



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an immensely festive week we have had!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 wowed us with their nativity, the children spoke so clearly and confidently and the singing was a highlight!



The Christmas Fair yesterday was a triumph! The children have told me today how much they enjoyed visiting Santa, having their faces painted and winning prizes on the tombola as well as enjoying many sweet treats! A special thank you to Miss Nash for organising everything and to the wonderful parents who came early to set up and help run the Fair. We are very grateful and we raised an astounding £1,365.69.

Today we had our Nursery and Reception sing-a-long and the Reception nativity. It was such a magical moment with all the children performing so beautifully.

Each and every event has been so highly supported by friends and family. It makes everything even more special for our children and I hope you enjoyed everything as much as we did!

#### Dunelm Gifts

The Dunelm store on Staples Corner visited us with many amazing gifts for our children that their customers donated to the school. I will be picking children at random to see who gets a gift! Keep your fingers crossed!

Next week is the final week of the term and we finish on Wednesday 20th December. Please remember that children will need to be picked up at 1:15pm on Wednesday.

Have a relaxing weekend.  
Alexander Banks  
Headteacher

### Attendance % this week

Chestnut	94%
Maple	97%
Palm	87%
Redwood	97%
Cedar	98%
Hazel	91%
Hawthorn	94%
Oak	94%
Acacia	93%
Sycamore	88%
Magnolia	99%
Mahogany	100%

**Well done Mahogany class on 100% attendance this week!**

### Letters home this week

Y2-5	Gymnastics Club Spring term
Y2-5	Dance & Movement Club Spring term
Y1-3	Football Club Spring term
Y4-6	Football Club Spring term
Rec-Y6	Letter from Mayor of London—Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals
Rec-Y6	Barnet School-Aged Immunisation Team—Flu catch up appointments and MMR vaccines



### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

#### Dates for your diary

20.12.2023	Last day of term school closing early— 1.15pm After School Club closed
21.12.2023-	
05.01.2024	School closed—Christmas holiday
08.01.2024	School reopens
09.01.2024	Reception and Y6 Height & Weight
10.02.2024	Year 2 trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Dates for the Diary:



#### Class Parties

Classes will be having their parties on different days. Please check below to see which day your child's class will be having their party:

Nursery:	Monday 18th December (morning)
Reception	Monday 18th December (afternoon)
Year 1	Tuesday 19th December (afternoon)
Year 2	Monday 18th December (afternoon)
Year 3	Tuesday 19th December (afternoon)
Year 4	Tuesday 19th December (morning)
Year 5	Monday 18th December (afternoon)
Year 6	Monday 18th December (afternoon)

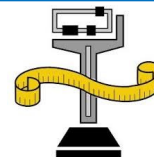
he children may come to school in their own clothes/non uniform on the day of their party. Children should bring in party food/drinks to share on the day. Thank you.

### School Nursing Team

Reception and Year 6

LINK :

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Solutions4Health/p/S4H256/131617>



Dear parent, please click on the link enclosed to register your **Reception and Yr6** child on the Thomson portal for Height and Weight Measuring. By registering you will be able opt out from this screening or see your child's measurements, as letters will not be sent out. If the link does not work, please copy and paste the url address into your web



#### Vaccinations

NHS England have now asked Barnet School-aged Immunisation Team to offer **late December and January Flu Catch up** appointments.

All Parents/Guardians of **Reception to Year 6**, who did **NOT** previously submit a **Flu vaccination consent form** (either a 'Yes' or 'No') to please phone their office on **020 8447 3622** to make a clinic appointment or submit a 'Consent' or 'Non-consent' form online.

Also, given recent outbreaks of Measles in England, if any child of school age, has **not** received **two MMR vaccines** as a baby, could Parents/Guardians please contact the Immunisation Team office on **020 8447 3622** to discuss and book a catch up appointment.

Barnet School-Aged Immunisation Team  
Millway Surgery, 2 Hartley Avenue, NW7 2HX  
Office Number - 0208 447 3622  
Mon - Fri 08:00am - 16:00pm

## Nursery



This week we have been sharing Christmas stories. All of the children have enjoyed learning a range of songs and actions. We have enjoyed making salt dough decorations. We have created some lovely lists of items we would like to see in Santa's sack. We are continuing to enjoy completing challenging puzzles together! We are becoming very good at waiting for our turn to ride different trikes, bikes and scooters. We are continuing to develop our awareness of space. Many thanks for all your support with our festive sing-a-long. The children were amazing!!!

Have a lovely weekend!  
The Nursery Team

## Reception



We hope this Newsletter finds you well as we embrace the festive spirit in Reception class. This week, our little stars dazzled during the Christmas concert, showcasing beautiful performances that warmed our hearts with their enthusiasm and joy. The Christmas Fair was a delightful success, and we extend our gratitude for your participation and continued support. Please, remember to engage in your child's reading adventures on Bug Club, a fantastic platform that enhances their literacy skills. A recent phonics assessment provided valuable insights into each child's progress, and we appreciate your ongoing efforts in reinforcing phonics at home. Our learning-through-play session of "What's the Time Mr Wolf" not only fostered a sense of time but also promoted social skills and co-operation among the children. As the weekend approaches, we wish you moments of joy and relaxation, gearing up for another week of exciting adventures as we eagerly count down to the holiday season!

## Year 1



The holiday spirit is in full swing, and we have been busy with some exciting activities. The children showcased their talents during the Christmas play. Their enthusiasm was equally matched by the joy they experienced at the Christmas Fair. Thank you for your presence and support; it truly made the event memorable. In maths, our young learners have been exploring the fascinating world of 3D and 2D shapes. In English, the children embarked on a creative journey. They wrote invitation cards/letters, we hope you received them, crafted vibrant posters, and shared personal recounts, showcasing their developing language skills. In geography the children have continued to explore both the physical and human features of our world. They learned about the diverse elements that make our surroundings unique and special. Immersing themselves in the spirit of Christmas, in RE the children delved into the nativity story. Sequencing the events helped them understand the significance of this cherished tale. Next week promises more excitement with a class party scheduled for Tuesday. We kindly request each family to contribute some snacks to make the celebration even more delightful.

The adventure continues next week, filled with more learning, laughter, and joy.

## Year 2



Good Day Parents,

First of all thank you all for coming to see our wonderful Christmas production. What an amazing turnout that was. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed performing for you.

This week has been filled with rehearsals and different events, but we have also continued on our learning journey. We completed our assessments and wrote our narrative piece on an adventure to find gold. We continued learning about our 2-D shapes and even learnt how to draw them. It was a challenge for us, but we managed to do it. We also looked at lines of symmetry in different 2-D shapes and completing a half drawn shape. We enjoyed being artists as well and improved our sketching skills by creating and arranging our own compositions.

Our Christmas parties are on Monday. Please do not forget the party food contribution for each child. Have a fabulous weekend!

## Year 3



The last full week of 2023! Before we welcome 2024! Another week filled with lots of learning and Christmas jingles in the background. This week we continue to consolidate our learning in maths for multiplication and division. In English, we have completed our recount of our trip to the Sikh temple and have begun a narrative on our class text 'The Tin Forest'. In science we have been conducting multiple investigations surrounding forces and magnets - the children have loved being little scientists. Ask your children what they have learnt so far about different types of magnets! In geography we have looked at longitude and latitude whilst also concentrating on the different climates in the world focusing on England being in a temperate zone. In computing, we went on a scavenger hunt looking for all the different electronics in school. We encourage that children complete their bugclub, mathletics and SPAG.com as this will support learning in our classes and lessons. A huge thank you for all your support. Year 3 appreciate you!

## Year 4



This week in Year 4 we have been delving into DT and art. The pupils in Year 4 have been practising their weaving and have been busy entwining different colours into their pieces! We have also been busy weaving some shapes for our art pieces. We have been exploring the different types of yarn such as cotton and wool to see what different textures we could use in our work. In PSHE, we have been learning all about the different types of drugs people may use. We have been looking at the different types of medicines, and how medication can be good for you and also might be bad. We then investigated other risks to your health and how to differentiate between a habit and an addiction.

Finally we thoroughly enjoyed decorating sweet treats and can't wait for you to try our Christmas puddings! Tell us what you think!

## Year 5



In English, Year 5 have been having fun recounting their experience visiting and watching the Nutcracker at The Royal Opera House. The students have been looking at "what is a recount?". Then what is a recount text. The students have been enjoying reliving that experience by writing about it, and analysing what are features? The students have had to be thinking about writing in the first person, dialogue, rhetorical question and informal language.

The children have also been having assessments in English and in maths, as it is coming up to the end of the autumn term. They have also been preparing for the Christmas assembly and making decorations.

## Year 6



The end of term is nearing and the children are working as hard as ever! We have completed another set of SATs mock tests and we are delighted with the children's progress. The children will bring them home at the end of this term so that they can share their scores with you. They will have gone through the papers at school, so do encourage them to discuss the questions and their answers with you. Maths videos and practise questions can be found on our school website (Year 6 year page). In other news, we have been getting into the festive spirit by making decorations to be sold at the Christmas Fair to raise money for the school. A big thank you for supporting the Fair by sending in cakes or attending with your families. We do really appreciate it! In history lessons, the children are continuing to acquire knowledge of the First World War, exploring life in the trenches and the technological advancements in weaponry. Do ask your children about their learning at school, as this will help them to know and remember more. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Chestnut	Aresema
Maple	Ishaq
Palm	Chloe
Redwood	Ines
Cedar	Abdulo
Hazel	Rahaam
Oak	Zainab
Hawthorn	Doha
Acacia	Lisa
Sycamore	Greta
Mahogany	Elena
Magnolia	Max

Congratulations!



## Stars of the Week



## Superstars of the Week

Mariam, Chestnut class

Gabi, Maple class

Matar, Redwood class

## Certificate of Merit

Noor, Cedar class

Izabela, Hazel class

Suha, Oak class

Jana, Hawthorn class

Calvin, Acacia class

Charlie, Sycamore class

Shahruza, Mahogany class

Obay, Magnolia class

## Reader of the Week

Hassan, Chestnut class

Younes, Maple class

Zach, Palm class

Alaiza, Redwood class

Antwon, Cedar class

Oliwier, Hazel class

Deenah, Oak class

Ersi, Hawthorn class

Zahra, Acacia class

Aaminah, Sycamore class

Raissa, Mahogany class

Sumaya, Magnolia class

## Class Merit

Palm class

Well done!