

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 brilliant week at Wessex Gardens. There has been some great learning taking place and the children have enjoyed their topics.

Black History Month

This week we have celebrated black British firsts such as the first black Queen, the first black politician and the first black author. The children have emerged themselves in learning about black artists, looked at biographies and looked at timelines of black British people from the Roman times to present day. We have also looked at the geography of the Caribbean and Africa. Next week we will be celebrating black British women.

Book Fair

The book fair was a huge success this week and I have seen many children enjoying the books they purchased. Thank you for visiting the book fair with your children and helping to promote a love of reading.

Lastly, our thoughts are with all those affected by the Israel-Gaza war. We pray for a speedy resolution to the conflict.

Have a restful weekend.

Antonia Alexandrou
Deputy Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 16.10.2023 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
- 17.10.2023 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
School Photographer (Individual photos)
- 18.10.2023 Parent/Teacher consultation evening
- 19.10.2023 Harvest Festival Assembly
- 20.10.2023 Y1 visit to Golders Green Church
- 20.10.2023 Non uniform day—wear black, red, yellow and green and bring a £1 donation for PTA school fund
- 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
- 22.11.2023 Year 1 trip to Science Museum



Parent Teacher evenings are on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. Please don't forget to book your time slot on Schooling. If you have any problems please contact the school office. Thank you.



The parents and carers of Wessex Gardens would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to our school.

On Thursday 12th October some of our parents held a coffee morning to invite along our new parents, carers, grand parents and friends of Wessex Gardens to share ideas, discuss concerns and look at ways we can help support our children at school, as well as getting to know each other. We will be holding regularly coffee mornings after half term. Please look out for further details.



This year, our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on Thursday 19th October. We would be very grateful if every child, whatever class they are in, could bring in some tinned food, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, cereal in packets or toiletries for instance, toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, and cleaning products. If these could be brought in on Thursday morning and brought to the Junior Hall. All items received will again be donated to Food Bank Aid. Thank you very much for your support.

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	95%
Maple	99%
Palm	100%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	97%
Hazel	100%
Hawthorn	93%
4 Oak	94%
Acacia	100%
Sycamore	99%
Magnolia	95%
Mahogany	98%

Well done Palm, Hazel and Acacia classes on 100% attendance this week!

Non Uniform Day Friday 20th October



Children may come to school in black, red, yellow and green and bring in £1 donation for school fund/PTA. Thank you.

Letters home this week



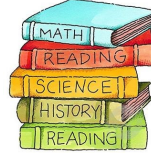
Y1 Trip to Science Museum
22.11.2023



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



TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were

Chestnut	Inas
Maple	Rania
Palm	Basit
Redwood	Alaizza
Cedar	Rayan
Hazel	Pia
Oak	Rana
Hawthorn	Doha
Acacia	Lisa
Sycamore	Charlie
Mahogany	Aris
Magnolia	Abokor

Congratulations!

Tea with the Head will take place on Monday 16th October.

Nursery

We've had another enjoyable week in Nursery! We are making lots of progress with learning the routine and expectations. We are becoming very good at helping the adults in the Nursery and our peers. 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 Ten in the Bed by Penny Dale. We enjoyed talking about our favourite teddy bears using simple sentences. In maths, we have been counting down from 10 to 1 using toys. We are all demonstrating a 'big interest' in completing activities independently or with the help of adults. Have an enjoyable weekend!
The Nursery Team

Reception

Wow, what a wonderful week of learning in Silver Birch class. We have loved reading our Power of Reading story We're Going to Find a Monster. We have role played the story, created amazing story maps and drew our own adventures for Charlie and Eddie. In maths, we have been exploring the wonders of capacity. Tapestry is now active, so please log in and see your child learning. Please support your child with their home learning and return it to school by Wednesday. We hope you all have a great weekend and we will see you all on Monday!

Year 1

We've had a bustling and thrilling week in Year 1. In our mathematics lessons, we delved into understanding the concepts of 'one more' and 'one less.' You can extend this learning at home by engaging in games, such as rolling a dice and asking your child to determine one less or one more, using a dice app or by searching for numbers around the house. Additionally, we explored materials and their characteristics through experiments, testing absorbent and waterproof materials in our science lessons (ask your child about the adventures of poor Ted). At home, you can conduct a material hunt, test floatation of different materials, and encourage your child to construct various structures using building blocks, playdough or paper. These activities are not only enjoyable but also encourage critical thinking and comprehension of fundamental math and science concepts. In the spirit of Black History Month, the children have been learning about notable black individuals and their significant contributions to society. We uncovered intriguing facts about Jean-Michel Basquiat, a renowned American graffiti artist, and in history, we delved into the story of Mary Seacole, a celebrated nurse known for her efforts during the Crimean War. Wishing you a fantastic weekend, and the journey of discovery continues next week!

Year 2

It has been a wonderful week of learning in Year 2. In maths, we completed our end of block assessment and we have started our new block which is addition and subtraction. We started with recapping our number bonds to 10 and 20. Some of us still need help with that. In English, we have been looking at poetry and exploring different poems and poets. The end goal was to write our own poem. In science, we became scientists for the afternoon and carried out an investigation. How exciting that was! We even had to make predictions and write a report. In geography, we learnt all about sustainability and what things we can do to help sustain our planet. We also had to collect data on different vehicles passing outside our school. It was fantastic doing learning outside. We have also been engaging in different activities around Black History Month and have been learning about some really amazing black people who advocated for equality. We have been trying to imitate the artwork of Jean-Michel Basquiat who is a famous black artist. What a week it has been and we look forward to next week where we will see you all at Parents Evening. Please don't forget to book your time slot.

Year 3

Cedar and Hazel are working hard at developing their handwriting and in English this week, we have delved into how axes were made in the Bronze Age! Here we have analysed how to make a Bronze Age axe and have even written our own set of instructions! In maths, we have begun our new topic of addition and subtraction, please support your child's learning through games on top marks.com and mathletics. In R.E, we have investigated how Lord Ganesh lost a tusk. Ask your child if they remember. In PSHE, we have begun our new topic of bullying and how to keep ourselves and others safe. We are really zoning into ensuring the skills learnt in KS1 are secure and progressively moving into Year 3 spellings. Please do make sure your order your child's school dinner at home and if you have any problem accessing the website please speak to the school office. Have a great week and as always thank you for your support. We appreciate you!

Year 4

This week in Year 4 was fantastic! We did some amazing RE this week. We leaned about the birth of Krishna and some of wonderful things he did on this earth. Our favourite was the story of the mango shop when all the grains became gold and valuable gems since they were in the presence of Krishna. In guided reading we were reading a text about a war where an aircraft was bombed and had a survivor. That's not the only text we read in guided reading, we read a report about teeth! It explained the different stages of human teeth and the names of the different parts of teeth. We used this to help us write our reports in English. We were writing a report on the digestive system including the different organs in the digestive system which are the mouth, oesophagus, liver, stomach, small intestine, large intestine and the rectum. This was all connected to our phenomenal trip on Friday where we blew the science museum presenters away with our knowledge! We had an awesome time and would like to thank our parent volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you!

Year 5

We are super impressed with how hard Year 5 have worked this week! In maths, we have been looking at inverses and how this can help us to check our addition and subtractions. In English, we have been writing biographies on different notable figures for Black History Month. We have learnt so much about these inspirational figures who have achieved so much. Please remember PE kits for Tuesday and swimming on Wednesday!

Year 6

In Year 6, we have had a successful week where we were pleased to observe the children actively engaging with Mathletics and Bug Club. We kindly request parents to ensure that their children complete their assigned tasks on a weekly basis. Our maths lessons were centred round various division techniques including short division, using factors and long division. It would be highly beneficial for the children to practise both long and short divisions at home. Regarding English, our focus has been on learning about influential black individuals and we plan to write biographies about them. We are excitedly anticipating our visit to Whitefield's next week for a science fair.

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Mahoor, Chestnut class
Younes, Maple class
Chloe, Palm class
Joseph, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Kaleb, Cedar class
Pia, Hazel class
Deenah, Oak class
Hamdan, Acacia class
Yusra, Sycamore class
Dauhud, Mahogany class
Dina, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Enzo, Chestnut class
Santiago, Maple class
Bushra, Palm class
Elias, Redwood class
Isabelle, Cedar class
Harun, Hazel class
Suha, Oak class
Rehan, Hawthorn class
Denis, Acacia class
Sean, Sycamore class
Yassine, Mahogany class
Katrin, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Hawthorn class

Well done!