts. In English, we have started to read a fairy tale, Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. This is our core text for this half term and we will be using it to do our English work. In history, children have been learning about the monarch and kings and queens. We looked at the roles of monarch and what makes them good kings or queens. Our fantastic science topic is all about animal survival. They will learn about growth in animals by exploring the life cycles of some familiar animals. In RE, we are learning about Jumu'ah, Friday prayers and Islam.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the British Museum on Thursday. They were wonderfully behaved and have acquired a great amount of new knowledge that will support them when they go on to learn all about the Romanisation of Britain. In maths, Year 3 have been practically exploring mass and capacity using scales and cylinders. Maths in Year 4 has been equally successful, as the children are deepening their understanding of how to represent numbers in different ways using fractions and decimals. In English, the children have completed writing their biographies on the life of a Roman emperor, and have focused on presentation when completing their final drafts. Wishing you a relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have had a wonderful time exploring perimeter. We have been problem solving to find different lengths and working with our peers to stretch and challenge our learning! In R.E. we have rounded off our topic on Ramadan. We have had such an exciting time decorating the school, making Eid cards and learning all about the stories associated with this holy month! We hope you have all had a lovely Eid and cannot wait for our next R.E. topic!

Year 6

Another week of hard work and resilience from our wonderful Year 6's, as we draw nearer to SATs. This week we have practised using past papers from previous years for all SATs topics, as well as revision and quizzes to test their subject knowledge. This week we have implemented spelling practise and tests into our day. We are asking the children to practise the words they spelt incorrectly at home, to ensure success for the next time. In history we have started our new topic on World War II, with amazing and interested resources that the children have had the opportunity to explore. Next week will be another great week of revision and learning before we head into SATs week. Please ensure children are revising and practising over the weekend and bank holiday.

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Jaycy-Areli & Samar, Maple class
Filip & Rickai, Chestnut class
Kaydon & Ehsan, Palm class
Tuan & Max, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Roman, Cedar class
Yusra & Alexa, Hawthorn class
Musa, Hazel class
Angelo & Shahruza, Acacia class
Kami & Dina, Sycamore class
Dion, Mahogany class
Kyrar, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Davi & Qudos, Maple class
Rickai & Ryqayya, Chestnut class
Ryan, Palm class
Rama & Rahaam, Redwood class
Cynthia & Hazuki, Cedar class
Sean & Avesta, Hawthorn class
Yusuf, & Hamdan, Hazel class
Dauhud & Wael, Acacia class
Kayrne & Katrin, Sycamore class
Fatima & Asma, Mahogany class
Ibby & Javier, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Maple, Hazel, Mahogany and Magnolia class

Well done!

Attendance % week ended

Chestnut	96%
Maple	91%
Palm	92%
Redwood	99%
Cedar	90%
Hazel	100%
Hawthorn	96%
Acacia	99%
Sycamore	88%
Magnolia	95%
Mahogany	96%

Contratulations Hazel class on 100% attendance this week!



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID



MARK THE KING'S CORONATION BY HELPING NORTH LONDON FAMILIES

Food Bank Aid delivers donations to food banks across North London each week, supporting 14,000+ people (including 4,000 children).

KING'S CORONATION THEMED SHOPPING LIST



Tinned fish: tuna, sardines, salmon



Biscuits, crackers, cereal bars, crisps



Tinned meat: pork, ham, corned beef



UHT milk, lactose free, almond, oat & soya milk



Instant coffee, tea, hot chocolate



Jam and honey

HOW TO DONATE

We will be collecting for Food Bank Aid to mark the King's Coronation at our tea party on **Friday 5th May**. Please bring donations into school on this day.

Thank you on behalf of Food Bank Aid!



www.foodbankaid.org.uk



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