

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I do hope you had a wonderful half term break and are ready for the term ahead! We have had a super week dodging the torrential rain, but today at least we were rewarded by seeing a rainbow!

We look after our Environment

We are really focusing on our 5th Golden Rule: We Look After Our Environment. We had a special assembly on Thursday where Paulette Singer from Clitterhouse Farm told us more about our Greener Neighbourhood Project. Our planter is only the first step! I also introduced our brand new Eco-Committee, these are children who have volunteered to help improve our local environment and reduce waste. Huge thanks to Sadiyah (Y6), Greta and Aaminah (Y5) Natalie and Sirine (Y4) Afsa (Y3) and Chloe (Y2). It is wonderful to have such a dedicated group of Eco Warriors! Our Eco-Committee want all of us to get involved!

The Neighbourhood Greening Project has a Facebook group that you can join for more information and be part of making our local environment so much better. Please follow this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1387518395497956/permalink/1390967468486382/>

KS2 Reflection Room

To support our children on the playground, we have been trialling a Reflection room that children are sent to for a period of time should they break one of our Golden Rules. It is proving very effective in dealing with minor issues on the playground and therefore we will be adding it to our behaviour policy.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend,
 Alexander Banks
 Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 08.11.2023 Nursery Parents Meeting 8.50am—
- 09.11.2023 Applying for Reception places September 2024
- 09.11.2023 Y3 Assembly & class visit for parents to attend 9.10am
- 14.11.2023 Y4 Diwali Assembly
- 15.11.2023 Y6 Remembrance Assembly
- 15.11.2023 Harvest Festival Assembly
- 15.11.2023 Y3&4 trip to Unicorn Theatre
- 22.11.2023 Year 1 trip to Science Museum
- 05.12.2023 KS1 Nativity—Year 1 Parents to watch 9.15am
- 06.12.2023 KS1 Nativity—Year 2 Parents to watch 9.15am
- 06.12.2023 Christmas lunch (to be pre-ordered in advanced on Parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)
- 07.12.2023 Year 5/6 trip to ROH—Nutcracker performance
- 13.12.2023 Year 2 trip to National Gallery (tbc)
- 14.12.2023 Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
- 20.12.2023 Last day of term school closing early

Admissions

Reception Admissions Applying for a Reception place starting September 2024

Reminder Nursery parents/carers—Mr Banks will be holding a meeting at 8.50m on Wednesday 8th November in the Infant Hall to go through the process of applying for primary places and the transition process.

Attendance % this week

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| Chestnut | 96% |
| Maple | 96% |
| Palm | 96% |
| Redwood | 90% |
| Cedar | 89% |
| Hazel | 99% |
| Hawthorn | 96% |
| 4 Oak | 96% |
| Acacia | 95% |
| Sycamore | 97% |
| Magnolia | 95% |
| Mahogany | 98% |

Letters home this week



No letters home this week.



The new date for our Harvest Festival Assembly is Wednesday 15th November. 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 the morning and brought to the Junior Hall. All items received will be donated to Food Bank Aid. Thank you very much for your support.

Poppy Appeal



We are selling poppies and other items for the annual Poppy Appeal. These can be purchased from the school office for a £1 donation each item. Thank you.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

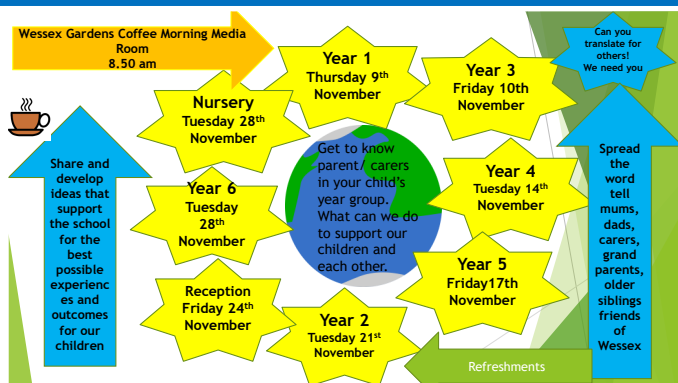
FIRST HALF: Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October
 HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
 SECOND HALF: Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

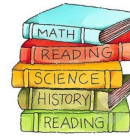
SPRING TERM 2024

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





TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

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| Chestnut | Ismaeel |
| Maple | Marinel |
| Palm | Qudos |
| Redwood | Yahye |
| Cedar | Kaydon |
| Hazel | Bora |
| Oak | Nikki |
| Hawthorn | William |
| Acacia | Denis |
| Sycamore | Victoria |
| Mahogany | Shahruza |
| Magnolia | Badrija |

Congratulations!

Nursery

We were all very happy to be back at Nursery and quickly settled back into the routine. We are forming some lovely friendships! Our focus story this week was Owl Babies and we have enjoyed making masks of animals who like the dark as well as creating night time collages. In maths, we have been comparing different amounts of objects and identifying which group has more. We have been very busy in our outdoor area exploring a range of activities while communicating with our peers. We love to help our peers and the adults in the Nursery!

The Nursery Team

Reception

This week has flown by! In English, we have started our new Power of Reading text Jabari Tries. We have been busy designing our own flying machines. We cannot wait to explore the text more next week. In maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5. We have been using our fingers to show the number in different ways. We had great fun creating wonderful rockets and colourful firework paintings for Bonfire night. We cannot wait for more exciting adventures next week! We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

We hope this Newsletter finds you well and filled with anticipation for the exciting adventures we have planned for the rest of this term. Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to this week: Our young explorers have been on an amazing journey of discovery. They recently embarked on a school-wide adventure to identify various types of shelters. This term, we're focusing on our senses in science. Please encourage your child to think about their senses in everyday life and why they are so important. We're delving into our core text for this half-term, and the children have already started sharing their thoughts and views. In our math lessons, we've been exploring numbers and also introducing concepts like partitioning and part-whole models. Our phonics consolidation as a class is coming to an end next week as we transition to phase 4 phonics. The children will continue to reinforce their learning during our dedicated phonics intervention sessions. In Religious Education, the children have been discovering the festival of lights, Diwali. Homework will be sent home weekly to reinforce classroom learning. Please ensure it is returned by Wednesday. We are eagerly looking forward to the rest of this year in Year 1, filled with learning and growth. If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to support your child's educational journey. Thank you for being a cherished part of our Year 1 community. The adventure continues next week!

Year 2

Hi there parents,

It has been a wonderful week back. We have started our new Power of Reading text in English called How to Find Gold by Viviane Schwarz. We have been looking at the themes of friendship and exploration between 2 unlikely friends. We have been learning how to use commas for a list and learning about the characters in the book and describing them. We then wrote a book review to share our thoughts and feelings about the book.

In maths, we continued with our addition and subtraction block. We have been using our number bonds knowledge when adding 2 digit with 1 digit numbers and adding three 1 digit numbers. We have also been learning to add and subtract across 10.

We have finished our Exploring the World topic for geography and we brushed up on our knowledge of the United Kingdom by learning about the different physical and human features of and looking at the size and population of each country.

We will soon be starting Movers and Shakers in history and this entails looking at different famous people who have made an impact in the world. In science we will be looking at different habitats and what these habitats provide. We will also be looking at Christmas (Christianity) in RE this half term which will go very well with our upcoming Christmas Play. We look forward to working with you this half term and please do not hesitate to come speak to us if you have any issues or need support. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 3

A great start to a new term, In English, we have been looking at a poem called In the Land of the Flibbertigibbet, ask your child all the amazing poetic techniques they have learnt. In maths, we continue from our previous term of looking at adding and subtraction. Please remind your children to practise their number bonds on Top Marks. In PSHE, we have reached our final lesson on how to deal with bullying. Ask your child if they can remember the 5 strategies. We have begun our geography topic of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.

3 Cedar

3 Cedar will be holding a Parent Assembly on the 9th November at 9:10 in the main hall, we would love to share all the wonderful work we have been doing in our class with our parents. After this, we welcome you into our classrooms to look at our books to see our amazing journey so far. Hope to see you there.

Year 4

Welcome back Year 4! The children have settled in perfectly and have been excited about their new topics. In English, we have begun reading our new text, Varjak Paw. The children have started to learn about the character of Varjak and will be writing a recount in the role of his character next week. In maths, they have been practising column addition and subtraction. We are encouraging them to solve trickier multi-step word problems too. This week, we learnt about Diwali and created artwork for a corridor display. Happy Diwali and Happy Guy Fawkes!

Year 5

Year 5 Acacia and Sycamore, have been learning some new topics.

In maths they are learning multiplication and division and within that it encompasses:

multiples; common multiples; factors; common factors; prime numbers; square numbers; and cube numbers. This is helping them to also learn their multiplication table, especially 7, 8 and 9 times table. In English they are learning about Mama Mitu a Kenyan true story and they are building up to writing a short narrative. The students have been learning about the environment within this are the structure of the landscape within Kenya. The students are expanding their knowledge using speech and thinking about the emotions of Kenyan people. By the end of this biography, the students should also be writing diary entries. Keep up the good work Year 5.

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a wonderful start to the half term. In English, we are reading Goodnight Mister Tom, a story set during World War II. We are very excited to learn more about William Beech, a child evacuee, and his new life in the countryside. We will be writing poetry next week, exploring what life was like for child evacuees during the war. In maths, we went through SATS papers, which was very useful for the children. They have brought their papers home to share with you. In geography, we have been learning about how climate change affects different biomes across the world and how extreme weather affects people's lives. Year 6 will be performing a Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday 14th November and have taken their lines home to practise. Please support them with this. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Hassan, Chestnut class
Sofia, Maple class
Samar, Palm class
Mustafar, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Mohammed, Cedar class
Oliwier, Hazel class
Annis, Oak class
Celin, Hawthorn class
Calvin, Acacia class
Leila, Sycamore class
Mohammad, Mahogany class
Neveah, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Rasan, Chestnut class
Kabir, Maple class
Arij, Palm class
Yasin, Redwood class
Hussein, Cedar class
Amarni, Hazel class
Zainab, Oak class
Mariana, Hawthorn class
Zahra, Acacia class
Cain, Sycamore class
Canfidan, Mahogany class
Mehraveh, Magnolia class

Well done!