

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Autumn Term — 20th October 2023 (Issue 7)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a wonderful final week of this half term celebrating Black History Month. We had assemblies and workshops that really brought joy to the school this past week. We have had story telling, drumming and dance with lots of audience participation! Thank you to everyone involved! Thank you also for supporting our non-uniform day, it was very special seeing so many children wearing traditional clothes and raised £154.20 for our school fund/PTA.

I do hope you found the parents consultation useful. It is really important that we work together. Thank you for so many positive comments about our staff. They are doing an incredible job. If you missed your consultation, please do call the school to arrange an appointment.

I do hope you have a great half term break and we will see you all on Monday 30th October.

Have restful week.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

23-28.10.2023 School Closed—half term holiday
 29.10.2023 British Summer Time ends—clocks go back 1 hour
 30.10.2023 School and Nursery reopens
 31.10.2023 Year 6—deadline for applications for secondary school for September 2024
 22.11.2023 Year 1 trip to Science Museum

Swimming next Half Term

Children in each class will be swimming as follows:



Maple	Mixed (all)	Monday
Chestnut	Mixed (all)	Monday
Palm	Boys	Tuesday
Redwood	Boys	Wednesday
Cedar	Girls	Friday
Hazel	Girls	Friday
Oak	Girls	Tuesday
Hawthorn	Girls	Tuesday
Acacia	Boys	Wednesday
Sycamore	Boys	Wednesday
Magnolia	Boys	Friday
Mahogany	Boys	Friday

Please make sure the children bring their full swimming kit with them on the days they are swimming which includes swimming costume/swimming trunks, towel, swimming goggles and swimming cap.

Swimming goggles and caps may be purchased from the school office.

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

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 6th May

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

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

Attendance % this week

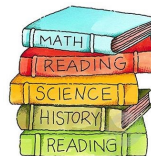
Chestnut	95%
Maple	92%
Palm	97%
Redwood	92%
Cedar	90%
Hazel	95%
Hawthorn	95%
4 Oak	96%
Acacia	91%
Sycamore	96%
Magnolia	91%
Mahogany	99%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week
 Mahogany Class—so close!

Letters home this week



No letters home this week



TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Chestnut	Cassius
Maple	Ayden
Palm	Bushra
Redwood	Yasin
Cedar	Isa
Hazel	Mohammed
Oak	Kai
Hawthorn	Bronek
Acacia	Anik
Sycamore	Leila
Mahogany	Az-zahra
Magnolia	Vidi

Congratulations!

Nursery

We've had another busy week in Nursery celebrating Black History Month. We have enjoyed making our own Kente cloth using two different techniques marbling and collage. We created our own musical shakers and necklaces with lots of enthusiasm. We are becoming really good at following instructions. We enjoyed listening to the song Under the Sea played on the Steel Pans. We enjoyed playing our shakers and participating in dancing with pom poms and ribbon sticks to a range of carnival songs. We loved joining the whole school for the Black History Month celebrations this week. We are very pleased with how all of the children have settled into Nursery this term. Many thanks for all support!

Have a lovely half-term
The Nursery Team

Reception

What an amazing half term we have had in Silver Birch. We have enjoyed getting to know you all! This week we have been joining in with lots of exciting Black History Month activities. We have watched dancing, listened to drummers and created beautiful sunset pieces of artwork. We even sang in the whole school assembly; your children were incredible. The children drew pictures of their favourite part of all the celebrations. In maths, we have been learning about patterns and have created some colourful patterns. We hope you all have a wonderful half term!

Year 1

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the children for their outstanding efforts and hard work throughout this term. Thank you for taking the time to come in for parents evening. In maths this week we have been consolidating number and place value. In our English lessons, we explored biography (Mary Seacole) and acrostic poetry, with a creative focus on the beautiful season of Autumn. We enjoyed a series of inspiring assemblies featuring different performances for Black History Month. The drumming and dancing were particular favourites, and it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity and learn about important figures in history. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we look forward to a successful and fulfilling academic year. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. The adventure continues next half-term with more exciting learning opportunities and experiences for your children.

Year 2

It has been an incredible week of learning in Year 2. We have been continuing with our addition and subtraction block in maths. We have been learning how to add and subtract ones and how to partition numbers to make them easier to work with.

In English, we have been working towards writing about a significant person in our lives. We learnt how to add the suffix 'ful' to some words which helped us with adjectives to describe our significant person. We also learnt about conjunctions that we can use in our writing to join/link our ideas.

We enjoyed this week and all the Black History activities that were held and we are looking forward to next half term.

Have a wonderful half term!

Year 3

What a term! We cannot thank you enough for all your support this term. We have seen so much progress and commitment towards children's learning. This week we have continued our learning reflecting Black History Month. We have created beautiful eccentric masks reflecting African tribes and have reviewed the biographies of inspirational black individuals. In maths, we have been adding 1's to hundreds and exchanging. In PSHE, we continue to look at kind and unkind attributes and how to support children through the events of bullying. In science, we have been looking at the diet of different animals and beginning to look at the human body. In history, we have begun to move into Iron Age. We understand there have been some issues with Athletics and Bug Clubs, we have alerted I.T to look further into this issue and apologise for any inconvenience. Please continue to do home learning and accessing websites like TopMarks and Freerice along with the sites provided by the school.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been celebrating Black History Month. They thoroughly enjoyed participating and watching our whole school assembly on Wednesday morning which included dance and drumming. In English, Year 4 have been learning and responding to poems by Maya Angelou and Joseph Coelho. In art, they've enjoyed painting beautiful African savanna sunsets and using collage to add on animal silhouettes. We have started learning the methods for column addition and subtraction in maths this week too.

Year 5

Year 5 have started their maths learning block which is all about multiplication and division. We have been looking at factors and multiples. It is really important that children are going over their times tables to ensure that they do not forget them! In English, we have been finishing off our biographies which are about important individuals in relation to Black History Month. We are so delighted by how hard they have been working on these to ensure they are clear and coherent.

Next term, the boys will be swimming so please ensure that they bring in their swimming kits every Wednesday.

We are so proud of how hard Year 5 have worked this half term. Well done to every single student and we wish you all a relaxing week off!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic end to this half term. In English, we used our research notes to write a biography about our chosen black inspirational figure. In geography, we used Ordnance Survey maps to measure distances between different geographical features using rulers, string and a scale bar. We have also been mastering different division methods in maths: short division, division using factors and long division. The highlights of the week were the wonderful performances put on by children and staff across the school celebrating Black History Month. It was lovely to see EVERYONE wearing a smile. Please support your children with their home learning over the half term break. Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate everything that you do!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Grace, Chestnut class

Kabir, Maple class

Zach, Palm class

Jana, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Yusuf, Cedar class

Asher, Hazel class

Marveen, Oak class

Celin, Hawthorn class

Avesta, Acacia class

Hussein, Sycamore class

Jedidiah, Mahogany class

Reader of the Week

Inas, Chestnut class

Maryam, Maple class

Basit, Palm class

Freya, Redwood class

Brooke, Cedar class

Shirley, Hazel class

Zainab, Oak Class

Ersi, Hawthorn class

Hamdan, Acacia class

Neil, Sycamore class

Keyaan, Mahogany class

Mehraveh, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Magnolia class

Well done!