



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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5th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support throughout the spring term. We also appreciate the tremendous efforts made by the FOWLS team – particularly Nilaxi, Rashmi, Nikita and Mona who have worked tirelessly to organise all of the events (a more detailed FOWLS update is on page 2 of the newsletter). I also want to thank Kat Buchanan for putting her name forward to organise the FOWLS football tournament – see separate letter for all the details. There are a lot of FOWLS events scheduled for the summer term and we do need to build up our team of volunteers – please look at the list of events on page 2 and contact the FOWLS team at westlodge.fowls@gmail.com if you are able to give your time to support any of the events.

We are always incredibly grateful to our team of hard working governors who continue to provide invaluable support to the school. I would like to pay tribute to Manisha Redmond, who has come to the end of her term as a governor. Manisha took up the role of parent governor in 2015 and became a co-opted governor in October 2017. During this time Manisha has been an excellent governor – playing an active and key role in both the Resources Management Committee and Quality and Standards Committee. Manisha became Vice Chair of the board in 2017 and provided a great deal of support to the school in this role. I am pleased to announce that Amar Patel has been elected as the new Vice Chair of Governors. I would also like to welcome Victoria McFarland who has been elected as our new parent governor.

The staff at West Lodge have worked incredibly hard throughout the term to ensure high quality learning experiences for the children and I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment. We have enjoyed many exciting experiences this term and the Year 5 team produced a wonderful version of Romeo and Juliet this term – well done to all the children and to the staff team.

We said goodbye to Mrs Dines this term – Mrs Dines began her relationship with West Lodge as a parent. Her first role at the school was as an SMSA in West Lodge First School and over the following 18 years she has taken on a huge variety of roles contributing a huge amount to life at West Lodge. Despite frequent attempts to persuade her, Mrs Dines was adamant that she didn't want a goodbye event – but we did a low key goodbye in the office just before she left. We are incredibly grateful for all that she has given to West Lodge since she joined. I would like to welcome Mrs Rathod to the staff team, Mrs Rathod joined in early March and has taken over the role of Receptionist/Events Organiser.

We are proposing to mix the classes within three year groups at the end of this academic year. We are aiming for this to become a more regular occurrence and for the classes to be mixed at the end of Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5. Our rationale for mixing classes is outlined by the four points below:

- To create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers
- To enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school
- To ensure that the classes remain balanced
- To promote a greater sense of community in a large three-form entry primary school

A more detailed letter will be sent out explaining the process. If you would like to discuss this further and hear more about our rationale, then please book yourself onto the parents' forum which is scheduled for Friday 10th May (see link below).

There are a number of workshops available for parents in the early part of the summer term (see date grid for the dates): Maths Workshops; KSI SATS workshop; Behaviour Management Workshop and the Parents' Forum – please use the following link to book a place on one of the workshops.

<https://westlodge.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

I would like to wish everyone, a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Kind regards,
Jim Dees, Headteacher



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FOWLS Update

It's been another fun and busy fundraising term for us all. The total profit for this Spring term is just over £4,500 which brings our total raised so far to just over £14,900.

None of this is possible without your support, and the support of our children and so we would like to thank you all once again. Thank you to all who contributed, attended and supported us with all the events this term. Whilst almost every event was successfully sold out we are finding that we are struggling with volunteers to help manage the events. On more than one occasion we have had to consider cancelling or postponing the event due to us struggling to arrange enough volunteers. We feel that if we all took some time out to help raise vital funds, it would lighten the load, and allow us to have more children participate in some of the events. ALL of the money raised goes directly back to our school, and the children have great fun taking part. We urge you to get in touch if you are able to help us going forward.

Our annual Quiz night returned with a bang and was a huge success. Many thanks to Graham Evans and Steve Engineer, both of whom Matched Funded the event, which helped to further boost our funds. We raised in excess of £2,300 profit. Congratulations to the winning team, Smarty Pints, and we hope you enjoyed your prizes!

The Mother's Day pop up was also another success and the children loved the independence of bringing in their own money and being able to choose and personalise their gifts. We sincerely hope you enjoyed their creations. As promised, we have donated half of the profits from this event to help the Katharkamar family, who lost a loved one in the recent incident in Pinner, Marsh Food & Wine.

We would also like to thank Paul Quinnell, a dad to one of the children in Gold class, who is a very keen marathon runner. He has decided to run and raise money for FOWLS and in particular a new playground for Kaleidoscope. This Sunday, Paul will be running the Manchester Marathon and so we have set up a "gofundme" page to allow you to sponsor him. We know he would really appreciate your support. Again, all donations will go to FOWLS and in turn to our school. [Paul Quinnell Marathon FOWLS Fundraising Page](#)

See below for an updated list of events for the summer term. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our planned date for the Football tournament, which is rescheduled for Saturday 13th July. Booking forms and details will be sent home shortly.

We wish you all a Happy Easter break, and look forward to a fun packed summer term.

FOWLS Summer Term Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th May - Bag to school letter and bags in book bags

Friday 17th May - Bag to school collection date

Tuesday 21st May - Yr6 £1 challenge workshop

Thursday 23rd May - FOWLS AGM

Monday 10 June to Thursday 13th June - Father's Day pop up shop

Friday 14th June 1st - Donation day - crazy hair (nearly new toys and books)

Tuesday 18th June to Thursday 20th June - Scholastic HALF price book fair

Saturday 29th June - Summer Soiree

Friday 5th July – Final donation day (bottles, chocs and cakes)

Saturday 6th July - SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 13th July - Football tournament (rescheduled)

Monday 22nd July - End of term discos



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Safeguarding Update

Childline Website for Under 12s

Childline has launched a website aimed at children under the age of 12. This provides appropriate content on topics including; bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It also includes games and therapeutic tools for young visitors to play and express how they are feeling. Visit: <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/>



Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Online Safety Workshops. The workshops provided an overview of online safety, and through valuable discussions we addressed the issues that children face online and offered some practical advice on how to support children at home. Above all else, the key to supporting children online is maintaining an open and honest dialogue and encouraging them to talk to you about their internet use- communication is the key, not punishment. Below are some useful conversation starters for you to initiate discussion with your children.

1) Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online. 2) Ask them about how to stay safe online. 3) Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use. 4) Start a family agreement where you think about how you use the internet as a family- set clear guidelines and expectations.

For further information regarding online safety, please visit our school website.

<https://westlodgeprimary.secure-primariesite.net/safeguarding/>

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The Prevent Strategy

As part of West Lodge Primary School's commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the Government's Prevent Strategy, and take guidance from Teaching Approaches to help build resilience to extremism.

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence. Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils. Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.



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Staying Safe Whilst Out and About

Here are the links we sent out regarding keeping safe whilst out and about a couple of weeks ago – useful resources to help guide any conversations that you may want to have with your children about staying safe whilst out and about.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/keeping-young-children-and-teens-safe-while-out-and-about>

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/violence/stay-safe/>

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/violence/respond-violent-situation/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

Criminal Exploitation - County Lines

At West Lodge we feel it is important to raise awareness of wider safeguarding issues – in this edition of our newsletter we have included a section explaining County Lines.

Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults is a geographically widespread form of harm. County Lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more targeted areas within the UK. The gangs exploit children and vulnerable adults into moving drugs and money from urban areas to suburban and rural areas, market and seaside towns. Gangs will use violence, intimidation and weapons to coerce and control the children and vulnerable adults. A young person's involvement in county lines activity often leaves signs, some of which are listed below: persistently going missing from home or being found out-of-area; having unexplained amounts of money, clothes or mobile phones; receiving excessive amounts of texts / phone calls; going out and not giving any explanation; any unexplained injuries; carrying weapons; changes to lifestyle – association with gang members, isolation from peers; self-harm or significant changes in emotional well-being.

If you suspect that some-one is a victim of criminal exploitation ring the Harrow Golden Number on 0208901 2690. If you feel that there is an immediate risk to an individual, ring 999.

Pastoral Update

Don't forget about our Parenting Session on **MONDAY 29th APRIL at 9:30-11am**. We have a speaker from Harrow Early Support who will be presenting tips and advice regarding managing your child's behaviour. Please sign up at the office and come along!

Parents & carers.....

Do you feel that your child's behaviour is a challenge sometimes?
Do you feel that your children don't listen to you?
Is it difficult to put boundaries in place?

You are invited to a bespoke session



Come to the drop in parenting session with Early Support for advice and guidance regarding managing your child's behaviour. We look forward to seeing you. Please sign up at the school office.

Early Support

Small Steps – Lasting Change

Harrow
Children's
Centres

Monday 29 April 2019
9.30 - 11.00am

At West Lodge Primary School
West End Lane
Pinner
HA5 1AF

020 8866 9836





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Outdoor Learning

Year 3 & 5 Bioblitz Workshop

Children in Year 3 and Year 5 took part in an exciting workshop delivered by the RSPB called 'Bioblitz'. The workshop gave children an opportunity to explore our school grounds, spotting a range of wildlife. Children were introduced to the types of animals, birds, insects and plants they were likely to see and where they would find them. The children then had great fun carrying out detective work looking for these.



Outdoor Play and Learning update

The children and staff at After School Club have planted a wild flower meadow near the Lower School Hall entrance. We are also trying to attract more wildlife by leaving an edge of the field uncut. Classes have started to plan planting their raised beds and we are cultivating some vegetable and flower seeds indoors until the risk of night frost has gone.

Learning about animals through first hand experiences

We hatched ten adorable and fluffy chicks. All classes have flocked to see them hatch and grow and have marveled in the experience. The children have been very gentle when holding and stroking them. The chicks seem to have a calming influence and many children ask to come and see them in their break time. We have kept six chicks and they have been visiting a different classroom each day. Once they have grown all their feathers and are able to keep themselves warm, they will live outside in a fox proof hen house.



Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre Trip

Year 4 had an amazing three days at the Gordon Brown Centre. The children embraced all of the activities with enthusiasm; building independence, overcoming personal fears and trying new foods. Spending time in the outdoors, feeding and carefully handling the different animals was a real highlight for most, as were the night time activities. In particular, the children enjoyed drinking hot chocolate and toasting their own marshmallows over the camp fire. Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Gordon Brown Centre and have come away with many fond memories.



The children enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the campfire.



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World Book Day

Another successful World Book Day has come and gone. Our aim to bring the attention back to the love of reading, which can sometimes get lost in the hunt for the perfect costume, was successful and thanks to our partnership with Brook's Book Shop in Pinner, we were able to arrange visits for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, getting more new books to children in a single week than we ever have before. Our themed 'Fairy Tales' dress-up day of once again proved how creative our pupils can be and it was great to see such efforts made with their costumes.

Red Nose Day

We had a very successful week raising money for Comic Relief at the beginning of March. The bake sale was not only very popular and tasty, but helped raise nearly £200 in 30 minutes. Added to Pearl Class' Easter egg jar challenge and our red-themed mufti day donations, we raised just over £1200 for Comic Relief by the end of the week. A big thank you to all the families, children and staff who took part and to our Year 6 House Captains who helped organise and run events.

Foodbank Mondays

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 'Foodbank Mondays' appeal this term. As before, we have had yet another very good response to our appeal. Through one small idea from the Lower School Council, we have been able to make the lives of many families in need, a little more festive this Easter.

Autism Acceptance Day

Thursday 4th April marked our annual Autism Acceptance Day. Over the past few years, we have had 'awareness days', developing the children's understanding of what Autism is and how to support a peer who has Autism. This year, we are focusing on 'acceptance', discussing how each of our brains 'think differently' and pledges we can make to ensuring our school is inclusive of all of our individual strengths and challenges. We all wore pink and purple once again on this day, supporting the National Autistic Society's 'World Autism Awareness Week'.



Typelt Club

We have been running a touch typing club at school since the autumn term and the children who have attended have done incredibly well.

Congratulations to the following children who all achieved the Certificate of Touch Typing this term – all with an accuracy of 95% or higher: Aleena Meghji, Hana Didik, Thomas Haria and Rohan Sohal.

Typelt (who run the club) would like to offer a free taster session to the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 (and their parents if they would like to learn) from 3:30pm – 4:15pm in the ICT suite on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

To book a place for the free taster they need to click on this link:

<https://www.touchtypeit.co.uk/book-course/>

Select the option that says - **West Lodge School - Free Taster**



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Learning Research Group

Twelve children across Year 4, 5 and 6 were involved in a three week course at Wembley Stadium. The course taught a number of different aspects of research: the principles of ethical research; different research techniques; data capture and analysis. The children are now going to use their new skills and carry out three different research projects across the school: 1) How Children Learn; 2) Improving the Lunchtime Experience and 3) What Makes a Happy Playtime. Children will present their findings to staff and pupils towards the end of the Summer Term.

Delancey UK Chess Challenge – Final Standings

We have reached the end of the school based section of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge 2019. Thirty six players have battled it out to find year group winners and an overall champion.

The competition has been very close and led to playoffs to decide the overall boys' champion. The eventual winner was Aarav Duggal (the Year 6 Champion) who drew his playoff match with Aaran Shah (the Year 5 Champion). This match was decided with a spirited game of rock, paper, scissors. The girls' Year 4 Champion was Honey, the girls' Year 5 Champion was Parnita and the Year 6 Champion was Jenani. Aryan won the Year 4 boys' crown. All the above players, along with Adam, Aaryan, Cameron, Sai, Raafey, Vidip and Harry, have now qualified for the Megafinal which will take place over the Easter holidays. Well done to all players who took part.

'Life is a kind of Chess, with struggle, competition, good and ill events' (Benjamin Franklin)

School Action Research

All year groups have been focusing on different learning strategies this term and, on a weekly basis, trialing and tweaking these strategies whilst evaluating their impact.

Reception have focused on a strategy called 'helicopter stories' where children tell a story to their teacher and then this is acted out in front of the class. The teachers are exploring how this strategy supports children who have English as an additional language.

Year 1 have been exploring how different strategies such as a brain break and other mindfulness approaches help support children to maintain their focus for longer periods of time.

Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been trialing different recall strategies such as the use of knowledge organisers and mini quizzes to develop children's long term memories. **Keep an eye out for the summer term knowledge organisers – these will come home after Easter and will outline the key knowledge to be learnt in the humanities topic.**

Year 4 have been looking at developing children's independence when writing and experimenting with different ways to model to the children what is expected and evaluating which strategy is most effective.

In the Summer Term, Year Groups will share their findings with each other so that these strategies can be implemented across the school.

Performing Arts

On Tuesday 19th March, children from Years 3, 4 and 6 took part in Harrow Schools' Dance Showcase at Hatch End High School. The younger group enjoyed bopping to a 'Schools Out' medley whilst the Year 6 group explored the theme of 'dreams' through the medium of contemporary dance. Congratulations to all the children who performed with such enthusiasm and professionalism and to all the parents who came to support. A special thank you to Jo Samiullah for giving up her time to help choreograph.



Performing Arts Achievements

Lili Alexander has taken part in three ballet competitions since January and has qualified to dance in the 'All England London Regional Finals' to be held later this year. Congratulations Lili – this is a remarkable achievement!

Congratulations to Imran Merali and Kian Chauhan who both achieved the Silver Award for the oboe this term.



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Sports Update

Tuesday February 26th, Netball Rally, Bentley Wood High School

A newly formed squad made the trip to Stanmore for the annual netball rally. A very respectable performance led us to 5th in our group. In the dying seconds we lost our first game 2-1 to eventual group winners Alyward following Alina's superb long range equaliser. Our next match against Cedars Manor was a goalless draw which involved few goal scoring chances. Elmgrove were our next opponents in which we had a lot of chances to score but went behind to two goals against the run of play. On both occasions Rian equalised to bring the scores level. In our fourth match, we defended superbly against a strong Pinner Wood outfit but eventually conceded a goal to lose 1-0. Our final match of the group against Grimsdyke was another goalless draw. This was an even game with both sides unable to produce many chances. This was an especially strong group as Aylward went on to finish 2nd and Pinner Wood 5th overall. Considering half the squad were playing their first netball match, this was a steep learning curve but the effort and attitude was hugely impressive. Well done to the whole squad! Squad: Rian, Abbey, Alina, Inaya, Mia, Aleisha, Ellay.

Thursday February 28th, Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football 7-a-side, The Hive

A superb team effort resulted in a deserved run to the finals where we lost to a strong St Joseph's team. We started slowly in the first game against Stanburn but improved as the game went on. Despite having more possession, we found it hard to create enough chances. Our next two games were much better: both 2-0 wins against Marlborough and St John's. Our final game saw us matched against Whitchurch who were also unbeaten. Producing our best performance of the tournament, we dominated the game, were quick to the tackle, with some accurate passing and created a number of chances.

This result saw us qualify for the semi-finals where we faced a strong St Bernadette's team. Our backs were against the wall from the start with Ahdrit called upon to make some last gasp saves and there was some super defending. Despite this, we still created some chances on the break one of which we capitalised on as we scored in the 8th minute and held on to reach the final!

The final was another tough match against St Joseph's. This was even more of a challenge as they were well organised and excellent on the ball. They created chance after chance but were again repelled by our strong defence and excellent goalkeeper. They eventually made a breakthrough to seal a deserved 1-0 win. West Lodge did themselves and the school proud with a super team performance and some excellent football. The fact that we conceded just one goal was a reflection of a strong team performance!

Squad: Deji, Julian, Josh, Aarav, Adhrit, Angel, Darren.

Scorers: Darren 2, Aarav 2, Josh 2

March 5th, Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Gala, Harrow Leisure Centre

On Tuesday 5th March, sixteen children, in Years 3-6 participated in the Harrow School's Swimming Gala, against twenty different schools, from all across the borough. This was another fantastic sporting event: all West Lodge children made the school proud by supporting each other and working together as a team to achieve individual and team success. Not only did we win individual medals in races, but we won gold, silver and bronze medals in the team relays. The collective effort of all the children meant that West Lodge, for the first time, were awarded the overall first place position and can now call themselves the Harrow Swimming Champions of 2019. Congratulations to the following children, we are all so proud of you: Anassa, Ridhi, Sophie G, Avni, Aryan, Aarav, Joseph, Kritvi, Catthy, Amelie H, Vishakha, Sophie G, Ethan, Michael, Niall and Rian

March 7th, Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football 7-a-side, The Hive

On 7th March West Lodge girls' football team took part in an extremely competitive London Youth Games qualifier at The Hive. In the group stage, we edged out Priestmead 1-0 thanks to a well-taken goal by Amelie Coyle. Next game saw us come up one of the best players in the competition. We were able to stop her thanks to great diligence from Audrey who tracked the danger player all over the pitch. Amelie H scored the crucial goal and secured a 1-0 win versus St Anselm's. Only needing a draw to get through to the semi-finals, we kept it tight in the third game and saw out a 0-0 draw versus Pinner park. In the semi-final we faced an imposing Newton Farm side. The team worked ever so hard to neutralise their powerful striker and also posed a threat going forwards. The game ended 0-0 and went to a penalty shootout. West Lodge held their nerve and scored all 3 penalties as Amelie Coyle, Nisha and Jessica kept their cool from the spot. The final was another tight affair and despite having more territory advantage, we couldn't quite muster a goal. This also went to a penalty shootout and once again West Lodge showed coolness under pressure to come out 2-1 winners. Amelie Coyle saved two penalties and scored hers, along with Nisha. To become Harrow champions and go on to represent Harrow in the London Youth Games is a great achievement for the team and the fact the competition was so hard to win made the success taste even sweeter. The whole team were superb and we managed to go the whole competition without letting in a goal. It will be a great experience playing against some of the best teams and players in London and we look forward to it very much.



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March 12th, Year 5 and 6 Basketball Harrow Championships, Pinner High

On Tuesday 12th March West Lodge took two teams to participate in the Harrow Primary Schools Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament at Pinner High School. The event has grown over the last few years with 16 teams taking part this year. The A team: Julian, Josh, Ashwini, Inaya and Sara won through to the final, losing against an excellent St. Theresa's team. The B team: Abu, Abbey, Alina and Nisha played well to come second in their group. Well done to everyone who took part.

March 14th, Year 5 and 6 Cross-Country, Bannister Sports Centre

In proper cross-country conditions, our squad of budding runners tackled a challenging course with some wet and muddy sections, hills and strong winds! Nisha repeated her victory from October to take the Year 5 girls' race from a fast finishing Audrey. Zainab made a big improvement from her last race to place 11th. Inaya had an excellent cross country debut in 16th position and sealing a tight team victory. Year 4 girls' Honey (17th), Nuwarrah (22nd), Sophie (27th) and Maria (32nd) ran well and have great experience for next year! Zac followed Nisha's lead in winning the Year 5 boys race again but was pushed to the line by a brilliant run from Max. There were some highly impressive runs from the year 4 boys. Leighton was 3rd, Clem was 5th, Aarav was 9th and Max was 16th. Angel ran well in his first cross-country race finishing 6th, Aaryan had an improved run to place 8th and Boyko made a great debut in 11th. Cameron offered great support in 14th place with Deji (28th), Samir (34th), Sai (39th), Joshua (62nd), Rayaana (66th), Harvey (75th) and Lakindu (80th) bringing the squad home. This meant the year 5 boys' also secured a comfortable team Gold. Jenani overcame her shoe troubles to clinch victory moving away up the hill to take the Year 6 girls' title. Aisha showed great improvement to seal a top 10 place. Not far behind was Lowena in 12th. Lucy, Libby and Anli were all closely matched as they finished in the top 40. This strong team performance saw the year 6 girls' secure 2nd place in the team results. The final race of the day saw yet another strong run from Julian as he matched his win from October controlling the race from start to finish. Josh had his best schools cross-country run as he finished strongly in 3rd place. Niall also had a great run as he placed 10th. Abu offered good support in 23rd and Rian fell near the end to slip to 49th place. Alfie returned to team and battled to a strong 65th place. The year 6 boys also took team Gold. Well done to the whole squad!

March 14th, Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Tournament, St John's

20 children from across Year 3 and 4 had a brilliant time at St John's School participating in a Tag Rugby Festival. For most children this was their first opportunity to represent the school, which they did with great pride. Over the course of 5 matches, each child grew in confidence and learnt many new rules and skills associated with Tag Rugby.

Team 1- Shay, Hrishi, Aidan, Emily, Anika, Ethan, Tyler

Team 2- Imran, Pranav, Shayan, Jemima, Isha, Arjun, Aaniya

Team 3- Daniyal, Fraser, Naishal, Ibrahim, Sophie, Jayden

March 15th, Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football League, Northwood Football Club

On Friday 15th March, West Lodge played 2 Harrow Girls' League matches. After the games, the team with the most points would go through to the finals day. We won both our games 3-0 which meant we had 6 out of 6 points so qualified for the league finals day. Mia was reliable in goal, Jessica and Lois solid in defence, Amelie Coyle clever in centre midfield. Aliza and Simran worked hard in midfield and Audrey made numerous tackles. Lowena was always an option and found space well. Nisha scored 2 important goals: one was a great first time shot. Amelie Hogberg scored 4 goals and defended from the front ever so well with good support from Ellie who linked up so well with other attacking players.

Girls' Football League Squad 2018-19: Hana, Amelie C, Amelie H, Audrey, Nisha, Ellie, Mia, Abbey, Aliza, Inaya, Anaya, Meliyah, Ciara, Chloe, Simran, Lowena, Jessica, Lois and Alexandra

March 26th, Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football London Youth Games, Redbridge Sports Centre

Playing against some of the 32 best schools in London was a great experience for the Year 5/6 Girls' football team. The competition took place on 26th March at Redbridge Sports Centre. This was West Lodge's first time at The London Youth Games for girls' football so this was a big achievement in itself. We started off really well gaining 5 points from our first 3 group games and not conceding. However, the intensity of these 3 games was incredibly high and we found it hard to maintain this high level in the later games. We missed out on the final groupings and ended up coming 21st out of 32 champion boroughs. We learnt so much from the experience and this was evident the next day when we competed in The Harrow League Finals and won the league convincingly. Winning the Harrow League, and making it a league and cup double (as we also won the London Youth Games Harrow Qualifier) makes it another great year for girls' football at West Lodge. Well done to all the girls that played a part in any of these competitions. The school is very proud of your efforts and of how far you have come since the start of the year. Squad: Ellie, Mia, Amelie C (Captain), Amelie H, Lowena, Lois, Jessica, Nisha, Audrey, Aliza.



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March 27th, Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football, Harrow League Finals

On Wednesday 27th March, West Lodge took part in The Harrow League Finals. The competition saw the top 5 teams from the group stage play each other to see who would end up Harrow League champions.

In our first game, we won 2-0 V St Bernadettes. Amelie H scored the best goal of the year to put us 1-0 up. She took Amelie C's clever pass in her stride and round the defender with one perfect touch, and then produced a stunning shot into the far bottom corner of the net - it was a quite breathtaking piece of magic which was applauded by all. Audrey then scored her first ever goal which was a fitting reward for her endless energy all over the pitch. In our second game we took on St George's, who had beaten us 3-1 in the group stage earlier in the year. This time we earned a 2-0 victory. Nisha scoring the crucial first goal as she reacted quickest to a corner and poked the ball into the net. Amelie H made the game secure with a instinctive strike from close range. Lois, Jessica and Mia frustrated St George's attacking players and Amelie C used her intelligence to control the tempo of the game. In our third game we continued with this relentless pace and Amelie H scored a hat trick to make the score 3-0 V Grange. Lowena, Ellie and Audrey worked tirelessly in the middle to get back to help the defence, but also to support Amelie H and help her get her goals. Before our last game, V St Teresa, we found out that we had already won but we still wanted to end on a high. It was a testing game which ended 0-0.

We celebrated winning our second trophy of the season and it was especially rewarding as we known how hard it was to achieve all this. League Finals Squad: Mia, Lois, Jessica, Nisha, Amelie C (captain), Audrey, Amelie H, Lowena, Ellie.

March 28th, Year 5 and 6 London Youth Games, Redbridge Sports Centre

Hockey

Our first match was against eventual winners of the tournament Canonbury Primary School from Islington. Despite going behind on several occasions, we got the game back to a draw (4-4) but eventually lost 6-4. Our second game was another tough match which we lost 8-4 to St Mary's, Chiswick. Our final group game was a resounding victory 5-1 over George Carey School. This meant we placed 3rd out of the 4 teams in our group which meant we played another 3 matches in the plate competition. We began with a close 5-3 defeat against St Joseph's, Camberwell. This was followed up by two victories, a 8-3 win over Marner School and a 6-2 win over St John and St James. Goalscorers: Sai 9, Eshan 4, Mia 9, Ziyana 2, Nisha 2, Aarav 4 Squad: Sai, Eashan, Mia, Ziyana, Boyko, Aarav, Nisha

Tag Rugby

Ten children from Year 5 and 6 represented Harrow in the annual London Youth Games Tag Rugby Tournament. The standard was very high and our children did themselves and the school proud. The children won 5 games, lost 3 and drew 2. It was particularly pleasing to see how well they stuck together as a team throughout the day. Captain Julian Luiz ensured that his team remained positive and after each loss, West lodge always responded with a win the following game. There were some spectacular tries scored throughout the day and many try saving tackles made especially by Max Argawal. Well done West Lodge! Squad - Julian Luiz (captain), Lois Clark, Amelie Coyle, Deji Okikade, Max Argawal, Audrey Anderson, Rian Mahendran, Josh Mesigan-Rodaway, Zac Evans, Amelie Hogberg

This year we have represented Harrow in the London Youth Games in four different sports: indoor athletics, girls' football, hockey and tag rugby finishing 17th, 21st, 17th and 23rd respectively. Considering there are 1,817 primary schools in London this is a remarkable achievement.

April 1st, Year 5 Mixed Sports Tournament vs Longfield

Our year 5 girls made the most of a lovely spring afternoon to compete against Longfield in cricket, basketball and dodgeball. Displaying some excellent skill, teamwork and most of all gamesmanship, our squad were a credit to the school!

Squad: Zahara, Sarah S, Alma, Tvisha, Seren, Sienna, Mahi, Ria, Parnita, Sri, Caitlin, Martha, Zahra

Have a lovely Easter holidays!