



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



Newsletter

Autumn Term —5th October 2018 (Issue 4)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Another busy week has flown by with lots of great learning taking place. As part of National Poetry Day on Thursday, I shared with the children my favourite poem that I learned when I was 9 - The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. If you have a favourite poem, please share it with your child and spend some time together reading poetry - in English or your home language. It is a great way to express creativity.

Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful. – Rita Dove

Have a great weekend.
Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Bird Feeder Competition

We had such a fantastic range of bird feeders for the bird feeder competition organised by our Nature Squad! The winners and runners up were selected by Julie, a representative from RSPB and also a group of children who wrote to the RSPB last term, inviting them to our school. Here are the winners and the runners up:

Y1&2 winner- Taqua
Y1&2 runner up- Vihren
Y3&4 winner- Saraya
Y3&4 runner up- Mariam
Y5&6 winner- Ameer
Y5&6 runner up- Mariam
Children's choice winners: Angela and Yusuf

Congratulations to all winners and runners up and a huge thank-you to everyone who participated. All bird feeders will be hung around the school grounds over the winter period.

I am delighted to announce that Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School has been awarded Gold STARS accreditation for our Travel Plan. This means we are among the top 10% of London schools who have reduced the number of journeys made by car to school every day and who actively travel to and from school. Well done to all our pupils and their families who walk, cycle or scooter to school as you are continuing to help with the congestion around the school, reduce pollution and help our pupils arrive at school refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

Mrs Alexandrou



SCHOOL REMINDERS

Parent/Teacher consultation evenings—if you have not already done so, please make sure you arrange a time to see your child's class teacher on one of the consultation evenings.

Year 6 PGL, the completed Parent Questionnaires and Parental Consent forms were due to be returned today. If you have not already done so, please make sure you bring to the school office on Monday as we need this information urgently. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival assembly will be on Tuesday 9th October. We would be grateful to receive donations of dried foods, pasta, rice, cereals and tinned foods for the charity Homeless Action in Barnet.

PE Department

The Boys Football Team played their first match this term, a friendly game against Broadfields School. Despite not having played together before, they played well and it looks like we have quite a promising Boys Team. The Girls Team have been practicing well and both teams have been entered to play for the league cup. Look out for more football news as our teams progress!

On Thursday 18th October a group of children will be representing Wessex at the Barnet Cross Country event at Allianz Park. Good luck to our Cross Country team runners: Ilyas, Joey, Imen, Philbert (Y4), Aron, Madina, Gracia, Cristian (Y5), Henry, Matylda, Kaan and Amina (Y6).

Macmillan Cancer Support



Thank you so much to all those parents / carers who donated and/or came along to the coffee morning and thank you for the £1 donations for non-uniform day last Friday. We raised a fantastic £336.64 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Letters home this week

Hazel Parent/Teacher consultation evening—
change of details
Y6 Non PGL trip letter



Nursery The Nursery children are continuing to settle very well despite some tears in the morning. This week the children have been really interested in builders and construction so we set up building site small-world and role-play for them. The children have been further improving their sharing skills as well as learning new words related to the mini topic. Please use the fridge words with your child and help them remember the new vocabulary they have been learning at school. Also remember to read with your child daily and help them choose a book to take home at the beginning of each session. Thank you for your support

Reception Reception have been demonstrating lots of kindness this week by playing games together and taking turns. They have started to learn letter sounds to be able to read and write- look out for them in their home learning sheet on Friday. We have been doing lots of reading in class, talking about characters and events in the story, so please keep this up at home. Bug club logins will be sent out this week too!

Year 1 This past week, we really enjoyed reading Funnybones and doing some writing based on the book in our English lessons! In Maths, we worked well in teams to count objects and represent numbers of objects in different ways. We also enjoyed exploring our senses in Science- we found out that some of us really liked bitter tasting foods... and others? Not so much.

Year 2 We have begun reading books by Roald Dahl as our class text this week. These are lovely stories that enriches the children's imagination and vocabulary. We will also be going to the Royal Air Force Museum on Thursday 11th of October in order to support our science learning; please can you ensure your child has a packed lunch and that you have made the contribution for the trip. Lastly if you are yet to sign up for a parents evening slot, could you do so as soon as possible. Thank you for working with us to support your children's learning!

Year 3 This week we've been rewriting the story of Stone Age Boy in our own words, as well as looking at how numbers are written in words. We've begun looking at inspirational religious leaders in RE and we've completed some fantastic rock-themed investigations in Science!

Year 4 Year 4 have been busy creating, editing and writing up diary entries for our book character. We have also been having fun exploring electricity and taking on the light bulb challenge!

Year 5 This week, a member of the RSPB visited year 5. We explored the school grounds and identified all the ways we are providing nature a home. What else can we do to care for our environment? All creative ideas and suggestions are welcome!

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been continuing to develop their gymnastic skills. They have been perfecting their shapes, including 'Pike' and 'Straddle' and have also been working on their 'Straight', 'Tuck' and 'Star' jumps.'

Dates for your diary—the week ahead

08.10.18	KS2 Police Talks
09.10.18	9.15am Harvest Festival (School Council parents)
11.10.18	9am PGL Parents Meeting
11.10.18	Year 2 trip to RAF Museum

TEA WITH THE HEAD



Each week a child from each class is invited to Tea with the Headteacher. This is in recognition for children who have worked hard, shown good behaviour or other reasons for which their teacher feels they deserve to be rewarded. This week's children who attended Tea with the Head are:

Chestnut	Ethan
Maple	Pragya
Palm	Konstantina
Redwood	Althea
Cedar	Tasnim
Oak	Umar
Hazel	Sadiq
Hawthorn	Philbert
Sycamore	Yasmine
Acacia	Mariam
Mahogany	Alex
Magnolia	Pranay

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Punctuality this week

	Attendance %	Lates
Chestnut	100%	1
Maple	99%	2
Palm	96%	4
Redwood	98%	4
Cedar	98%	0
Oak	99%	7
Hawthorn	95%	1
Hazel	100%	1
Acacia	99%	6
Sycamore	100%	6
Magnolia	100%	1
Mahogany	95%	8

Well done Chestnut, Hazel, Sycamore and Magnolia classes on 100% attendance!

NOTICE BOARD

School Photographer will be coming to school on Thursday 18th October to take individual photos.