

# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy week. A highlight has been our visiting poet, James Carter. He performed some of his poetry in assembly and the children were enthralled! KS1 and Lower KS2 then spent some time with James creating their own poetry. It was such a creative day!

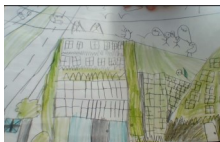
Our future politicians are preparing for our student council elections. Some of the candidates shared their manifestoes with the school today. It was very inspiring to hear how the children want to make a difference. The actual elections will be next week when 2 councillors will be elected from each class.

#### Greening Project

Thank you to all who entered our Greening Project competition. The entries were of such a great standard showing the positive impact that plants have on the urban environment. Victoria in 5 Sycamore was awarded first prize, Harun in 3 Hazel was awarded 2nd prize and Celin in 4 Hawthorn was awarded 3rd prize. The children received vouchers to spend. You can see the winning entries below. Congratulations to them all!



Victoria—5 Sycamore



Harun—3 Hazel



Celin—4 Hawthorn

The next stage of the Greening Project is for a planter to be placed on the pavement outside the school. The idea is to make outside the school environment more attractive. It will be delivered on 28th September and the actual planting will take place on 2nd October. We can't wait! Please see the photos below showing where the planter will be placed and what it will look like.



Motif

#### Child initiated competitions

We encourage our children to take the lead as much as possible. Every 2 weeks we have a drawing competition set by our pupils. This week Maya in 6 Mahogany and Zainab in 4 Oak ran a Bunny and Cake competition. Next week will be Roblox characters and/ or football player drawing completion organised by Nikki, Ramani, Abdumalik and Annis all in Y4.

Have a relaxing weekend.  
Alexander Banks  
Headteacher



### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

#### Dates for your diary

28.09.2023	Nurs-Y6 Flu nasal vaccinations AM
29.09.2023	Macmillan Support Fundraising Day Non Uniform Day—bring £1 Coffee Morning 8.50am Rainbow House
06.10.2023	Y4 trip to Science Museum
24-28.10.2023	School Closed—half term holiday
31.10.2023	School reopens



#### 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

Our annual Macmillan Coffee morning will be on Friday 29th September from 8.50am 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.

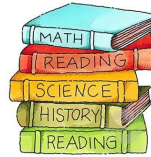
#### Attendance % this week

Chestnut	100%
Maple	95%
Palm	96%
Redwood	97%
Cedar	92%
Hazel	97%
Oak	96%
Hawthorn	96%
Acacia	89%
Sycamore	98%
Magnolia	96%
Mahogany	98%
<b>Congratulations Chestnut class—100% attendance</b>	

#### Letters home this week



Y4	Science Museum trip 06.10.23
Y2-4	Dance club letter
Y2	Gymnastics club letter



## TEA WITH THE HEAD



### Nursery

This week we have been continuing to settle the children in 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.' We are learning to follow the Nursery routine and expectations. We love to see our photograph on the 'sunshine' or 'rainbow' for good or excellent behaviour. We are all very proud of ourselves! We are already starting to play alongside our peers at a range of shared interests. 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

What an incredible week it has been in Reception! It was lovely to have the children staying for lunch. Please remember to pre-order your child's lunch. We have been busy exploring our whole learning environment. The children have loved performing on the stage, singing and playing group games. They have drawn some amazing pictures, which will be hanging in our classroom next week. When you drop off your child come inside and see their drawings. We cannot wait to have the children all day next week. Have a lovely weekend!

### Year 1

It was lovely seeing you all on Monday, thank you for coming. This week the children in Year 1 continued to consolidate their phonics and in maths the children have been counting on from a given number up to 10. Grandad's Island by Benji Davies is our core text this term and the children have been making predictions and writing their thoughts and views about the text so far. They cannot wait to find out what happens next. In history we have continued to learn about childhood and the different stages from babies to elderly and in science we have also continued exploring materials. Ask the children some questions like, what do we get from wood, oil...? Please continue to read with your child on Bug Club. Have a lovely weekend and the adventure continues next weekend!

### Year 2

Good day Parents,

Year 2 has had a remarkable week of learning and we have been working very hard in all our subjects. In maths, we have been partitioning 2 digit numbers in different ways and in tens and ones. We have also been learning to write numbers to 100 in words. In our English learning, we have been continuing with our Power of Reading text...Look Up!. We have been having lots of discussion around the book and even had to write a book review. In geography, we have been using atlases to find and locate the 5 oceans of the world and the 7 continents. What fun we had doing this! In our science lessons, we have been learning all about what humans need to survive and how to make healthier options when choosing food.

All in all it has been a great week! Please continue reading with your child every night and please get them to practise their handwriting. Encourage them to practise counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Have a fantastic weekend!

### Year 3

Leading on from the learning which took place from last week, we looked into our PSHE topic of Drugs and Substances and the risks it can cause in our bodies. In R.E we got creative and made beautiful elephant masks in link with our topic of Hinduism and Lord Ganesh, we further began to explore his story. In maths, we continue to explore the topic of place value with heavy importance of number lines and partitioning. In English, we are exploring a new book called 'One Plastic Bag' which discusses the importance of protecting our environment from waste. We became confident in our debating skills and expressed our opinions regarding pollution and waste. We continue to focus our attention on handwriting and presentation skills as this is a huge focus in Year 3. In science, we tested our knowledge on how much we knew about the human body. We thank you for all your support as always. Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 4

Year 4 - We've been continuing to learn about different ways to partition a 4-digit number in maths. In English, the children have been using inference skills to find out more about their English text, 'The General'. In PSHE they've started learning about democracy and how that works in the United Kingdom. Year 4 are getting used to the new "Wessex Way" of doing handwriting and spelling. In geography, the children are becoming more confident at giving directions using 4-digit grid references while in science they've been learning about food chains and webs.

### Year 5

What a lovely week it has been in year 5! In maths, the children have continued to explore place value. They have been practising how to partition numbers up to 1,000,000 as well as how to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000. In English, we have continued to look at The Highwayman poem but through the perspective of other characters. The children really enjoyed doing this through drama techniques in groups, as well as creating their own storyboards.

We would just like to say a massive well done to all year 5 students for coming into school with a great attitude and for being such kind and caring individuals. Keep it up!

### Year 6

What a wonderful week it has been in Year 6! In science, we learned all about the different blood vessels, their functions and structures. We are very much looking forward to carrying out a heart dissection next week. It will be fascinating! In geography, we have been learning about the different geographical features of the Earth and why there are different time zones. We have been continuing to read Pig Heart Boy and we are really gripped by the story. We look forward to writing diary entries next week as Cameron, who is feeling very indecisive about the possibility of a pig's heart transplant. We are continuing to learn about place value in maths and will move onto exploring addition and subtraction next week. We were also very fortunate to have James Carter (a critically-acclaimed children's poet) visit us on Thursday and recite some of his poetry. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Ines
Chestnut	Hassan
Palm	Mohamed
Redwood	Mustafa
Cedar	Mia
Hazel	Xhansu
Hawthorn	Erika
Oak	Suha
Acacia	Avesta
Sycamore	Leila
Mahogany	Elena
Magnolia	Wassim
Acacia	Muse (15.09.23)

Apologies to Muse, Acacia class who had Tea with the Head last week but his name wasn't mentioned here.

Congratulations!

### Stars of the Week



### Superstars of the Week

Alexandra, Maple class  
Alessia, Chestnut class  
Diya and Zach, Palm class  
Arthur, Redwood class

### Certificate of Merit

Yusuf, Cedar class  
Nadine, Hazel class  
Roman, Oak class  
Havin, Hawthorn class  
Yusuf, Acacia class  
Leila, Sycamore class  
Raissa, Mahogany class  
Dennis, Magnolia class

### Reader of the Week

Yaqub, Maple class  
Aron, Chestnut class  
Bushra, Palm class  
Filip, Redwood class  
Fatima, Cedar class  
Matin, Hazel class  
Rana, Oak class  
Pedro, Hawthorn class  
Anik, Acacia class  
Hussain, Sycamore class  
Wael, Mahogany class  
Kristella, Magnolia class

Well done!