

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 incredibly busy week we have had at Wessex Gardens!
We are in the newspapers!

The first item to celebrate is that the local press has reported our library reopening! You can read the whole report in the 'Ham and High' here: <https://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/24179315.wessex-gardens-school-library-reopening-pandemic/> or pick up a copy of their paper or the Barnet Times to see the report in an actual newspaper. Thanks again to Mrs McDuling and our wonderful school librarians for working so hard! It is great that so many people will now know about our new and improved library!

Author Visits

We really want to inspire our children to be anything they want to be! We had two published authors visit us this week. Annemarie Anang worked with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 telling them all about her amazing book 'I am Nefertiti' and Kai Harper worked with our Year 5 and 6 telling them all about his incredible 'Five Worlds Apart series of books'.

Red Nose Day!



What an incredible and fun day today has been. Thank you so much for really embracing the day! The children looked amazing with their crazy hair and red clothes! We raised an incredible £366.22 for Comic Relief.



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Letters home this week



Y5& 6 Bikeability Training (next week)

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 17.03.2024 St Patrick's Day
- 20.03.2024 Y1 trip to London Aquarium
- 28.03.2024 Last day of term school closes early 1.15pm
- 28.03.2024 Afterschool club closed
- 29.03.2024- School closed Easter holiday
- 12.04.2024 School reopens
- 15.04.2024 National offer day Reception places 2024 (evening)
- 16.01.2024

BACE Holidays

Families in receipt of benefit related free school meals will have received a code and information about free holiday schemes over the Easter holidays. Please see booklet on how to book your child's place.



Attendance % this week

Chestnut	88%
Maple	97%
Palm	100%
Redwood	93%
Cedar	96%
Hazel	98%
Hawthorn	94%
Oak	97%
Acacia	92%
Sycamore	94%
Magnolia	93%
Mahogany	100%

Congratulations Palm and Mahogany classes on 100% attendance this week!

Nursery

We've enjoyed another exciting week in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story 'Are you Spring?'. We are beginning to ask questions about the events in the story. In maths, we have been showing lots of interest in sorting and counting a range of objects. We enjoyed making shamrocks and practising some Irish dancing for St. Patrick's Day. We love to share our favourite stories with familiar adults. We loved seeing your wonderful 'Crazy Hair' for Comic Relief on Friday. Many thanks for your great effort!! Please continue to look on Tapestry regularly to access your child's home learning, fridge words and latest achievements!

We wish you a relaxing weekend!
The Nursery Team

Reception

What an exciting week in Silver Birch. It was incredible meeting the real-life author Annemarie Anang. It was really exciting hearing her reading her story "I am Nefertiti". In English, we have been reading the story The Gigantic Turnip. We created story maps and puppets. In maths, we have been learning about different ways to make 10! It was great fun challenging each other and trying to beat the top scorers. The children created a fantastic town, it included a pond, shops, parks and unusual shaped buildings. Please remember to read daily on Bug Club! We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Happy St Patrick's Day!

Year 1

We had a busy and eventful week in Year 1. In maths, we delved into the concept of mass using balancing scales and non-standard units of measurement. Students engaged in hands-on activities to understand the principles of weight and measurement. In English, the children have been immersed in writing in role, crafting heartfelt letters as we reach the conclusion of our current book, Lila and the Secret of Rain. Creativity was in full swing in our DT sessions as students started to make their own vehicles using their designs. Stay tuned for updates on their innovative creations! Exploring the intricate structures of animals has been the highlight of our science lessons. From looking at a real fish to understanding the adaptations of various species, the children have been captivated by the wonders of the natural world. As a precursor to our upcoming trip to the aquarium, excitement is building among the children. Please ensure your child comes prepared with an empty backpack, as lunch will be provided by the school. It promises to be an enriching experience for all involved. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for learning

Year 2

Hi Parents,

It has been an amazing and eventful week in Year 2. The children met the author Annemarie Anang, of the book called Nefertiti. The kids enjoyed the reading session with her. We also had a fun week of learning. In maths we have come to the end of our Multiplication and Division topic. We looked at the 5 and 10 times-table and the related division facts. We also looked at the relationship between the 5 and 10 times-table. Please revise 2, 5 and 10 times-table as we have our post assessment next week

In English we wrote an imaginative story about a Lonely Beast looking for friends. We were very impressed with the descriptive vocabulary and detailed explanation in the stories.

In history we looked at the impact of the Great Fire of London on the city and on the people. In science, we learnt about the basic needs of animals, including humans and why these needs are vital for survival. In RE we looked at the features of a Buddhist home shrine and a Puja room.

Don't forget Year 2 boys are swimming on Wednesday and PE for both classes is on Thursday. Enjoy your weekend.

Year 3

Wow what an incredible eventful week. We saw the craziest of crazy hair where our pupils were awarded a prize for their time and effort into competing for the craziest hair. We have been learning about advertisements and persuasive language. We are currently in the process of creating our own holiday brochures which we are so excited to display on our boards. In maths, we are having fun learning about fractions and the power of denominators and numerators. In science we continue to investigate the world of soils and rocks and in R.E we have begun to look at the similarities between the three religions we are studying and there are so many beautiful similarities. As always we enjoy our Bounce project for PSHE. We hope you enjoyed your Mother's Day gift and spent some wonderful time with your children. Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Year 4


Wow what an incredible couple of weeks we've had! Last week was full of excitement. We had a trip to the River Lee and then great fun celebrating World Book Day. What incredible costumes Year 4 wore! It was fabulous fun watching the library launch too and seeing Mrs Summers officially cut the red ribbon! In class, we spent the rest of the day doing all kinds of different book-related activities. This week has been just as fun! We've made our own switches in science and learnt how electricity can only flow in a circuit when components conduct electricity. It was also very interesting finding out how bulbs can be made dimmer or brighter by adding more bulbs or cells. Next week is Shakespeare Week and we can't wait to learn lots about his famous plays! Perhaps you can do a little research over the weekend so you're full of knowledge on Monday! Have a lovely and well-deserved rest this weekend.

Year 5

Once again the Year 5s are tackling a different mathematical equation - namely: Perimeters. They have been looking at different shapes, for example hexagon polygons etc. Learning new words, what 'regular' means in the mathematical world.

The students have been learning about aging in science. The life cycle of the natural process of aging and also what can quicken the aging process. Looking at diet, exercise, sleep and mental health quizzes.

Year 6

There has been lots of excitement in Year 6 this week as we awaited our visit from a real live author, Kai Walker. The children were inspired by Kai himself to write creatively and even got to ask him questions afterwards, before a book signing. These opportunities are really important for our children as they aim to increase their interest in books and boost the confidence of any inspiring writers. We look forward to Shakespeare Week next week where we will be introducing the children to his works, which they will become very well acquainted with in their secondary school education. In other news, we will be sitting our final set of mock tests next week. We would like to say a huge thank you to you, our wonderful families, for being such a huge support during the preparation process. Your support is much appreciated and we are truly grateful. Happy St Patrick's Day! 

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Silver Birch	Tomaz
Chestnut	Mariam
Maple	Ferdows
Palm	Arij
Redwood	Rickai
Cedar	Brooke
Hazel	Harun
Oak	Shae
Hawthorn	Mariana
Acacia	Yusuf
Sycamore	Alex
Mahogany	Monique
Magnolia	Vidi

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Jana, Silver Birch
Alessia, Chestnut class
Zhivan, Maple class
Ali, Palm class

Certificate of Merit

Kamaya, Cedar class
Nadine, Hazel class
Lewis, Oak class
Ersi, Hawthorn class
Calvin, Acacia class
Greta, Sycamore class
Dauhud, Mahogany class
Mehraveh, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Lewis, Silver Birch class
Ilyas, Chestnut class
Marinel, Maple class
Asma, Palm class
Rassa, Redwood class
Noor, Cedar class
Rohaam, Hazel class
George, Oak class
Erika, Hawthorn class
Adonis, Acacia class
Aminah, Sycamore class
Roua, Mahogany class
Obay, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Redwood class

Well done!