

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. The children are enjoying their topics and there is some great learning taking place. I am particularly impressed with our Y6 who are really embracing their circulatory system project.



Those children interested in becoming school councillors are spending the next couple of weeks canvassing before the vote! We are very proud of all those who are putting themselves forward.

Greening Project

Sadly there has been a delay in getting our planter placed on the pavement outside the school. Hopefully it won't take too long to arrive. Another exciting activity linked to the greening project is the planting of bulbs on the Vale. I will be sending information by schoolpup separately, do go along to the meeting if you can.

Christmas Card Competition

We will be entering our local MPs Christmas Card competition. Mr Mike Freer is looking for a pupil to design his official card. We can send in as many entries as we like. Please make sure the entries are done in felt pens and not coloured pencils so the printing is easier.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to those who came to our Macmillan coffee morning and to those who took part in our non uniform days. We ended up raising £177.43 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Here's to another successful week ahead!

Alexander Banks

Letters home this week

- KS1 Home school partnership learning
Monster Learning
- Y6 Home school partnership learning
Mathletics and SPAG
- Nurs-Y6 Advice from UK Health Security Agency (vomiting bug)
- KS2 Home school partnership learning
Mathletics and SPAG
- Y5 Dance Club



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

06.10.2023	Y4 trip to Science Museum
16.10.2023	Parent/Teacher consultation evening
17.10.2023	Parent/Teacher consultation evening
24-28.10.2023	School Photographer (Individual photos)
31.10.2023	School Closed—half term holiday
	School reopens



Attendance % this week

Chestnut	93%
Maple	94%
Palm	99%
Redwood	94%
Cedar	98%
Hazel	94%
Hawthorn	98%
Oak	94%
Acacia	99%
Sycamore	94%
Magnolia	87%
Mahogany	94%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

Palm and Acacia classes so close!

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

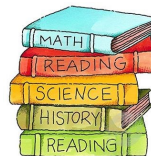
SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

MAY DAY: Monday 6st May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July



Nursery

We've had another fun week in Nursery! We have been continuing to support our new starters with learning the routine and expectations. We are becoming very good at responding to instructions; including helping to tidy up. We are all very proud of ourselves and have already started to share our achievements with familiar adults! Our focus story this week was Five Minutes Peace by Jill Murphy. We enjoyed describing the characters and talking about the events in the story. We have also been talking about our families and drawing pictures of them. In maths, we are continuing to practise counting up to 3 objects and ordering numbers to 3. We are all demonstrating a 'big interest' in naming 2D shapes and have been very busy creating imaginative arrangements with them.

The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week! It has been lovely having the Reception children staying at school all day. We have had a busy week full of adventures! We moved our construction area outside. What incredible teamwork I saw from all the children. We have started our Power of Reading text this week. We have been exploring the illustrations, role playing parts of the story and we are beginning to feel confident to share our ideas during carpet time. In maths, we have been practising our counting. Please remember our P.E day is Thursday. We look forward to another week full of adventures!

Year 1

This week in English we have continued reading our core text, Grandad's Island. We wrote a poem as a class about the sea based on what the character was feeling and what they could hear, see, smell and taste. As part of our guided reading sessions each week, the children will be given books to read with an adult that are appropriate to their phonic level. Please practise reading with your child and also read with your child on Bug Club. If they do not have a book, let us know in the comment section of the reading record book. Phonics is such an important part of literacy and will be a big focus as we are working towards the Phonics Screening Check later in the year. In maths the children have continued learning about place value focusing on 'one more and one less'. Thank you to all who have remembered to bring in the photos for our topic 'Childhood'. Science has been fun filled this week as we explored the different properties of materials such as absorbent, smooth, rough etc. As well as listening to your child read to you, we believe bedtime stories play a big part in engaging children with reading. Please read with your child regularly, it is so important they are constantly reading to help in all areas of their learning. The adventure continues next week!

Year 2

We have been very busy this week. In English we have been identifying the features of a diary and we have been writing our diary entries pretending to be the book character Rocket. In maths we have been comparing and estimating numbers on a number line. In geography we created our own maps, using symbols and a key. Also we used globes and a world map to locate the equator, the North and South Poles. In science we have been learning what humans need to survive and stay healthy. In DT we had a go at exploring and using different cooking tools by slicing, peeling, chopping and grating real food. Of course at the end we enjoyed tasting them. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit for their PE days.

Year 3

We are seeing progress across all curricular subjects. This week in English we are creating an information poster based on how plastic is useful and also the dangers which plastic creates on earth. In maths we continue our place value topic focusing on ensuring we master the basics of up to 1000 and beyond. In PSHE, we delve deeper into the dangers of smoking whilst in RE we sequence the story of how Ganesh came to have an elephant head. In history, we have been concentrating on the Palaeolithic years and sequencing key events from that year. We have been taking part in an exciting project from a company called Fresh Arts which concentrates on developing children's resilience and developing self-confidence. We have been thoroughly enjoying our time learning many skills. If you have any trouble accessing the lunch link please see the office, alternatively please use this link: www.parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk Thank you for your support always. Year 3 Team.

Year 4

Year 4 - In maths we have been continuing to learn about place value. In English, children completed their retelling of The General. In geography, they have learnt about where they are in the world in relation to North and South America. Creating the digestive system out of plasticine was great fun in science! We also thoroughly enjoyed our music lesson and choir practise.

Year 5

Year 5 have been working really hard in English, writing their own narrative poems about The Highwayman. We have really enjoyed watching the children analyse the poem and come up with their own perspectives of the story. In maths, the children have finished their place value learning. We ask parents to encourage their children to practise reading and writing numbers up to 1,000,000 as it is an easy skill to forget! Please remember that PE is on Tuesday and swimming for girls this term is on Wednesday!

Year 6

A great week of learning for year 6. This week we have finished our place value topic in maths and have completed our post assessments. We are excited to move onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English, we have been planning and writing a diary entry from the perspective of Cam and his decision of having a pig's heart transplant. In geography, we have looked at time zones and using lines of longitude and latitude to find the position of different geographical areas, which the children have enjoyed. In science, the children have been doing exciting experiments such as making blood samples using different ingredients to understand the distribution of the components of blood. The children thoroughly enjoyed it. We are also looking forward to our heart dissection experiment. Homework has been given out and is due on Wednesdays.

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Kabir
Chestnut	Jena
Palm	Aqil
Redwood	Rickai
Cedar	Zahra
Hazel	Nadine
Hawthorn	Abdul Tawaab
Oak	George
Acacia	Denis
Sycamore	Greta
Mahogany	Daniel
Magnolia	Kyan Lee

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Ismaeel, Chestnut class
Nicolas, Maple class
Lucas, Palm class
Ines, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Hamza, Cedar class
Izabela, Hazel class
Ramani, Oak class
Sam, Hawthorn class
Aleynah, Acacia class
David, Sycamore class
Shahruza, Mahogany class
Kami, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Ola, Chestnut class
Ishaq, Maple class
Ridha, Palm class
Rohaam, Redwood class
Abdulo, Cedar class
Mohamed, Hazel class
Jannah K, Oak class
Sirine, Hawthorn class
Deen, Acacia class
Alex, Sycamore class
Maya, Mahogany class
Dina, Magnolia class

Well done!