

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Summer Term - 12th May 2023 (Issue 30)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and saw some of the Coronation event. On Tuesday, I shared with the children some photos from the event and we discussed the demonstrations and the importance of free speech. I have had some lovely Coronation homework handed in already! Please support your child with this.

Even though it was a short week, it has been a busy one! Year 5 had a great day out at the Science Museum and I have seen some lovely examples of writing from our Reception children.

I am particularly proud of our Year 6 pupils who had their SATs this week. They showed themselves to be resilient and with a positive mind set! Well done!

For our Year 2 children, they will be having their assessments throughout the rest of this month. These are to support our teacher assessments and are not something to be anxious about.

Safeguarding: A free online safety guide on smartwatches.

Wearable tech is increasingly big business. Both Apple and Samsung's products, of course, lean towards the higher spec end of the market—usually with price tags to match. Sourcing a less expensive alternative, however, often also means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That's just one of the potential hazards highlighted in our guide to smartwatches. In the guide you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Free cricket opportunities for girls and mums

Cricket* Canons CC - Free Opportunities / Bursaries – Girls and Mums**

1. We select talented Yr 5 / Yr 6 girls to play Middlesex Girls U11 league games, Free.
2. We refer talented Yr 5 / Yr 6 girls to Middlesex Girls U11 County Squad selections in July - August every year.
3. We invite talented Yr 3 / Yr 4 girls to play in Middlesex Girls U10 Girls Cricket Festivals.
4. We refer Parents (Mums) to Middlesex Cricket coach development for limited fully paid bursaries to train up as ECB Activator or ECB Foundation Level 1 Coach.

With kindest regards,
Bharath

for Canons CC

Home: Golders Hill Park tennis nets green and UCS Facilities NW2 2BH

National Programmes - All Stars and Dynamos
07818488159 WhatsApp

Web canons.play-cricket.com

Twitter @CanonsCC

Email canons.cc.mdx@gmail.com opportunities

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for the Diary:

Dates for your diary

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
22.06.2023	School Discos
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

TERM DATES 2022/2023

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

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

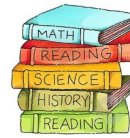
SUMMER TERM 2024

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

Attendance % week ended

Chestnut	99%
Maple	76%
Palm	85%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	99%
Hazel	95%
Hawthorn	90%
Acacia	99%
Sycamore	93%
Magnolia	100%
Mahogany	100%

Congratulations Magnolia and Mahogany lass on 100% attendance this week!



TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Basit
Chestnut	Joseph
Palm	Jalil
Redwood	Ahyan
Cedar	Bronek
Hawthorn	Stacy
Hazel	David
Acacia	Yassine
Sycamore	Kyan Lee
Mahogany	Whole class
Magnolia	Whole class

Congratulations!

Nursery

This week we have started our new topic On the Beach. We have been learning some facts about sand including how different sand toys work. We are becoming increasingly confident at sharing new facts with our friends. Our focus story is Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson. This is a story about friendship and we have been identifying the qualities that make a good friend. We have enjoyed playing the game I Spy with my Little Eye Uncovering objects with begin with different initial sounds hidden in the sand.

We have enjoyed creating pictures using coloured sand, making flags and funnels to use while exploring the properties of sand. We are continuing to learn lots of new vocabulary and develop our understanding of what new words mean.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team

Reception

We started exploring our new book, Beware of the Crocodile and the children have been discussing what they already know about crocodiles and what they would like to know. The children have continued to consolidate their phonic knowledge of phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs they have learnt. They have been using this knowledge in their writing. We have also been focusing on the children's writing presentation as well as correct letter and number formation, please help to reinforce this at home. Please continue to read with your child on Bug Club. In maths this week the children have been adding more using first, then and now stories. Have a lovely weekend and the adventure continues next week.

Year 1

A big thank you for all the kind donations for the food bank and all the food and drink for our picnic last week. This week, Year 1 have been marvellous mathematicians exploring volume and capacity and spectacular scientists identifying plants in the secret garden. The children created some wonderful posters to teach others about littering, which we will be displaying around the school. In English, we have been examining the key features of instructional texts, in the run up to writing 'how to make a fruit salad' next week. The week ended with the children making a fruit salad and enjoying it together as a year group!

Year 2

Year 2 are continuing to tackle fractions such as recognising and finding three quarters of shapes and amounts. We have done three quarters of 20 which was a challenge for many of our children. In English we are retelling the story of Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin and rewriting the beginning, middle and end. Children are remembering important events that happen in the story and should be able to tell their families what the story is about. We had a fun lesson this week in science where children visited the secret garden to identify animals and plants in our habitat. Ask your children to tell you the difference between invertebrates and vertebrates. In history we learnt about King Charles III and his importance as a monarch. It has been particularly relevant for the children to learn about the monarchy especially since the coronation of the new King! Please remember to login to Bug Club and read the many extraordinary books!

Year 3 & 4

In Year 3/4 we have been writing a recount text in English about our trip to the British Museum. It was wonderful to have them recall lots of wonderful events from the day, as well as fond memories. In maths, Year 4 have been flexibly partitioning and comparing decimals, while Year 3 have been adding and subtracting fractions. Our Year 4 multiplication check is soon approaching, so please ensure your child is practising their multiplication and corresponding division facts. In science, we have been learning about the functions of the stem. We carried out several investigations, made predictions and careful observations, thus furthering our knowledge and understanding of plant nutrition and reproduction. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Year 5

Year 5 had a short but eventful week. In English, pupils are preparing to write their own Myth and Legend and have started generating some of their own ideas for inspiration. Pupils have also been introduced to the story of Hercules on which they will base their story. In maths, Year 5 have been exploring new areas in statistics. Pupils learnt how to read line graphs before moving on to two-way tables such as those found in bus timetables. Science was a blast this week as pupils visited the Science Museum in London. After watching an IMAX presentation ('A Beautiful World' - narrated by Jennifer Lawrence), the pupils had the opportunity to experience the many exciting exhibits round the museum. In topic, pupils learned about the Ancient Greeks and what periods occurred before the Roman Empire existed.

Year 6

A huge **well done** to Year 6 for a fantastic week of SATS, You have all been brilliant! Your teachers and support staff are so incredibly proud of you all for your positivity, hard-work and resilience. All your effort will pay off. Thank you to parents for also supporting your children in revision, it hasn't gone unnoticed. We are looking forward to the rest of the year and all the exciting and wonderful plans we have in store for our children.



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

Ridha, Maple class
Emily, Chestnut class
Romikye, Palm class
Olush, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Doha, Cedar class
Calvin, Hawthorn class
Erika, Hazel class
Dennis, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Bushra, Maple class
Yasin, Chestnut class
Zahra, Palm class
Oliwier, Redwood class
Kai, Cedar class
Hussein, Hawthorn class
Jana A, Hazel class
Alisa, Acacia class
Sumaya, Sycamore class
Whole of Mahogany and Magnolia class

Class Merit

Acacia, Mahogany and Magnolia class

Well done!

Letters home this week



Nur-Y6 TT Rockstars and Numbots information
Y1 KS1 SATs information