



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Summer Term - 5th May 2023 (Issue 29)



Welcome to this week's Newsletter



To all the families of the Royal House of Wessex Gardens,

We have had the most spectacular celebration in anticipation of the Coronation of King Charles III. We have looked back in Royal History to find out about King Charles I and King Charles II. We dipped into the English Civil War and the Restoration of the Monarchy. Today some children shared their talents in our Royal Entertainment, dancing, singing, acting and gymnastics. The sun eventually came out and we had a lovely Royal Picnic! Thank you so much for your generous donations of food

I do hope you have a wonderful long Coronation weekend. I will be sending some family homework to do next week. Please support your child with this by collecting articles and pictures about tomorrow's coronation. The press will be full of them!

Best wishes

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Attendance % week ended

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| Chestnut | 96% |
| Maple | 100% |
| Palm | 100% |
| Redwood | 97% |
| Cedar | 99% |
| Hazel | 99% |
| Hawthorn | 95% |
| Acacia | 96% |
| Sycamore | 89% |
| Magnolia | 99% |
| Mahogany | 98% |

Congratulations Maple and Palm class on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week
Y5 Trip to Kidzania 24.05.2023



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for the Diary:

Dates for your diary

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| 08.05.2023 | Bank Holiday—School Closed—Kings Coronation 09 |
| 09-12.05.2023 | KS2 SATs week |
| 16.05.2023 | Year 5 Secondary Transfer Parents meeting 9am |
| 24.05.2023 | Year 5 trip to Kidzania |
| 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 |



Inclusion Team Coffee Afternoon

Who: Parents and Carers of children with additional needs

Where: Rainbow House, Wessex Gardens Primary School

When: Tuesday 9th May 2023 2.30-3.20pm

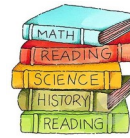
Please let Antonia or Maiko know if you are able to attend. Thank you!

TERM DATES 2022/2023

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| 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

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| 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 |



TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

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| Maple | Mohamed |
| Chestnut | Victoria |
| Palm | Barish |
| Redwood | Talia |
| Cedar | Doha |
| Hawthorn | Alexa |
| Hazel | Shae |
| Acacia | Sadiyah |
| Sycamore | Mehraveh |
| Mahogany | Althea |
| Magnolia | Artemis |

Congratulations!

Nursery

This week we have been focusing on celebrating King Charles III Coronation. We have been learning some facts about King Charles III and his family from fact sheets and sharing the story, The Colourful Coronation. We have enjoyed making flags, streamers and crowns. For funky fingers we have been developing our finger strength by decorating crowns and creating paper chains. Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to Food Bank Aid and our Nursery Coronation party. Your support and kindness is really appreciated. The children looked amazing in their Kings and Queens costumes. Reminder that we have PE on a Wednesday—please make sure your child is wearing socks (no tights) and has shoes with Velcro fastenings so that they can take them off and on independently. We are enjoying our music lesson on Thursdays. During the lesson we were introduced to the Coronation song, To the Sound of Trumpets, by Out of the Ark. We joined in with the song with lots of enthusiasm.

Please continue to support your child with completing their home learning activities and learning their fridge words linked to the Coronation this week on Tapestry. Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to view your child's progress and latest achievements. The Nursery Team

Reception

The children have been busy preparing for the King's Coronation. They enjoyed a special Coronation lunch and had a picnic to celebrate the occasion. In maths the children have been learning about doubling and in English we have continued with our book about the Savannah and also exploring different texts, fiction and non-fiction. Phonics lessons have continued, please help and support your children at home, by encouraging them to use their phonological awareness in their writing. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and the adventure continues next week.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a right royal week with us all preparing for the Coronation of King Charles III. We have learnt about King Charles, made crowns, made collages, coloured in posters... and some of us even dressed up as royalty, with the rest in a sea of red, white and blue! It all culminated in a Coronation picnic, with us all wearing our crowns as the Royal Houses of Maple and Chestnut. We have been learning about mass in maths, practising the terminology 'heavier than' 'lighter than'. In English, we predicted what we thought would happen in the story and got to see whether we were correct or not- the children have loved learning about the girl in 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. We hope you have a majestic weekend, celebrating the Coronation!

Year 2

Y2 enjoyed reading Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin this week. The fairy tale is told with a twist. There is no handsome Prince to save Rapunzel! We think Rapunzel is smart to figure her own way out, defeating the witch, and going on to a successful witch-hunting career! It reminded us other stories we read this year such as How to Find Gold and The Secret of Black Rock. In maths, we are continuing with fractions. We still need to work on finding quarters and thirds of amounts. Please talk to your children about fractions at home, Food is a fantastic resource for fractions, you can use pasta pieces or dried beans then have your child sort them in to halves, quarters and thirds. Have a lovely long weekend!

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have been making preparations for our whole school King's Coronation Tea Party. We designed and created crowns in keeping with the theme Kings and Queens! We would like to say a big thank you for making the day possible by providing a range of foods that we all enjoyed. All donations will support a local food bank in helping families who are in need. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday, 9th May. Wishing you a wonderful bank holiday weekend!

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we've been writing a poem in English about Odysseus. In maths we have been doing tests and a line graph. Also in reading we have been listening to the Circle of Life, the soundtrack for the Lion King and used a dictionary to define our vocabulary. For science we've been learning about how female and males grow. In topic we have been learning about coffee growing in Peru. In PHSE we have been learning about different types of drugs and how they can affect our bodies. In RE we have just finished Islam and are now moving into Christianity. In Art we have been making a collage for King Charles III Coronation and in Spanish we have been learning colours.

Year 6

Year 6 have displayed resilience and determination, as we have had a busy week of Mock SATs. You have all been amazing and positive, we truly believe you will SMASH your SATs next week. Thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children with the daily homework and revision, it has been helpful in solidifying keeping key topics across the subjects. We head into SATs next week and are ready to face them head on, with a positive and growth mind-set!



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

Lucas, Maple class
Mustafa, Chestnut class
Talia, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Cynthia, Cedar class
Aaliyah, Hawthorn class
Alex K, Hazel class
Keyaan, Acacia class
Max, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Meloirin, Maple class
Freya, Chestnut class
Ehsan, Palm class
Meghan, Redwood class
Tawaab, Cedar class
Lisa, Hawthorn class
Natalie, Hazel class
Monique, Acacia class
Wassim, Sycamore class
Dina, Mahogany class
Uchechi, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Mahogany and Magnolia class

Well done!