

# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023—15th September 2023 (Issue 2)

### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A wonderful first full week back! It was fantastic seeing so many of you this week at the Meet the Teacher meetings and I am looking forward to seeing Y1 parents on Monday. It was also so lovely to have some of our Nursery and all of our Reception children start this week. They seem so settled already!



The theme for the term is 'Making the most of every day' which we can apply to every aspect of our lives. I have been in many classes this week and seen such great learning. We have started this academic year very strongly.

#### Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the Moroccan Earthquake and Libya Flood Relief fund. We have families in our community from both these countries and we hope all their loved ones are safe. I am pleased to say we raised £298.00 which will be donated to the Red Cross.

Reminder that I am on the gate each morning from 8:30 until 9:00 if you have any concerns or queries.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Mr Banks

### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

#### Dates for your diary

18.09.2023 Y1 Meet the Teacher meeting 9.10am  
28.09.2023 Nurs-Y6 Flu nasal vaccinations  
29.09.2023 Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am  
Rainbow House



#### Reminder Nasal Flu Immunisation

The school nurses will be coming into school on Thursday 28th September to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccination to children in Reception to Year 6. For your child to receive the vaccination parents will need to give consent online

<https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for our school is **CL131617**  
This will close 2 working days before their visit.



#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Dear Parents/Carers

Our annual Macmillan Coffee morning will be on Friday 29th September from 9.00am in the Rainbow House.

We would be very grateful to receive donations of cakes/biscuits for our coffee morning, if bringing home made items please include list of ingredients. We would love to you to join us for a coffee and a slice of cake to have a catch up or to make new friends. So looking forward to seeing everyone. Zanaba.

#### Macmillan Non-Uniform Day

The children may come to school in non uniform (own clothes) and bring in £1 to donate to Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 29th September.

### School Dinners

This academic year EVERY primary aged child living in London will be offered a free school meal. This has been organised by the Mayor of London to help with the cost of living crisis and to ensure all primary children get a nutritious meal. This means children in Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 are entitled to a free meal each day (children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are already entitled to universal free school meals).

If you would like your child to have school meal please order in advance on Feeding Hungry Minds. Please see How to Order information being sent by schooling with this week's Newsletter.



#### Nursery Places

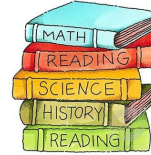
If you have a child who was 3 years old before the 31st August 2023 we currently have spaces in our Nursery.

Please contact the school office for further details.

#### Letters home this week



Y6 St Mary's and St John's open evening information (secondary transfer)  
Y1-3 Football Club Autumn Term  
Y4-6 Football Club Autumn Term  
Y3-5 Gymnastics Club Autumn Term  
Y4-6 Basketball Club Autumn Term  
Nur-Y6 MMR & Flu immunisation letter from Public Health Barnet



## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Seleem
Chestnut	Mariam
Palm	Diya
Redwood	Arifah
Cedar	Kahi
Hazel	Harun
Hawthorn	Sam
Oak	Shae
Acacia	Samuel
Mahogany	Saraa
Magnolia	Sumaya

Congratulations!

## Stars of the Week



## Superstars of the Week

David, Maple class  
Leen, Chestnut class  
Asma, Palm class  
Jana, Redwood

## Certificate of Merit

Antwon, Cedar class  
Talia, Hazel class  
Erika, Hawthorn class  
Reagan, Oak class  
Musa, Acacia class  
Charlie, Sycamore class  
Obay, Magnolia class

## Reader of the Week

Sofi, Maple class  
Mia, Chestnut class  
Chloe, Palm class  
Rickai, Redwood class  
All of Cedar class  
George, Oak class  
Sumiya, Hawthorn class  
Ahyan, Hazel class  
Rayhana, Acacia class  
Keleecia, Sycamore class  
Munai, Mahogany class  
Anisa, Magnolia class

## Class Merit

Mahogany class

Well done!

### Nursery

We would like to welcome all of our new children and their families. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year. Our topic this term is 'Me and My Community.' For the first few weeks of this half term we will be helping to settle your child into the Nursery routine and supporting them with following our Nursery expectations. We will also be providing activities based on your child's interests at home. We are very pleased with the positive start which all of the children have made this week!

Have a lovely weekend  
The Nursery Team

### Reception

Wow! What a wonderful week. It has been really exciting having all the Reception children start school. We have had great fun exploring our new classroom. Outside we have been busy watering the plants, building houses and playing group games. Inside we have enjoyed playing with the tree house, in the house role play area and cotton bud painting. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please remember to order your child's lunch for next week. Collection time will be 1.30pm.

### Year 1

The children have settled into our Year 1 routine and learning is underway. In Maths the children have been sorting and counting objects within groups of 10. In Phonics the children have been consolidating their phonics knowledge starting with Phase 3. We have been getting to know each other this week and in English the children have been talking and writing about themselves. In Science the children have been learning about 'Everyday Materials', natural materials and human made materials. We took the children on an explorative walk around the school and the children were engaged and enthusiastic in their search for materials. Please continue learning about materials at home by encouraging them to identify materials of everyday objects, for example what is this made of?, Is it a natural or human made material? Continue to talk to your children about the toys they play with and the toys you and different generations of your family have enjoyed playing with. In R.E we're learning about Harvest and its meaning to Christian's and other communities. Thank you for your support and partnership. The adventure continues next week have a lovely weekend.

### Year 2

Good Day Parents,

First of all thank you to all who came to our Meet the Teacher meeting. It was a pleasure to meet you and we hope that this was beneficial for you.

This week has been a busy week and we have started our learning on the Year 2 curriculum. In Maths we have been looking at Place Value and counting in tens. Please help us practise on the weekends. Also, encourage your child to represent two-digit numbers. In English we have started our Power of Reading called Look Up! and we have been enjoying the book. We have been learning to use illustration as a clue to describe a character and have been using excellent vocabulary to do this. In DT we have been having fun identifying where common foods come from. In Science we have been looking at the Human Life Cycle and identifying the different stages. In RE we are learning about Hanukkah and how it all began. We have been working really hard on improving our handwriting and practising our Phonics.

Please continue reading every night. Palm girls please make sure you bring your swimming kit on Tuesdays and Redwood girls on Wednesdays. Our official PE day is Thursday so please ensure that your child is wearing their correct PE kit.

### Year 3

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher meeting. If you would like to access the slides it will be on our year page on the website. If you haven't done so already please kindly complete your child's school meal register. Remember school meals are free for all children up to Year 6 - you just need to sign up! We have gotten into the groove of routine and regulations in Year 3 and starting to find our feet. We continue to practise our handwriting daily in class ensuring we take our time and carefully form our letters. We have begun our core text in writing exploring pollution whilst in maths we begin the fundamental skills of place value. Please consolidate learning at home on websites like free rice and top marks. We have PE on Wednesday and Fridays and we have swimming on Friday (Boys this term). Have a lovely weekend. Year 3

### Year 4

This week In Year 4 we were exploring place value in our Maths lesson. We learned different ways of representing numbers to a thousand, partitioning numbers to ten thousand and much more! We have also been practising counting in tens, hundreds and thousands! Why don't you ask us to show you and we can practise together? In English we were reading a book called The General and we also read a poem called the Naming of Parts. In Science, we learned about the digestive system and we also learned about biotic and abiotic features of an ecosystem! Our class favourite is 'the rainforest! What's yours?

### Year 5

Year 5 have been working really hard this week on their place value in Maths. We started off with learning about Roman numerals which the children had some knowledge of from previous years. It was wonderful seeing how much they could remember! In English, we are exploring a poem called The Highwayman and the children really enjoyed picking the text apart and identifying different techniques such as metaphors and similes.

We would just like to say how proud we are of all the Year 5 students on completing their first full week back at school so positively!

### Year 6

It has been a wonderful week of learning for Year 6. We have started our interesting topic in Science on the circulatory system and have been focusing on the different bodily systems and their functions. In Maths, we've been looking at place value, as well as reading and writing numbers to 10,000,000. In English, the children have been forming arguments on pig heart transplants, which they have been very interested and opinionated in, as we study the book 'Pig Heart Boy'. Homework for Year 6 will be moving online, the children will be given log ins to complete Maths, SPAG and reading homework 3 times a week. More information will be given soon. We are looking forward to another week of learning.

**WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS**  
**2023-2024**

**AUTUMN TERM 2023**

**FIRST HALF:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
**SECOND HALF:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**SPRING TERM 2024**

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

**SUMMER TERM 2024**

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