



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A super week at Wessex Gardens. To celebrate National Poetry Day, every class recited a poem. We had such a great variety of poems and performances! Thank you for helping the children practise them. I have seen lots of great learning taking place across the school... I ran into some Reception children who were on a sound hunt, learning about all the different sounds they heard. They were concentrating so well!



#### Trips

More school visits have taken place this week. We are grateful to Whitefield School for providing cooking and science sessions for our children and Y4 are currently on a trip to the Science Museum today. I am very grateful to all parent helpers, these trips could not happen without your support.

#### Greening Project

Our planter has arrived! It will be filled with plants on Monday! We can't wait!

#### 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.

Have a restful weekend.  
Alexander Banks  
Headteacher

### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



#### Dates for your diary

- 16.10.2023 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
- 17.10.2023 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
- 18.10.2023 School Photographer (Individual photos)
- 24-28.10.2023 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
- 24-28.10.2023 School Closed—half term holiday
- 29.10.2023 British Summer Time ends—clocks go back 1 hour
- 31.10.2023 School reopens
- 31.10.2023 Year 6—deadline for applications for secondary school for September 2024



We are delighted to inform you that the Book Fair will be visiting Wessex Gardens again next week. The Book Fair will run from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th October 2023 every morning from 8.30am - 9.00am. Each year group are invited to attend on the following days.

- Nursery and Reception Tuesday 10th October
- Years 1 and 2 Wednesday 11th October
- Years 3 and 4 Thursday 12th October
- Years 5 and 6 Friday 13th October

There will be lots of books and other items (stationery/gifts to buy) so please do come along. If you have children in different year groups then please just choose a day that suits to come along or come on multiple days. Please note we will only be able to accept cash payments.

This is a fantastic way to support your school. For all money raised at the Book Fair the school will receive a commission to spend on books for our children.



### Admissions

#### Secondary Transfer

#### Applying for a secondary school place starting September 2024

Reminder Year 6 parents/carers the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **31st October 2023**. If you have not already done so, please make sure you apply before this date. Applications to be made online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

### Attendance % this week

Chestnut	99%
Maple	90%
Palm	94%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	90%
Hazel	94%
Hawthorn	100%
4 Oak	89%
Acacia	98%
Sycamore	100%
Magnolia	93%
Mahogany	98%

**Congratulations Hawthorn and Sycamore classes on 100% attendance this week**

**Well done!**

### Letters home this week



- Y1-6 Parent Teacher consultation evening 16th-18th October (please book through schooling)
- Y3-6 Dacapo free choir lessons
- N-Y6 Black History Month homework

#### Share and discuss concerns

Share and develop ideas that support the school for the best possible experiences and outcomes for our children



Parent Carers of Wessex Gardens invite you to a coffee morning in the Media Room 9am Thursday, 12th October, 2023



#### Share successes

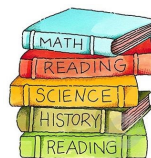
Many of our parents do not speak English but would like to take part. Do you speak Arabic, Farsi, Russian, or other languages spoken in our school community.



Can you translate for others? We need you!

Spread the word tell mums, dads, carers, grand parents, older siblings and friends of Wessex All invited





## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Zhivan
Chestnut	Rasan
Palm	Amelia
Redwood	Alaizza
Cedar	Afsa
Hazel	Rawda
Acacia	Rayhana
Sycamore	Neil
Mahogany	Angelo
Magnolia	Livia

Congratulations!

### 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 showing good sitting and listening during group times. We are all exploring a wide range of activities both indoors and outdoors; while pursuing a range of interests! Our focus story this week was So Much by Trish Cooke. We enjoyed talking about the events in the story and creating collages of things that babies need. In maths, we have enjoyed using numicon to create pictures while demonstrating good counting and matching skills. We are all demonstrating a big interest in completing puzzles independently or with the help of our peers.

Have an enjoyable weekend!  
The Nursery Team

### Reception

What a week of exciting learning! The children LOVED searching for the monster who entered our classroom at lunchtime. The monster made a big mess and left lots of footprints for us to follow. The children created wonderful story maps of their ideas and pictures of the monster. If you spot the monster around the school, please let us know! In maths, we have been talking and learning about matching and have been practising our counting to ten. The children have had lots of fun in PE, learning lots of new games and developing their upper body strength and balance. In our outside classroom, the children have been busy making potions in the mud kitchen, searching for worms and creating racing cars. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday!

### Year 1

What a lovely week it has been in Year 1! In maths, we have been learning about 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' with the help of Mr Crocodile. In English, we are thoroughly enjoying our core book Grandad's Island, we can't wait to read the rest! In science, we are continuing with exploring materials and we made a large collage picture with lots of types of materials! In history, we looked into the 1950s and had a go at making our own timeline. During guided reading sessions this week, the children were given a book 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. Lastly please remember your child comes to school in their PE kit for their PE days (Monday and Thursday). Please make sure you label all the clothing and uniform!

### Year 2

This week, during assembly the children in Year 2 really enjoyed performing their class poems by James Carter.

In English we have been looking at the different features of a biography and we had a go at writing our own about the scientist Mae Jamison, the first black woman in space. We have also been working on using the present and past tense correctly in our sentences.

In maths, we have been learning to order numbers to 100 and count in 2s, 5s and 3s. Please practise with your child to consolidate these skills.

In geography we have been locating hot temperate and cold places on the world map and how the Equator effects the climate. In science we have been improving our understanding about the importance of good hygiene routines. Thank you for all your support.

### Year 3

Our children are working so very hard to improve their learning across the whole curriculum. We are really impressed with them. The homework format has changed and we will be sending homework out in green books with access to website such as Mathletics and SPAG.com. This week in English we have really investigated why plastic is useful and created a poster regarding all the wonderful information we have learnt. Our next writing project focuses on looking at how a Stone Age axe was made and writing our own! In RE, we have looked into how Hindus worship. In PSHE, we are completing our topic on drugs and tobacco and have created a poster on ways to stop smoking. In science, we carried out an amazing investigation into fatty foods and the quantity of oil actually used in these items! We hope you're enjoying our learning journey. Have a lovely weekend! We appreciate your support always!  
Year 3 Team

### Year 4

Year 4 have been having a wonderful time learning to recite their class poems by heart for their poetry recital assemblies on National Poetry Day this week! Oak class have enjoyed their first cooking session at Whitefield school and both classes had a wonderful time at the Science Museum on Friday. We've been practising rounding up to the nearest 10, 100 and even 1000 too! In English, we've been learning how to create a non-chronological report about the digestive system. What a busy week!

### Year 5

What a fantastic week Year 5 have had! We have really enjoyed practising and reciting our poems for National Poetry Day, exploring different dramatic techniques to make it super interesting and fun!

In maths, we have started our new block of learning which is all about addition and subtraction. We have looked at mental methods as well as adding and subtracting using 4 digit numbers.

In topic, we are learning all about the Shang Dynasty and what everyday life was like, including how it differed depending on your social status.

### Year 6

Year 6 have been continuing to learn about the circulatory system in science, focusing on the four components of blood. They made their very own blood samples so they could see just exactly how much of our blood consists of each component. Do ask them questions at home! In English, we have been writing balanced arguments exploring whether pig hearts should be used to save humans. In maths, we have been working together investigating square and cube numbers. The highlight of the week was our whole school poetry recital. We performed People Equal by James Berry and thoroughly enjoyed the memorable experience. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

## Stars of the Week



### Superstars of the Week

Iris, Chestnut class  
Razeem, Maple class  
Qudos, Palm class  
Jana, Redwood class

### Certificate of Merit

Ehsan, Cedar class  
Xhansu, Hazel class  
Lisa, Acacia class  
Nour, Sycamore class  
Canfidan, Mahogany class  
Kayrne, Magnolia class

### Reader of the Week

Aresema, Chestnut class  
Alexandra, Maple class  
Davi, Palm class  
Emily, Redwood class  
Cedar class  
Hazel class  
Izabela, Hazel class  
Calvin, Acacia class  
Aaliyah, Sycamore class  
Sadiyah, Mahogany class  
Silviu, Magnolia class

Well done!