



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you have had a wonderful week and have made the most of the sunshine. It has been incredibly busy at Wessex Gardens. We began the week talking about Pride Month and LGBT+ rights, highlighting our school rule 'We are kind and fair to everyone'. I will talk to the children more about this next week.

I had a great time with Year 3 at Golders Green Library on Monday. We met an artist who is designing a mural for the entrance to the library based on local architecture. We spoke about the different types of buildings in Golders Green and even drew some. Hopefully the artist will use some of our ideas in her mural!

We want to make sure our children have as many wonderful experiences as possible while with us, which is why we were so lucky to have a brass orchestra come and play for the children. They learned about trumpets, trombones, tubas and French horns. There is nothing quite like listening to live music! Huge thanks to DaCapo and the Fantasia Orchestra for sharing their talents.

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Amine

Amine is one of the most popular forms of media in the modern world. Fans span across multiple generations—with a particular emphasis on young people in the west, to whom the unique art style and over-the-top presentation greatly appeal. It takes many different forms—from movies to video games—but is most commonly presented in TV shows.

The cartoonish style of amine can lead people to assume that all media of this type is child-friendly. While a good amount of amine fits this description, there are just as much—if not more—that centres round deeply adult themes and topics, with scenes of extreme gore, disturbing horror, and sexual content. The guide attached this week looks into this cultural phenomenon, identifying all risk parents and carers should be aware of.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.
Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

18.06.2023	Father's Day
22.06.2023	Windrush Day
	School Discos
23.06.2023	Year 6 trip to Kidzania
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
30.06.2023	Year 6 Prom party after school
04.07.2023	School Council Elections
06.07.2023	Year 6 Picnic in the park
	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

Coronation Home Learning

The children really impressed us with the quality of work they produced for Coronation Home Learning. Please see photos of the winners work below:



1st Place
Erika
Hazel Class



2nd Place
Bayleigh
Magnolia Class



3rd Place
Amelia
Hazel Class

Attendance % week ended

Chestnut	87%
Maple	96%
Palm	98%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	95%
Hazel	94%
Hawthorn	87%
Acacia	99%
Sycamore	95%
Magnolia	97%
Mahogany	97%

Letters home this week

Nurs-Y6 Photo ordering leaflet from Stanley Baker Studio
Y6 End of year trips and events



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 6th September – Friday 20th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
SECOND HALF: Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
MAY DAY: Monday 6th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July



TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have been continuing our topic, Ready Steady Grow. Our focus story is Hand's Surprise by Eileen Browne.

We have enjoyed creating masks and stick puppets of the characters in the story. We are becoming very good at sequencing the events in the story and talking about them. In maths, we have been matching patterns to jungle animals and talking to them. In phonics, we have been enjoying segmenting and blending the sounds in CVC words. We also enjoyed listening to and responding to African music. We made some beautiful African necklaces. In PE we are continuing to use our imaginations while developing different movement sequences.

Happy Father's day from the Nursery Team

Reception

In Maths the children have been learning about sharing and doubling. We have continued with our book in English exploring different types of texts fiction and non-fiction and we have also explored poetry. The children have been using their phonic knowledge to write CVC words, captions and sentences. We plan to have our 'Beach Day' on Monday (weather permitting) Kindly remember to bring in the £0.50 for ice-lollies, thank you. It's Fathers' Day on Sunday please check your child's bag. Please continue to read with your child on Bug Club and if you need some help kindly let us know. Sunny Weather Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before coming to school. Please also bring in a sun hat and water. The adventure continues next week, have a lovely weekend.

Year 1

It has been another wonderful week of learning; we've started our new maths topic, fractions which will focus on halves and quarters, and got our teeth stuck into our new book, 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey. Year 1 have enjoyed acting out scenes and predicting what will happen in the story! The children have been grouping animals in science and our budding archaeologists in the making even unearthed a fox skull! We've begun learning about Sikhism in RE and the children acted out an important Sikh ceremony called Naam Karan; why not ask your children about it? It's been another hot week; please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school-hydration is key in this hot weather! Don't forget sunscreen and a hat!

Year 2

In Y2, our core book is 'Claude in the City' by Alex T Smith. We are enjoying the story so far. The children think that Claude is a VERY adventurous dog. We will find out more next week! The children have written descriptions about Claude using adjectives and connectives in their sentences. In maths, we are continuing with statistics. We learned about tally chart, tables, and pictograms. We will be looking at different types of pictograms and how the key is used to interpret the pictograms next week. In history we have been learning about the lives of significant people. This week, we looked at Elizabeth I and how she contributed to national and international achievements. In art, last week, we analysed aspects of the royal paintings including facial expressions, poses, clothing, objects and backgrounds and we know why a royal painting is important. This week, we had a go at sketching each other with an object.

Year 3 & 4

This week in Year 3/4 we have been continuing to explore the text The Lost Happy Endings. The children will be writing diary entries next week in the voice of Jub, the main character. In maths Year 3 and 4 have been continuing to learn about time and look forward to starting our new topic on shape next week. Year 4 completed their multiplication checks this week, so we would like to say a huge WELL DONE to them. Wishing you a wonderful weekend full of sunshine and a happy Father's Day.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been wrapping up our work on play scripts and bringing them to life through drama! We have thoroughly enjoyed researching this topic and looking at how plays have changed throughout history. We enjoyed learning fun facts – for example did you know in Ancient Greece all actors were male! Or that the crowds were kept in check by stewards with long sticks to make sure their behaviour wasn't too rowdy! We're not sure we would want to be part of that crowd!

Year 6

This week we have been busy rehearsing for our upcoming end of year production and our pupils are working hard to learn their lines. Please continue to rehearse at home and start thinking of any props or costumes we can use in our play. We are sending a letter home today about our planned activities for the end of year and we would really appreciate your support towards costs. I cannot believe we are half way into June now! We also have transition visits from secondary school which is exciting for our pupils to meet their tutors and head of year. Don't forget to use sun screen and bring in a water bottle daily due to the hot weather.

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Pine	Grace
Silver Birch	Asser
Maple	Chloe
Chestnut	Alaizza
Palm	Kahi
Redwood	Rama
Cedar	Akira
Hawthorn	Calvin
Hazel	William
Acacia	Angelo
Sycamore	Kristell
Mahogany	Saba
Magnolia	Gesi

Congratulations!



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

David, Pine class
Mia, Silver Birch class
Samar, Maple class
Arifah, Chestnut class
Kaydon, Palm class
Mohamed, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Ersi, Cedar class
Leila, Hawthorn class
Erika, Hazel class
Aris, Acacia class
Mehraveh, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Rasan, Pine class
Seleem, Silver Birch class
Quodos, Maple class
Yahye, Chestnut class
Linda, Palm class
Xhansu, Redwood class
Havin, Cedar class
Rayhana, Hawthorn class
George, Hazel class
Alisa, Acacia class
Bedrija, Sycamore class
Angela, Mahogany class
Mayuko, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Mahogany and Magnolia class

Well done!