



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week at Wessex Gardens! Thank you to all who have come to our class assemblies so far this term. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to practise speaking to an audience and also to help them recall their term's learning so far. It makes it so much more special for the children when you are there!

Wessex Gardens Traffic Calming

I have some very good news about our dangerous road. I know many of you share my anxiety regarding how fast cars come off of Hendon Way and the risk that imposes. This week I received information about proposed traffic calming measures that are currently out for consultation (please see attached documentation). The key actions are listed below.

A. Traffic Calming

- Speed cushions outside properties numbers 31-38 and numbers 15-28.
- Raised table outside property number 51 to introduce an informal crossing point.

B. Footway widening on Wessex Gardens from Hendon Way to opposite the boundary walls of properties 37 and 39.

- Greening zone
- Reinstallation of the existing School Keep Clear
- Introduction of "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

This has been a long time coming and should begin early 2024. We are delighted!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.
Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 28.11.2023 Acacia Class Assembly 9.15 parents invited
SEND Coffee afternoon
- 29.11.2023 Year 3 trip to British Museum
- 30.11.2023 School Discos
- 01.12.2023 Oak Class assembly 9.15 parents invited
- 04.12.2023 Year 3 visit to Sikh Temple
- 05.12.2023 Sycamore Class Assembly 9.15 parents invited
- 06.12.2023 Christmas lunch (to be pre-ordered on Parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)
- 07.12.2023 Year 5/6 trip to ROH—Nutcracker performance
Oak Class Assembly 9.15am parents invited
- 8.12.2023 Non uniform day (children to bring in tins and bottle donations for Tombola prizes (Christmas Fair))
- 11.12.2023 Year 6 trip to Churchill War Rooms
- 12.12.2023 KS1 Nativity—Year 1 Parents to watch 9.15am **change**
- 13.12.2023 KS1 Nativity—Year 2 Parents to watch 9.15am **change**
- 14.12.2023 Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
- 20.12.2023 Last day of term school closing early
After School Club closed

School Discos

30th November 2023



Reception—Year 2: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Tickets cost £2.50 & include drink, crisps and chocolate treat.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 4.45pm-5.45pm

Tickets cost £2.00 and bring pocket money to buy drinks, crisps and/or chocolate treat

Tickets on sale online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk



Inclusion Team Coffee Afternoon

We are hosting our first Inclusion Coffee Afternoon this year!

Come and join us for an opportunity to meet other parents and carers and get to know the team.

During this meeting we will be looking at the support Barnet are offering children with additional needs and their families.

Who: Parents and Carers of children with additional needs
Where: Rainbow House, Wessex Gardens Primary School

When: Tuesday 28th November at 2.30-3.25pm

Please let Antonia or Maiko know if you are able to attend by Monday 27th November. Thank you.

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	87%
Maple	94%
Palm	99%
Redwood	92%
Cedar	97%
Hazel	99%
Hawthorn	100%
Oak	95%
Acacia	100%
Sycamore	97%
Magnolia	95%
Mahogany	96%

Congratulations Hawthorn and Acacia classes on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week

No letters home this week



Nursery

This week we have been focusing on the traditional tale, The Three Little Pigs. All of the children have demonstrated a good understanding of the events in the story. We have enjoyed making information posters about wolves, pig and wolf masks using different materials. We have also been continuing to develop our cutting skills! We are continuing to enjoy joining in with songs and actions during our music sessions. We are developing a good understanding of the sequence of activities. We demonstrated good co-ordination and balancing skills this week while moving on different climbing arrangements during our P.E session. **Our P.E session is on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child is wearing trainers which they can take off and put on independently. All children must wear socks (no tights).** Many thanks for your support
The Nursery Team

Reception

Wow, what a wonderful week of learning in Silver Birch. In our English lessons, the children have created freeze frames, designed flying machines and incredible story maps based on our Power of Reading text Jabari Tries. Look out for them hanging up in our classroom. In maths, the children have been exploring one less than a given number. We had great fun exploring the numicon and link chain activity which supported us with this. We have had some exciting adventures outside this week too. The children loved playing the bean bag and hoop game and did a great job at recording their scores on our tally. We have been busy playing cross the river and spray the phonemes using the water pumper. The children are all working so hard in our phonics lessons. Please log on to their Bug Club account over the weekend. It is a wonderful resource to help support your child's reading. Have a lovely weekend and we can not wait for more fun adventures next week!

Year 1

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 1. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the Science Museum, we loved visiting the Pattern Pod where they explored water ripples without getting their feet wet and created symmetrical images on touch screens! In English, we are continuing with the book, The Robot and the Bluebird; by David Lucas. We are finding out that the Robot is a kind hearted robot, who loves the warmth that the blue bird brings and he decides to carry it to the South. In Maths we are continuing with the bar model and adding two parts. In science, we talked about body parts, and some humans' senses do not work as they should, including sight and hearing. We had a special visitor in the classroom and she showed them how to use the stick to guide her around the school. In DT, the children have started making a shelter using their design they drew last week. Please remember to bring the swimming kit on Mondays, we are extremely lucky to have the lessons weekly to learn a life skill!

Year 2

It's been a wonderful week in Year 2 and we have been doing some amazing learning. In English, we wrote a non-chronological report on Mary Anning and her impact in the field of palaeontology and how her discoveries of dinosaur fossils made people understand that the world was over one million years old. In maths we did some mixed addition and subtraction with and without exchange. We also looked at comparing number sentences using greater than, less than and equal to. Science was fun as we used our observation skills as little scientists to identify different plants and animals in a woodland habitat.

In history we used historical models to make judgements and the significance of a historical individuals and the impact they made. R.E was interesting as we learnt about the meaning of advent and its importance to Christians. We also had fun making our own advent wreaths.

Please don't forget that swimming is back on and that the boys are swimming for both Palm and Redwood. Please ensure that they have their swimming kits. Have a wonderful weekend!



It was so lovely to have our parents from 3 Hazel come and celebrate the learning we achieved last term. Thank you for coming. This week 3 Cedar had an exciting trip to Whitefield school to take part in some cooking for D.T and made their own delicious pizzas (hopefully the children saved some for their parents to eat). Learning this week consisted of an understanding of what friction and contact forces were in science. In geography, we looked in the 7 continents and the capital cities of countries, we also took a closer look at human and physical features. We started our new art topic, looking at watercolours. In English, we have completed our diary entries for Tin Forest and look towards our new writing piece. A reminder that we have a trip on the 29.11.23 to the British Museum to consolidate our learning in through the ages and a trip to the Sikh temple in Brent on the 4.11.23 complimenting our learning in R.E this term. Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Year 3 Team

Year 4

Another great week in Year 4! In maths, we have been exploring the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. We've looked at arrays and fact families. Some of us now know them by heart! In English, we've really got stuck into our class novel and English text, Varjak Paw. It's so exciting! The children have learnt about the powers of persuasion as they are writing letters to Varjak to persuade him to help his new friends. In science, we have looked closely at how sound travels to the ear and begun to learn about the anatomy of the ear. We're also getting deeper into our history topic and have learnt about how and why the Anglo-Saxons invaded. Our whole class reading texts link perfectly with this period and we have been pre-reading about the Vikings this week. Please ask your children about what they have most enjoyed this week.

Year 5

Once again, Year 5 have been having fun with their learning. In their art class they have been learning about 'tints, shades and tones', within the context of landscapes using paints. The students looked at paintings by the artists Claude Monet, Theodore Robinson and Peter Graham. The students learnt that using certain colours can cause a dramatic picture. There are definitely some budding artists within this year group. In science, the students are learning about 'Properties'. The students had to investigate testing properties of materials for example: elastic bands; Batteries; Flashlights; Crocodile clips; Electric wires. With these materials they had to test whether they were stretchy, bendy, transparent, rough, strong etc. The students had a lot of fun carrying out their predictions. In English, the students have been learning to write a formal letter in different characters for example as the President of Kenya, as an environmentalist activist, as a village woman and a Kenyan citizen. The students have been learning how to start with sentence starters a formal letter, how to address a recipient of a letter. Using adverbials and relative clauses. The students have really stepped up to the task and have produced some amazing structured, interesting and informative work. Keep up the good work Year 5s.

Year 6

A wonderful week of learning for Year 6s. This week in maths, the children have enjoyed a maths challenge, using their knowledge on various maths topics to aid their completion of the task. We have also been comparing and ordering fractions by looking at their numerators and denominators. In English, the children have been planning, analysing and writing formal letters, with the SPAG focus on relative clauses and expanded noun phrases. In science, we have started a new topic called 'Light theory'. The children have learnt about how light travels and how we see, by analysing and understanding the human eye. We are looking forward to another week of fantastic learning next week.

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Chestnut	Aron
Maple	Sofia
Palm	Nabiya
Redwood	Freya
Cedar	Brooke
Hazel	Rahaam
Oak	Lewis
Hawthorn	Celin & Fatima
Acacia	Aleynah
Sycamore	Sean
Mahogany	Wael
Magnolia	Wassim

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Basit, Palm class
Emily, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Afsa, Cedar class
Ethan, Hazel class
Holly, Oak class
Musa, Acacia class
David, Sycamore class
Monique, Mahogany class
Kashika, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Alessia, Chestnut class
Seleem, Maple class
Asma, Palm class
Joseph, Redwood class
Fatima, Enrico and Antwon, Cedar class
Rawda, Hazel class
Natalie, Oak class
Havin, Hawthorn class
Hamdan, Acacia class
Charlie, Sycamore class
Dauhud, Mahogany class
Obay, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Chestnut, Maple and Hawthorn classes

Well done!