



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy week at Wessex Gardens. As we continue through Pride Month, Monday's assembly again focussed on LGBT+ rights. I also told them the life story of Alan Turing. Please ask your children about him.

On Thursday we discussed Windrush Day and why it is so important to remember those of the Windrush Generation. We listened to stories from those who came from the Caribbean as children to start a new life in Great Britain. We also talked about the challenges they faced on arrival including racism.

We continue to offer lots of opportunities for our children out of school. This week we have school visits and sporting events. Thanks again to our parent volunteers. Without your support we would not be able to go!

Universal Free School Meals: From September, every child attending primary school will be entitled to a free school meal. We need to plan for this so I have sent out a PING to ask whether you will be wanting to take up this offer. Thank you to those who have already responded. The survey will close next Friday.

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Influencers

The concept of influencers is hardly a new one. Through newspaper columns and TV spots, we've long been accustomed to hearing informed opinion from, say, Martin Lewis on money, Nigella Lawson on food or Mark Kermode on cinema. How the digital revolution has changed the game, however, is by providing a plethora of platforms from which literally anyone can have their say.

Online, you'll find hordes of people holding forth on any number of topics: gaming, beauty, travel, fashion, fitness Virtually anything you can think of. What qualifies them as 'experts', however? Is it safe for young people to consume the oceans of content that they generate? This week's guide brings you the essential information on the influencer phenomenon.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.
Alexander Banks

Attendance % this week

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

Congratulations Magnolia class on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week

Y2 Trip to National Portrait Gallery 27.06.2023



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

26.06.2023	School Photographer-Class Photos— change of date
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
05.07.2023	Possible Teachers Strike Day
06.07.2023	Year 6 Picnic in the park
07.07.2023	Possible Teachers Strike Day
13.07.2023	Summer Fair 2.30-4.30pm— change of date
14.07.2023	Year 2 trip to The 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 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



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Pine	Ines
Silver Birch	Nicolas
Maple	Hasan
Chestnut	Aleksandre
Palm	Romikye
Redwood	Mohamed
Cedar	Bronek
Hawthorn	Hussain
Hazel	Suha
Sycamore	Yulia

Congratulations!



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

Ishaq, Pine class
 Seleem, Silver Birch class
 Davi, Maple class
 Joseph, Chestnut class
 Antwon, Palm class
 Ethan, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Sam, Cedar class
 Awyel, Hawthorn class
 Aaminah, Hazel class
 Yuliia, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Mila, Pine class
 Sofi, Silver Birch
 Alia and Sura, Maple class
 Yasin, Chestnut class
 Maya, Palm class
 Talia, Redwood class
 Cynthia, Cedar class
 Denis, Hawthorn class
 Samuel, Hazel class
 Vidi, Sycamore class

Well done!

Nursery

This week we have been continuing our topic, Ready Steady Grow. Our focus story is Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We have enjoyed planting our own beans and watching them grow. We are becoming very good at sequencing the events in the story and talking about them. In maths, we have been measuring beanstalks varying in height order. In phonics, we have been continuing practising segmenting and blending the sounds in CVC words. We also enjoyed exploring lots of different sensory experiences in the indoor and outdoor area this week.

Reception

We finally had our 'Beach Day' the children enjoyed playing in the paddling pool, sand and eating ice cream in the sunshine. In maths the children have been learning about odd and even numbers. In English we have continued with our book exploring different types of texts: fiction and non-fiction. The children have been using their phonic knowledge to write CVC words, captions and sentences, they also wrote about their 'Beach Day'. Please continue to read with your child on Bug Club and if you need some help kindly let us know. The adventure continues next week, have a lovely weekend.

Year 1

Hello there Parents,
 It has been an amazing week of learning in Year 1. We have also had lots of fun. In maths, we have been learning to recognise one quarter and we have also been finding one quarter of objects, shapes and quantities. We had so much fun doing this. In English, we have continued with our Power of Reading text called The Last Wolf and we have been making predictions about what we think will happen next. Some of us get it quite right and some of us are far from it, but we enjoy using our imagination to come up with our predictions. We have also been comparing different pictures in the book. In history, we have been learning all about school artefacts used in the Victorian times. Can you believe that they actually made children wear a dunce hat? In RE we have continued learning about the Sikh religion and we had fun learning the meaning of our names.

Here are the answers to this week's Topic Quiz:

- 1) The 6 animal groups are; mammals, reptiles, invertebrates, birds, fish and amphibians.
- 2) Snakes are reptiles.
- 3) The Sikh religion does not have gender specific names.
- 4) The whiteboard today had replaced the blackboard in the Victorian times.
- 5) The name 'Kaur' given to Sikh women means 'princess'.

Year 2

Year 2 are continuing to read Claude In The City by Alex T Smith. We are finding out that Claude, an adventurous dog, is also a hero and saves the day when things go wrong. They all enjoyed doing little skits of where they have read up to. It was really fun! In maths we are learning about how to describe positions. Half the class were shown a photo and had to describe what position the objects were in to their partners. It was fun to see all the different interpretations of the same picture. They also collected data to make their own pictograms during computing which they enjoyed very much. In history we looked at another significant person's life and that was King Henry the VIII. They learnt he was a powerful man and established the Church of England! In art the children continue to work on portraits. They all posed with their favourite objects. While one student was posing the other one was sketching them, they found out it is not easy standing still for so long which they had to do years and years ago because there were no cameras. They are excited to take what they have learned about portraits and go to the National Portrait Gallery to see some real life portraits!

Year 3 & 4

Year 4 have been working really hard to learn two songs that they will be performing next week as part of the Schools' Prom. It has been wonderful to hear their lovely voices across the corridor! They are really looking forward to performing and it's so lovely to see how passionate and confident they are. In English, Year 3 and 4 have been working to finish off their diary entries from the perspective of Jub. It is so lovely to see the children taking ownership over their learning and asking for feedback. We are so proud of them for taking their writing so seriously and using a wide range of interesting vocabulary to engage the reader. Year 3 and 4 have started their reading and maths assessments in class and it has been great to see them practising their maths skills at home. Year 3 have been working very hard to consolidate their knowledge of time. They have been working out the duration of different events and solving reasoning questions based on time. Year 3 and 4 will begin their next maths topic which is all about shapes.

Year 5

Year 5 have been studying properties and changes of materials in science. We have been sieving, filtering and sorting properties using sand, lego bricks, jelly beans and sugar to see how mixtures can be separated. We have also been writing Greek ancient play scripts and performing to each other in the class. The Year 5s have been having a great learning experience.

Year 6

This week in year 6 we have been practising for our production through our dance routines and making our props; the children have had a fun time during this. We will be continuing with our rehearsals through the next couple of weeks. We have also started working on our financial enterprise business. The children have been brainstorming their ideas and coming up with names and designing their logos for their businesses. We end the week with a fantastic trip to Kidzania where children were able to explore different career paths, in an exciting environment. We are looking forward to another week of creativity and fun in year 6!