



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by expressing our gratitude to you – the parent community for providing such incredible support to the school during what has been the toughest year we have ever experienced. We appreciate how well, as a community, everyone has worked together to protect each other. Thank you for engaging so enthusiastically with the staff team and providing so much support in such a variety of ways. Here is the link to the letter we sent out yesterday outlining details of our plans for September [West Lodge September 2021 Plans](#). **We will hold a Zoom session at 4pm on Thursday 2nd September** where we will go through our plans in more detail and provide any updates – here is the Zoom link: [Zoom Meeting for Parents - Plans for September - 4pm 2nd Sept 2021](#) Meeting ID: 990 8933 3700 Passcode: 398903

I would also like to thank the West Lodge staff team who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and faced the many challenges that appeared with flexibility, determination and skill. They have balanced the varied demands that have been placed upon them superbly. We are fortunate to have such a committed, professional and hard-working staff team.

We are saying goodbye to some valued colleagues and we would like to thank them all for their hard work and contribution to West Lodge – we wish them all the very best for their new adventures. Mrs McClean has been appointed Headteacher of Cedars Manor School and will be taking up this post in September. Mrs McClean joined West Lodge in 2018 and has been an excellent Deputy Headteacher over the last three years – providing invaluable support to me as Headteacher, but also high-quality leadership across the school. Mrs McClean has enabled the school to build capacity in key areas – specifically safeguarding and inclusion. As a valued colleague, Mrs McClean has provided guidance, support, challenge and leadership to the whole staff team and helped us all develop and continue our journey of improvement.

Miss Smyth is moving to Repton School in Dubai. Miss Smyth joined West Lodge in 2018, initially teaching Topaz Class in Year 4 and for the last two years she has taught Lilac Class in Y3. Miss Smith has been an excellent teacher and inspired all the children she has worked with. Over the last academic year, she has also led MFL across the school with passion and enthusiasm, Miss Smith has made some positive changes to this area of the curriculum. Miss Zhang is moving back to New Zealand after 4 years in the UK. Miss Zhang joined West Lodge in 2017, she initially took up a post teaching Diamond Class in Year 6, then taught Aquamarine in Year 5 before moving back to Year 6 to teach Sapphire Class. An outstanding teacher – Miss Zhang has been an inspiration to all the children that have been in her care. She has also taken on crucial leadership roles whilst at West Lodge – leading computing for a year – and as Year Group leader for Year 6 for the last two years. Miss Zhang's leadership has been focused, enthusiastic and positive – leading to real impact!

Miss Van Wijnen is leaving West Lodge after two years working in Kaleidoscope. She will be embarking on the journey of becoming a teacher by starting a PGCE at Middlesex University. Miss Van Wijnen has played a crucial role supporting the children in Kaleidoscope since she joined in 2019 – demonstrating enthusiasm, hard-work and teamwork. Mrs Jobanputra joined West Lodge in 2019 and will be leaving to take up a new post at Harrow School in September. She has been a valued member of the office team and worked hard with the team to make our systems more efficient. She has done a particularly good job developing and putting together our newsletters and weekly bulletins. Miss Barna is also leaving at the end of term – she is very excited to be starting her MSc in Early Childhood Development and Family Therapy at UCL in September. Miss Barna has worked at West Lodge since early November 2020 and has been based in Year 2 – she has formed excellent relationships with the children and provided invaluable support to the team.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the West Lodge Board of Governors – they are a very dedicated and committed team. We feel fortunate to have such a strong board of governors, who continue to provide invaluable support to the school. Throughout the year the whole board of governors have met regularly with the staff team: providing support, advice, challenge and encouragement and valuable input into some of the most difficult decisions we have had to make. This year we say goodbye to Phillip Lawder. Phillip has been a governor at West Lodge for five years and for the last two years has been the chair of the Quality and Standards committee – he has been very active in his role and provided excellent support and insightful challenge to the West Lodge team enabling the school to go from strength to strength. We are very grateful for all of Phillip's hard work in support of the school.

We are also hugely grateful for the ongoing support and hard work of the FOWLS team, we want to extend a huge thank you to Vigya, Mita, Bijal and Anil who have been nothing short of incredible this year. Innovation, creativity and determination have enabled them to organise a range of enjoyable, memorable and exciting events despite all the challenges. This year they have raised an incredible £25,000 – an amazing achievement!

I would like to wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to the return of all pupils in September and the new academic year. All my best wishes.

Jim Dees, Headteacher



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Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding at West Lodge remains very strong. This will continue as we transition from one safeguarding lead to another. There has been a successful intense and focused handover between Mrs McClean and Mrs Bowerman.

We would like to thank our parents/Carers and community for your understanding, honesty and support as we have worked on continuing to further enhance safeguarding throughout many government changes and directions. Your attendance at workshops, cooperation when we have called you and partnership has been appreciated.

We would like to also thank the safeguarding team and all staff for their increased vigilance, trust in the systems and procedures, and continuous effort in ensuring that our safeguarding vision continues to strengthen.

With the summer holidays, approaching it is important to focus on safety for the holiday period. This can lead to different kinds of worries for parents however; knowledge and having conversations with your children will greatly help in reducing any potential risks they may encounter. We hope that you find the following links useful and informative and would like to wish you a very happy, safe Summer Holiday!

Water Safety

It is perfectly natural to want to cool off when it is hot during the holiday time. Unsuitable rivers and quarries hide dangers below, not taking into account the hazards of freezing cold water and currents. Teenagers especially are drawn in by peers and have a keenness for risky behaviours.

With limited swimming over the last year, it will be important to remind your children how to stay safe in or alongside water.



National Water Safety Signs – do you know what these means?

http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/Assets/watersafety_signs.pdf

Water Safety at the beach

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-at-the-beach>

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue

<http://www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/keeping-safe-outdoors/water-safety-code/>

RNLI – Float to Live

<https://rnli.org/pages/ppc/beach-safety/beach-safe-float>

Canal and River Trust - Summer water safety

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/summer-water-safety>

Reservoir safety (United Utilities)

Don't be the one who watched their mate drown this summer. This is a particularly good package for use with teenagers

<https://www.unitedutilities.com/help-and-support/about-us/recreation-sites/reservoir-safety/>

Colin the Coastguard

<https://colinthe coastguard.com>

Sun Safety

The Teenage Cancer Trust found that nearly two-thirds (61%) of young people aged 13-24 have avoided using sunscreen in order to get a better tan. As the weather gets hotter in the UK, we need to be more knowledgeable about keeping safe in the sun than ever before. The damage done to young skin can lead to skin cancer developing in later life, so it is vital to protect themselves in the sun.

Sun Safety <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/YDD2fTqHVfWJbV5qkHPL7D/>

Sun-safety Tips for Staying Safe in the Sun

(CBeebies) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ceebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kid>





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Safeguarding Update ..cont..

Parents' guidance for peace of mind!

Many of our parents and carers will be looking for childcare providers and other out of school settings during the summer holidays. Last year the government published a voluntary code of practice for out of school's settings. The guidance covers:

- Community activities
- After-school clubs
- Supplementary schools
- Tuition
- Music lessons
- Sports training
- Other activities for children that take place without their parents' or carers' supervision, that are not a: • School or college • 16 to 19 college • Provider caring for children under 8 years old registered with Ofsted or a childminder agency

The parents' guide is also available in several community languages (links are at the top right of the web page)

Download the 'Guidance for parents and carers' here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-safeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings>.

E-scooters are classed as Powered transporters. They are very appealing to young people especially, but are you aware of the law surrounding their use together with the risk of being prosecuted. Did you know?

- E-scooters are illegal for use in any public space unless rented as part of a government-approved
- Riding an e-scooter on the road is against the law as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988 and the Highway Act of 1835
- E-scooters are prohibited from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes on roads, or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use only
- Privately owned e-scooters can only be ridden on private land! Please click link for all the important information you need.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/e-scooter>

Help Harrow

Digital Product Help Harrow is being delivered in partnership with Harrow Council. It is a self-referral system for all ages, targeting acute needs in specific social areas in Harrow. Help

Harrow Key Points:

- A portal as a way of connecting vulnerable residents to vital services in the borough during and throughout the current pandemic.
- Currently offers support for food poverty, advice/information in all areas of life, as well as mental health and emotional wellbeing support.
- A 'Single Point of Contact' referral system.
- Referrals can be made directly by the person in need or via an Access Point. Key Benefits to Help Harrow.org Users:
- A virtual One stop shop" to organisations and services in the Harrow.
- A choice of relevant organisations listed to support the user's needs.
- Process to start engagement with a person in need within 2 working days of referral received.
- Key organisations in the system including but not limited to Citizen Advice Bureau, MIND, Age Concern and Harrow Carers. Who is Help Harrow for?
- Local Harrow residents for self-referral
- Households affected by Covid-19
- All ages
- Organisations Please click on link for more details <https://helpharrow.org/>





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Safeguarding Update ..cont..

Young Minds



During these extremely tough times, parents find themselves pulled in many different directions.

Concerns about COVID-19, work from home/children at home, along with a possible financial impact make for a stressful household. Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Help Finder'.

By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond). Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents/>

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Do you need help from the foodbank?



THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS TO GET A FOODBANK VOUCHER.

To provide the most appropriate help for your circumstances, Harrow foodbank works with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long-term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis. Agencies that they work closely with include: Citizens Advice; housing support officers, children's centres; health visitors, social services, and some local charities.

To Get In Touch If you call or email the foodbank they can talk through your situation and put you in touch with the relevant local agency. Harrow Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis.

SEND Update

SEND Parent Partnership Group

School staff met the Year Group Representatives of the SEND Parent Partnership for this half-term's meeting on July 12th. During the meeting Reps again fed back from their year groups, and school responded on questions raised previously. The new Inclusion Leaders introduced themselves at this meeting and we also had a presentation from Archie Shah about the role of Harrow Association of Disabled People (HAD) and support they could offer to our families. This organisation offers practical support and guidance for Harrow families and has worked in West Lodge offering extra-curricular activities for some of our children with additional needs – something we hope to liaise with them on again going forward. In the meantime, their website is below and is very comprehensive in its offer. We are very grateful to Archie for making us aware of this source of support for our families. <https://www.had.org.uk/>

Annual Reviews

Thank you to all parents who have, once again, participated in remote annual reviews for their children. Whilst it may not be our preferred method, it has still been so lovely to celebrate our children's many successes and progress during such a difficult year.

Kaleidoscope News

Kaleidoscope students have had a busy half term. Some children have been exploring the work of David Walliams, and have enjoyed researching the Battle of Britain which is featured in "Grandpa's Great Escape."



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SEND Update...cont

Where possible, without breaking our risk assessment, Kaleidoscope children have been joining their classes for outside learning. A highlight of this was the Upper School Sports Day. We were very proud of how the Kaleidoscope children joined in with the activities. Additionally, some of our children have enjoyed joining their classes for one of our few educational day visits this term, to The Gordon Brown Outdoor Activity Centre. The start of much more of this we hope!

We are saying goodbye to three Kaleidoscope children, who are transitioning to High School, and wanted to say how proud we are of them and to wish them good luck at their new school.

SEND Team

To enable us to support our children's ever-increasing needs and challenges, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Michelle Richmond, Mrs Samantha Zara and Mrs Paula Leigh to the SEND/Inclusion Team. As previously communicated, they will be Inclusion Leaders for EYFS/KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 respectively. We are already meeting as a team and have met with the SEND Parent Partnership Representatives and are looking forward to working with the wider parent community, where appropriate, in September. Contact details below.

SLT and OT

We have been extremely fortunate this year with our Speech and Language Therapist (SLT), Victoria Walker. She has worked closely with the families of children on her caseload, as well as children and staff here in school. Unfortunately, Victoria is leaving Harrow at the end of this term, however we are assured that she will be replaced with a therapist for the new academic year who will take over her caseload. We will update parents after our handover meeting in September. Sadly, our Occupational Therapist (OT), Zuliana Sachedina, is also leaving Harrow from the end of this term. Zuliana has also worked hard for our children and, as with SLT, we await news of how she will be replaced and will share with you as parents as soon as we know. We thank them both for their hard work and will miss their support very much.

Contact details

A reminder of contacts, should you want further details or have any questions relating to SEND:

- Our email address for school SEND queries: send@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk
- Assistant Head/ SENCo – Hilary Haines
 - Inclusion Leader for EYFS/KS1 – Michelle Richmond
 - Inclusion Leader for LKS2 – Samantha Zara
 - Inclusion Leader for UKS2 – Paula Leigh
 - Kaleidoscope Lead teacher – Daniel Rose
 - Pastoral Lead – Caroline Kinsella
 - Mental Health Lead – Becki Kerl
 - Governor with responsibility for Inclusion – Jessel Patel
 - West Lodge School Offer – West Lodge School website – policies
 - Harrow Local Offer – www.harrow.gov.uk/cst 8 SEND Update



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SEND Update..cont

West Lodge SEND Parent Partnership Year Group Representatives

Reception - Angela Arora
Year 1 – Rajeev Khasyapp
Year 2 - Agnieszka Piatkowska
Year 3 - Reena Anand
Year 4 - Shikha Tiwari
Year 5 - Sushmita Meredith
Year 6 - Vacancy
Kaleidoscope - Guinevere Moffett

From September these Representatives may change, but we will keep you updated with this.

The Group have reinstated face-to-face meetings and their meeting venue is still Daisy's at the Park. With regards to date and time, they are not set at the moment. The Group will announce details on the West Lodge SEND chat at least one week in advance.

It is hoped to return to monthly gatherings on the first Monday of the month in September.

Pastoral Update

Return to School

Although we've only just broken up, please bear in mind that the transition back to school after the holidays is often difficult and draining for some of our children. As a school we will of course have well-being on our minds as the children return to new classes and will be supporting them all the way in their next chapter. In the meantime, here are some things that you can do at home to help:

- Have an open dialogue about returning, try to ensure that it is viewed as positive and exciting.
- Let your children know that they are allowed to be worried about it, take time to address the worries together, reminding them that it will be ok.
- Remind your child that there are always adults at school that they can talk to about any worries they may have.
- Walk or drive past school occasionally over the holidays so that isn't just a place you talk about.

Year 6 Leavers

For those families that won't be returning to us after the summer holidays, it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and your children over the years, and I will miss them very much - best of luck for the future, and don't be strangers, stay in touch!

**Mrs Kinsella,
Pastoral Lead**



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Trips, Workshops & Events

Year 2 India Day

Year 2 ended our India topic with our India day celebration. The children participated in Bollywood dancing, rangoli pattern making and traditional games from India. We were even lucky enough to have some parents share their knowledge with the children. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed tasting delicious treats from India and some children performed for the year group. What a fantastic day it was!



Year 2 Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale Workshop

To bring our Brave Nurses topic to life Year 2 took part in a workshop all about the life of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. The children had the opportunity to act out key moments in these amazing women's lives.



Reception Bekonscot Trip

On Tuesday 22nd June Reception had their first school trip. 90 children boarded the coach and set off for Bekonscot Model village! The journey was fun and the excitement was defiantly building as we approached the village. The children walked sensibly from the coach into the model village and quickly settled down for a morning snack. Each class attended a transport workshop which explored transport through the ages. This was lots of fun and very informative and they especially loved trying on the different outfits. Throughout the day the children explored the model village and enjoyed looking at the wonderful models which have been made with so much detail. They all had particular favourites, but we think the fairground might have just been the top one. Finally, all the children went on the train ride. The children loved having the opportunity to experience going on a model train which took them around the village. Throughout the day the children were so well behaved, and we could not be prouder of them all! A big thank you to all the parents who helped us on the day, your help was very much appreciated.



Year 5 Zoolab

Year 5 were very lucky to experience (over zoom) some animals from the rainforest; spiders and snakes to name a few! This session entrenched the learning the children have been carrying out in Geography and Brazil. The children had many questions, and couldn't believe it when the frog bounced onto the camera!



Julian George on Zoom

Reception were visited by a parent Artist, Julian George, on zoom. He showed us around his studio and some of the interesting tools he uses to paint. He then showed us how he mixes paints and some of the techniques he uses to paint ocean. Gold Class was so inspired, they rushed off to create their own masterpieces, including sunsets and the seaside.





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Y4 Gordon Brown Trip

What a lovely end to a busy and rather challenging year. During the last week of term, year four headed off to The Gordon Brown Activity Centre for a day of activities - the theme being Survival. The weather was very kind to us indeed as was the traffic. While at the centre, the children participated in two different activities.

After foraging for wood no longer than our arms, the children set about using a Y-stick to create a fire. We then lit the fires and watched, from a safe distance, as we waited for embers. At a chosen point, we then worked as a team to place tins of corn kernels above the fire and waited for them to start popping. It was so lovely for the children to have the chance to experience the whole process and then enjoy the 'fruits of their labour'!

Secondly, the children were tasked with making an A-shaped shelter using multiple branches and hay. In teams, the children worked tirelessly to build their shelters knowing that there would be a twist at the end of the task. This twist came in the form of a waterproof test - this involved the adults with the group firing a super soaker at the shelters. The fact that most of the shelters weren't waterproof actually was a relief as the water cooled us all down!!! A lovely day had by all!!!

Virtual Music Concert

Congratulations to all of those involved in our Virtual Music Evening. Well done to our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for introducing the concert so clearly. It is so lovely to know that we will have this recording as a keepsake and we hope that it will be cherished for years to come. Thanks must go to our Harrow Peripatetic Teachers as well as Mr Went for pulling all of the performances into the video.

Harrow Primary Schools Festival of Cricket

Eleven of our Y6 students were involved in this tournament this year. After playing beautifully in the pool stages and beating Longfield, Priestmead and Pinner Wood we made it through to the Finals Day on Friday 2nd July. As we were overall winners of the pool, we competed for the 'Cup' against Krishna Avanti and Cannon Lane. Our first match against KA school was by far the closest and most competitive match we played. After setting us a target of 240 they bowled particularly well. Our openers got us off to a great start, scoring 26 in their three overs! Our scoring rate then slowed down markedly yet we still managed to overcome them with some wonderfully defensive batting. Our final match was against Canon Lane who had lost their first match against KA. We batted first and, due to some slightly wayward batting, we put ourselves under real pressure by setting them a target of 223 to win. I was so proud of the whole team as their heads did not go down and we fielded and bowled as if our lives depended on it. In CL's allotted overs, we managed to restrict them to an amazing 216. This meant that we were crowned the Winners of Harrow!

Such an amazing result for the whole team. It was also lovely to receive an email from the tournament organiser as he commended our whole team for their great sportsmanship and determination to succeed under pressure - at no point did anyone 'lose their heads'!

Squad - Leighton - captain, Ben, Anika, Indu, Savith, Daniyal, Pranav, Aarav, Arin, Aaryan, Shanayah

School lunches and Club payments

From September, the price of a school lunch will increase from £2.15 to £2.20 to reflect rising costs. If your child will be in Year 3 or upwards, please remember to make sure there are sufficient funds on their account before the new term starts. Please also ensure breakfast and afterschool club payments for Autumn term - instalment 1 - are made by the deadline - which is **5th September 2021**.



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Year 6 activities

Year 6 have been very busy this half term - have a read of what they've been upto....

Choices Workshop:

Year 6 students got to experience an interactive theatre workshop aiming to encourage young people to make the 'choices' that are right for them. The session explored differences and similarities between legal and illegal drugs. Students were given the chance to voice their own opinions and examine how peer-influence and human nature can affect the choices they make. The workshop leaders explained what peer-pressure and more importantly peer-preference is and encouraged the children to reflect upon their own current life choices. It was a very informative, engaging and helpful workshop.

TFL Workshop:

An experienced school liaison officer from Transport for London (TFL) delivered an engaging online workshop to our Year 6 pupils. It was interactive and featured educational videos, images and discussions designed to support key learning points. Pupils got the chance to ask questions and build their confidence about becoming independent travellers in anticipation of their transition to secondary school. Topics included: Getting help, showing respect for members of staff and other passengers, what to do in an emergency, awareness of possible dangers and personal safety, journey planning, active travel choices (such as cycling, walking), ticketing (including the Zip Oyster photocards).

Enterprise Challenge

Year 6 £1 challenge was a massive success this year as Year 6 pupils learnt to become entrepreneurs by growing their £1 at home in many different ways given the restrictions. Pupils took part in designing, organising and preparing their product and demonstrated creativity, determination and resilience. This was reflected at the Summer Fair, which took place during the school day, where pupils put their entrepreneur skills to the test. Everyone had a fantastic and fun day (the weather was hot hot hot!) and our Year 6's did an outstanding job. Well done everyone!

Camp West Lodge

Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in Camp West Lodge earlier this term. A whole range of activities were arranged including the opportunity to scale a gigantic climbing wall and toast marshmallows during the camp fire experience with George. In the evening, we enjoyed dinner together, and then had our very own outdoor cinema with ice cream and popcorn. It was safe to say that by the end of the day, we were all completely exhausted! The following days saw a whole heap of other sporting activities and games, and everyone seemed to have a great time. It was a wonderful experience for children and teachers alike, and a great way to have fun together at the end of the year.

Police Talk

Year 6 received a very informative and eye-opening talk from the police this term, exploring the ways in which they can keep safe as they transition to secondary school. There was the opportunity to ask lots of questions, and the children left with a better understanding of how to deal with peer-pressure and the ways that they can seek help and support if they ever feel like they need it.



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Year 6 activities cont...

Production

Year 6 production- Charlotte's Web- was slightly different this year: pupils performed in front of two cameras and a cameraman instead of performing it in front of a live audience. Everyone did a superb job on the day of filming and took on their roles well- pupils hard work and effort in learning their part can be seen in their performance. The audience laughed and cried as they watched the production and took away important messages such as friendship, perseverance and determination.

Year 6 Barbeque

Year 6 had a lovely Wednesday afternoon that involved a series of fun activities on the field and then some scrumptious food together in the dining hall. The activities involved good-spirited football matches, exciting rounders games, cricket, creating colourful wristbands and just general play/downtime. After all the fun and games, everyone was hungry and made the most of the delicious hot dogs, tasty Dorito's and salsa, and refreshing drinks.

Lower and Upper School Sports Days



KS1 Sports Day

On Tuesday 13th July, West Lodge Lower School held the annual sports day that we could not take part in last year because of the pandemic. The restrictions meant that we still had to make some changes to our usual format but we were able to enjoy a fun-filled day of activities on the field. The field was organised into a number of sporting activities which each year group; reception, Year 1 and Year 2 rotated around. Relay races, penalty taking, basketball shooting, quoit target throwing, an obstacle course and a distance race. Children and adults had a lovely time moving around the carousel of fun activities with the help of Year 5 and Year 6 sports helpers and two high school helpers, Serban and Aidan, who are at West Lodge on work experience.

KS2 Sports Day

On Thursday 15th July, Years 3-6 took part in a morning of fun sporting activities. The children participated in their Houses and moved around the activities in their bubbles. The carousel of activities ranged from shooting goals in the net to aiming at the target; tri-golf style! The Year 6 children including the sports captains were incredibly supportive and encouraging at each event. The events allowed the children to have a number of attempts and try to improve their score each time. It was great to see the children participating at their level. A very big thank you to Mr Khalfi, Mr O'Rourke and Mr Long for being so creative in organising this annual event with the current restrictions in mind.

Sports update

Sports at West Lodge has continued to increase this half term, which has been fantastic to see. In regard to sports competitions, Mr Went took a year 6 team to the Harrow Cricket tournament, where they managed to finish top of their group and qualify for finals day. At finals day, they were put into another group, with teams who had all won their own qualifiers. There was some brilliantly skillful cricket on show, and it was West Lodge who were able to have the cutting edge to win all their matches and finish champions of Harrow once again!

We have also been delighted to welcome back sports day to West Lodge. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions last year, sports day wasn't able to be completed, but this year the children had a great time completing the various events. With a carousel format in both key stages, all children were able to participate and have a fun, yet competitive, experience.

Everyone gave their all and it was fantastic to witness so many smiling faces. The winning house of key stage 2 was Stuart! So, congratulations to them and we hope you keep fit, active and healthy over the summer so you can be ready to defend

your title!



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Sustainability at West Lodge



We are working towards creating a more sustainable school, curriculum, and community. We have been collaborating with the Eden Project Sustainable Leadership Programme to prepare our team for the vital role of bringing regenerative change for sustainability to West Lodge. Our community gardening events to improve biodiversity in the school grounds have been fully booked and a lot of fun. We will be running more events next year.

We've taken the [Let's Go Zero](#) pledge, declaring our aim to become zero carbon by 2030. We're joining schools across the UK in this national campaign to show the overwhelming support for zero carbon schools, and inviting government and local councils to work with us to reach this goal.

We know that schools can be the trailblazers for their community, responding to young people's calls for action. In fact, they can inspire whole communities to tackle the climate crisis. In the coming pivotal 'climate decade,' we will be part of Let's Go Zero's national network of schools and sustainability organisations, sharing information about how to reach zero carbon, and working with local councils and government to make it happen.

We're committing to cut carbon in a number of key areas. Here are some of the things we've already done:

- wall cavity insulation
 - lighting
 - recycling (including food waste)
 - Offsetting some of our carbon footprint by planting trees through 'Just One Tree'
- Other plans include:

- Install solar panels
- Compost all our food waste on site

By joining the Let's Go Zero campaign and committing to becoming a zero-carbon school, we're taking a positive step on a local level to help combat the climate issues we all face globally. It sends a strong message to our whole school and community that together we can safeguard our planet for future generations.

Partnership working is key and your ideas and input are very welcome. We have set-up a sustainability working group and are looking for parents and carers who are interested in joining us. Please contact Sanne Aldrich at r@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk if you are interested.

Medical Update

Firstly, I would like to thank all Parents and Carers for their continued support, understanding and co-operation during what has been a challenging time.

I will return any medication held in school at the end of term. Please send in a new supply in date and clearly labelled with your child's name on the first day of term in September.

Date for diary -10/11/2021 - The annual flu immunisation programme will again continue in the Autumn Term. Vaccination (nasal spray) will be offered to all the children at West Lodge Primary School. More information will follow closer to the time.

Summers here another year of school is at an end,

They've learned a lot, grown a lot and made a lot of friends.

To some we'll say goodbye to, it's time for us to part. Others, see you in September when another New Year starts.

Remember to,

Drink a lot of water to help keep you cool while having lots of fun,

Wear a hat, shades and lotion to protect you from the sun.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy Summer Holiday.

Mrs Thomson



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FOWLS Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

"All's well that ends well"

Summer Fair was a fantastic end to a difficult year. Year 6 students helped us raise over £8000 from the Enterprise Challenge and the Summer Fair. We can't thank them enough and so have organised a small thank you treat for them.

More than anything, the Summer Fair truly was a community event which involved not just the school families, staff and FOWLS team but also the local businesses who supported the event from start to finish by investing in the idea and judging it for us. We are extremely grateful to these local businesses for their support - Gibbs Gillespie, Pinner Kumon Centre, Talenteam, PMC of Pinner, Friends Restaurant, The River Spa and Daisy's in the Park.

Another big thank you to the school staff. All through this year various teachers and staff have helped FOWLS plan and organise the events. Due to Covid, we couldn't ask for much help from parents and hence the teachers stepped up and took the responsibility for these events. They not only embraced all our crazy ideas but also helped deliver them. They also played the role of guardian at the Summer Fair. Hats off to you all!

Next we would like to thank all the parents for their constant support and trust in us. We tried out so many different event ideas, and most of them did well. The Class reps were an extended committee who supported with ideas and advice. And many parents just turned up on the day of events to help out, making life so much easier for us! In addition to spending money on the events, you all have donated uniforms, clothing, books, toys and lots more throughout the year. Special thanks to all parents who applied for matched funding, which was a big chunk of money raised this year.

The pupils have been absolutely brilliant. Watching 4 year olds deciding whether they should spend their money on a certain item or not was amazing! We were lucky enough to watch kids at some live events this year, and it was incredible. We hope that all kids got something from the FOWLS events. Some of the new events we put up this year include - Light Festival, Elf Workshop, Children's Cookbook, Pets of West Lodge, Digital Creativity Festival, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles TED-style talk, Marathon Challenge and Christmas Trail.

It's been a long but successful year. A total of about £25000 was raised for FOWLS and 93% of the school community is now connected via Classlist. Our motto was to create fun, community centric, educational, futuristic and environment friendly events. We have thoroughly enjoyed our volunteering roles this year and will see you again in the New School Year. Have a fantastic summer break!

Cheers!

Vigya, Bijal and Anil



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