



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

Summer Term—14th July 2023 (Issue 38)

### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the penultimate week of this year and what a week it has been! Y3 and Y4 had a great visit to Golders Hill Park and despite the rain, Y2 set off this morning down to the Royal Mews. I can't thank parents enough for the support they offer so these trips may happen.

Today our Y6 performed 'Ali Baba and The Bongo Bandits' to their families today. It was a triumph! Fit for any West End stage! There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure we put on a great show. A huge thank you to all the adults who put the show together.

Despite the rain, our Summer Fair was an absolute triumph! Thank you for attending and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! We will let you know how much we raised! We will be using the money to put towards getting decent window blinds for the school hall. Many people were involved in setting it up but everything was spear headed by Miss Nash, so thank you all who helped, but special thanks to Miss Nash and her mum Ellie!

#### Reports and new classes:

Your child's annual report will be sent out on 17th July along with details of their new class. Next year we will have one Reception class but we no longer will be having a mixed Y3/4 class. All classes will be just one year group next year.

#### Safeguarding—How to Stay Safe Online this Summer

With the school summer holidays nearly here, many of you will already be planning outings and activities. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest time in Amount Us or Minecraft.

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. With the guide attached this week is a poster with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher



### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

#### Dates for your diary

17.07.2023	Class swap morning
17.07.2023	End of Year Reports going home
17.07.2023	Year 2 Graduation 2.45pm
18.07.2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (AM)
18.07.2023	Year 2 trip to Golders Green Synagogue
21.07.2023	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm
	No after school club



### Attendance % this week

	Chestnut	82%
Maple	92%	
Palm	91%	
Redwood	99%	
Cedar	98%	
Hazel	91%	
Hawthorn	95%	
Acacia	94%	
Sycamore	95%	
Magnolia	96%	
Mahogany	100%	

**Congratulations Mahogany class on 100% attendance this week!**

#### Reminder



Please remember to pay any outstanding money for dinners, after school or breakfast club by Monday 17th July. Thank you.

#### TERM DATES 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM 2023  
SECOND HALF:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

#### TERM DATES 2023-2024

##### AUTUMN TERM 2023

FIRST HALF:  
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:  
SECOND HALF:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

##### SPRING TERM 2024

FIRST HALF:  
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:  
SECOND HALF:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

##### SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF:  
MAY DAY:  
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday  
SECOND HALF:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
27<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July





## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Zach
Chestnut	Rickai
Cedar	Nikky
Hawthorn	Avesta
Hazel	Amelia
Acacia	Dauhud
Sycamore	Abokor
Magnolia	Gesi and Carmelita

**Congratulations!**

### Nursery

This week we have been continuing our topic, Pirates. We have enjoyed sharing and joining in with a range of stories and songs about pirates. We have enjoyed making more treasure maps, hunting for treasure in the sand and creating a very imaginative pirate ship. In maths, we have been continuing to develop our sorting and counting skills. We are becoming really good at representing numbers to 10 using numicom and objects. In phonics, we are continuing to focus on rhythm and rhyme in familiar songs and rhymes and while playing games in small groups. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Early Years Sports Day last week. A big thank you to Shakur and Year 6 for organising a range of wonderful activities. We hope you all had a lovely time.  
The Nursery Team

### Reception

In maths the children have been learning about patterns. In English the children have been using their phonic knowledge to write all about themselves and they have been writing thank you notes to all their teachers and friends. The Summer Fair was a success and the children had a lovely time. The weather is extremely changeable at the moment so on sunny days please remember to apply sun cream to your child before coming to school and bring in a sun hat, but also send your child with a waterproof coat due to the rain. Please continue to read with your child on Bug Club and if you need some help kindly let us know. Please do collect all the wellington boots and spare clothes before the end of term thank you. The adventure continues next week, have a lovely weekend.

### Year 1

Another awesome week of learning in Year 1. In English, we have been describing ourselves, our families and our likes and dislikes this week and the children wrote a letter to give their new teacher in Year 2. We're sure their new teachers will learn so much about them from their letters! We've been learning about money in maths - both coins and notes. We've enjoyed calculating how much money is shown and comparing the different amounts to see which is more. Why not show them some money and ask them about what they've learnt? We're coming to the end of our School Days topic (history) and Animal Parts (science) so we've all had fun doing quizzes to see how much we learnt this term! We have learnt so much this Summer term!

Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget we have a school trip to the Synagogue on Tuesday 18th July, please wear comfortable shoes and don't forget your water bottles.

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

1. Gills help fish breathe under water.
2. Victorian people enjoyed seaside holidays, visiting museums and art galleries and spending time in public parks.
3. Queen Victoria's husband's name was a) Prince Albert
4. A snake is a reptile.
5. False-Herbivores eat only plants.

### Year 2

Another fantastic week for Year 2! The children have been busy rehearsing for the graduation assembly, and enjoyed making their graduation cap. The final matches for the Henry Cup took place this week. The children have been very supportive toward their friends and we enjoyed watching the matches. In English, we have been writing our own story of 'Claude in the City'. In maths, we have been revising the number problems including working on projects that can encourage them to work together, discuss ideas, test things out, and explore. In the final history lesson, we learned about Elizabeth II. We made judgements about her significance and recorded our ideas.

### Year 3 & 4

This week has been very eventful! We kick-started off with Sports Day on Monday which was a massive success. The children showed amazing skills and team work. It was wonderful watching them compete in the 60m races and the variety of multi-skill activities. In English, Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about Roman myths and planning their own. They have had a lot of fun designing their own creative characters.

In Year 3 and 4 maths, we have started our final maths topic of the year which is on statistics. We have been learning how to interpret and draw pictograms and bar charts. We had an amazing time at Golders Hill Park. The children explored the nature around them as well as looking at the different zoo animals. We finished off with a lovely picnic and enjoyed some ice-cream!

### Year 5

This week has been an eventful and enriching week in Year 5. In maths, we delved into the realm of negative numbers. Through various interactive activities and real life examples Year 5 grasped the concept of negative numbers and their application. We are proud of their progress and eagerness to tackle new mathematical challenges. In PSHE, they have engaged in exciting enterprise projects. They had the opportunity to explore entrepreneurial skills and create their own projects. They advertised these and are ready to roll them out in their own communities. Keep your eyes peeled! Till next week!

### Year 6

Oh what a wonderful week we've had in Year 6! Finally our production has come to an end but with a successful performance. We are so proud of everyone who has taken part including the adults for their unwavering effort and positivity throughout. To all our Year 6 pupils, you have made us proud, your parents proud and most of all you have made yourselves proud. Everything was spectacular from the costumes, staging, acting, dance, music and singing. What a lovely way to end our almost end of year term.



## Stars of the Week

### Superstars of the Week

Aqil, Maple class

### Certificate of Merit

Anis, Cedar class  
Asma, Hazel class  
Calvin, Hawthorn class  
Elena, Acacia class  
Maksym and Yulia, Sycamore class

### Reader of the Week

Sura, Maple class  
Mustafa, Chestnut class  
Holly, Cedar class  
David, Hazel class  
Neil, Hawthorn class  
Anna and Alisa, Acacia class  
Enam Sycamore class

### Class Merit

Chestnut, Mahogany and Magnolia classes

**Well done!**

## Letters home this week



Y6 SATs Results  
Y2 trip to Golders Green Synagogue 18.07.23  
Nurs-Y6 BACE Summer Brochure  
Rec Tapestry Journal ending—  
Parents to download journal