



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a short week but a busy one! Year 6 have been having the most wonderful time whether they are on the residential school journey or are enjoying the London trips. These can only happen due to our wonderful staff giving up so much of their time. Huge thanks especially to Miss McGowan, Miss Dahir and Shakur. We wish you a well deserved and peaceful weekend!

Year 2 had a great time at Trinity Church in Golders Green and asked so many sensible and thoughtful questions. Well done! Again I would like to thank all our parent volunteers who accompany the children. Without you the trips could not happen.

We have had such a lot of sunny weather and it looks like it is going to continue well into next week! Please ensure your child dresses for the weather and send them in with sunhats and baseball caps but avoid sunglasses as these often fall off when the children are playing. Please **do not** send your child in sandals as the feet are not properly protected should there be an accident. Please also apply sun screen each morning before they come in to school and ensure they have their water bottle so we can enjoy the sunshine safely.

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers need to Know about iPads

When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010, they almost single-handedly rewrote people's idea of what a portable computing device was capable of—and sparked a tablet revolution. There are several very respectable imitators on the market now, but iPad remains the standard bearer for tablet computers and routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity has made iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing for long car journeys. That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their children from online risks.

The guide attached this week highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

12.06.2023	Year 3 visiting Golders Green Library
13.06.2023	Year 6 trip to Regents Park Mosque
22.06.2023	Windrush Day
	School Discos
27.06.2023	Year 2 trip to National Portrait Gallery
28.06.2023	School Photographer—Class Photos
29.06.2023	Year 4 Proms at St Jude's
04.07.2023	School Council Elections
06.07.2023	Summer Fair 2.30-5.30pm
14.07.2023	Year 2 trip to Royal Mews
17.07.2023	Class swap morning
21.07.2023	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm
	No after school club

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st 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	86%
Maple	89%
Palm	99%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	92%
Hazel	99%
Hawthorn	90%
Acacia	94%
Sycamore	95%
Magnolia	100%
Mahogany	98%

Well done Magnolia class on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week

No letters home this week.





TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Pine	Ismaeel
Silver Birch	Romello
Maple	Arvin
Chestnut	Jana
Palm	Brooke
Redwood	Aisha
Cedar	Rana
Hawthorn	Neil
Hazel	Shae
Acacia	Maya
Sycamore	Anisa

Congratulations!



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

Rania, Pine class
Sofi, Silver Birch class
Asma, Maple class
Yahye, Chestnut class
Noor, Palm class
Rawda, Redwood, class

Certificate of Merit

Deenah, Cedar class
Deen, Hawthorn class
Liba, Hazel class
Arsham, Acacia class
Livia, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

David, Pine class
Santiago, Silver Birch class
Ava, Maple class
Alexs, Chestnut class
Barish, Palm class
Ivan, Redwood class
Troy, Cedar class
Lisa, Hawthorn class
Muse, Hazel class
Wael, Acacia class
Obay, Sycamore class

Nursery

This week we have been introducing the topic Ready, Steady, Grow. We have been identifying and sorting different fruit and vegetables. Our focus story is Oliver's Vegetables. We have enjoyed creating our own fruit and vegetable collages. In maths, we have been sorting and counting fruit. In phonics, we have been enjoying creating body percussion patterns.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team

Reception

Welcome back to all the children and well done for settling back into the routine. Our topic this term is '**On the Beach**', it has been lovely to see all the topic quest homework, keep it coming. The children have been writing letters about our 'beach day in school' and look out for the beach 'postcards'. In our 'small world beach' our little geologist have been investigating materials such as sand, pebbles, rocks, and seashells that cover beaches. Talk to your child about beaches in England or around the world, similarities and differences. In mathematics the children are revising doubling and in phonics the children have been consolidating their learning, phase 2, phase 3 sounds and writing captions and sentences. The children have also been using different media such as collage materials, painting and drawing to create a beach scene. Gentle reminder, we now have swimming on Wednesday and P.E for Pine class is on Thursday. The adventure continues next week, have a lovely weekend.

Reception Team.

Year 1

It has been a pleasure having Year 1 back after a week of rest! As usual, it has been a busy week of learning. We have been doubling and making groups in maths and the children have enjoyed playing 'Hit the Button' to practise their knowledge of doubling. We recapped the story of Little Red Riding Hood in English; they loved acting out the scenes and drawing a story map as part of the lesson. Our spectacular scientists have been learning about animals and they have been learning lots of new vocabulary such as gills, scales, beak, antenna, fin for labelling different animals. We had our final gymnastics lesson for the year and the children loved it- but don't worry, there are more enjoyable PE lessons to look forward to! A big welcome to Amaal Bulshale, our new TA in Maple Class!

Reminder: Year 1 will be having their phonics screening next week so the weekend would be a great opportunity to brush up on segmenting and blending.

Year 2

Welcome back to the Summer term! We will be continuing with our topic 'Magnificent Monarch'. In English, our new core book is called, 'Claude in the City' by Alex T Smith. In maths, we will be learning about 'Statistics' and we will be looking at tally charts, block table, venn diagrams, and bar charts. In history, children have been learning about 'monarch' and 'kings and queens'. We will be learning about lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. In art, we will be learning about portraiture. The children will analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have had a wonderful return back to school. It has been great having them back in class and looking enthusiastic to finishing the year off on a positive note.

In English, they have been exploring an imaginative text called the Lost Happy Endings. The children have been making interesting predictions and inferences about both the text and pictures. The children have been using lots of figurative language when describing the setting and character.

In maths, Year 3 have started learning about time. Please help your children with telling the time throughout the day by practising at analogue clocks. In Year 4, the children have been learning about weeks, month and years. They have been learning to convert between analogue and digital times. Please encourage your child to consolidate their learning by practising telling the time at home. Also, please ensure that your child is practising their times tables daily as the multiplication tables check is approaching fast!

All pupils in Year 3 will be visiting the Golders Green Library on Monday morning. They will be back in school for lunch. Please make sure your child is wearing comfortable footwear.

Year 4 will be having their multiplication times tables check next week so please make sure your child practices at home over the weekend.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been learning about ancient Greek theatres. In English, we have learnt that in Ancient Greece actors often wore big masks to show emotion in the play. In Science we have been investigating soluble and insoluble solutes. We have even brought in our own solutes to test! In maths we have started our new topic - line graphs! We have been working on plotting coordinates and translating shapes. In P.E we have been carrying out relay races. We have been practising with our teams and have been competing against each other. We were exhausted at the end! This week was fun, interesting and hard but we enjoyed it!

Year 6

This week our Year 6s have had an amazing 3 day trip for both our residential and London groups. On day 2, both groups enjoyed a day together at Moat Mount and took part in various team building activities including orienteering through the forest, which was great fun outdoors. The London group enjoyed their first day at school building their own delicious dessert and final day at Hollywood bowl. I am sure all the residential trip children will be thrilled to be back with their families. A huge thank you to all the adults who took part in organising and helping with the trip.