



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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25th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support during the last half term. We celebrated Autism Awareness Day at the beginning of term – with the whole school dressed in pink and/or purple and the term culminated with Maroon Class taking us on a journey through time from the Stone Age to Shackleton's adventure in the Antarctic (I didn't realise that our Celtic roundhouse was a time machine). The staff continue to work incredibly hard in their attempts to ignite the spark in each child and to ensure that the spark flourishes. I am very grateful for their passionate commitment to providing the very best for all children at West Lodge and in finding the best way to support each individual. We are also very appreciative for the continued support that we receive from a very dedicated board of governors.

A trip to the Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre in Hampshire was the highlight of the term for children in Year 4. They had a wonderful experience: making and building fires to cook popcorn; learning the skills of archery; working in teams to complete the trim trail; supporting each other to navigate the low ropes course; spending time with the various animals and roasting marshmallows on the campfire. When the children returned to school after their two night stay, they all seemed to be an inch or two taller – this shared experience appears to have helped them all grow a little in every sense. I would like to thank the staff who took them on this adventure: Mrs Haines, Mr Went, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Dunn, Mr O'Rourke, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Crowle, Miss McHaffie, Mr Bennett, Miss Rolnick and Mrs Sawjani.



The children collected their own wood then worked together in groups to build their fires, before cooking and eating the delicious popcorn.



I would like to share the good news the Mr Beckwith is a father for the second time – his second beautiful daughter was born on Thursday 24th May. Mr Beckwith will be on paternity leave until Wednesday 13th June – Mr O'Rourke will cover Turquoise Class during his absence.

We are looking forward to an action packed half term after the break, with lots for the children to learn and look forward to – please check the date grid at the end of the newsletter for key dates. A reminder to keep the date of Thursday 28th June marked in your diary – our Community Conversations Day. A link to sign up will be sent out after the break. I hope you all have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe half term break – I look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 5th June.

Kind regards,

Jim Dees

FOWLS

Congratulations to Nilaxi Patel who has been voted on as the new Chair of FOWLS – she will take up her role from September and will serve a two year term. Nilaxi has been an active and committed member of FOWLS for a number of years. Please remember to mark the following upcoming FOWLS Events in your diary:

Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd June – Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday 23rd June (day) – FOWLS Football Tournament
Saturday 23rd June (eve) - FOWLS Summer Soiree
Saturday 30th June – FOWLS Summer Fair

Your help is greatly appreciated and vital for successful FOWLS events to take place. Please email us at westlodge.fowls@gmail.com if you would like to know more and feel you can offer some time to help during an event or in the lead up to an event.



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GDPR

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Going for Gold - UNICEF Rights Respecting School



West Lodge Primary School has proudly been a Rights Respecting School since 2013. Over the years we have worked hard to embed within our school the Rights of a Child and develop a strong school culture of respect, inclusiveness, kindness and empathy. This has extended beyond the classroom and is now an important part of school life for all students, staff and our wider school community.

Our goal is to continue to grow and strengthen our knowledge and practice as a Rights Respecting School. As a result, we have decided to apply for the RRSA Gold Award later in 2018. This is an exciting opportunity for us as a school community to showcase that we have fully embedded children's rights throughout the school in our policies, practice and ethos, as outlined in the three RRSA Strands.

Year 1 Roundhouse Experience

To bring our Home of the Past History topic to life, Year One travelled back in time during mini Celtic Roundhouse workshops led by Mrs Kambo. It was wonderful to see how much knowledge the children had retained as they discussed what family life would have been like living in the roundhouse. The children enjoyed pretending they were cooking, caring for animals and sleeping in confined spaces. Thank you to Mrs Kambo - for dressing up and sharing all her wonderful historical knowledge with us.



Walk to School Week



Many thanks to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week. Thank you, too, to all those children who entered the poster competition. The Lower School Council really enjoyed judging the entries.

Through our Travel Plan, we are really keen to reduce the traffic congestion around the school. We realise that we cannot expect every family to be able to walk the whole way to school, but we do ask you to walk part of the way. Park a little further from the school and walk the final ½ mile or so. Not only will it improve the health and fitness of both you and your children, but you will have fun as well.

As we have mentioned many times before – let's pledge to make this a daily act – rather than just something we do during Walk to School Week!

Celtic Experience Day

To launch Year 3's topic on the Romans this term, we had a Celtic Experience Day. The roundhouse was the perfect setting for the day and where most of the activities took place. The children made salt dough spear heads, they drew Celtic designs as well as learning about how sheep's wool was made into yarn that could be woven. The children also braided bracelets which were then dyed using natural dye.

The day ended with an exciting demonstration of the different weapons the Celts used and how they fought with them. At one point we had a mini battle of our own with children v the teachers!! We finished with a traditional Celtic story, performed by the visiting teachers. A great day was had by all!

Institute of Imagination

The Institute of Imagination ran three workshops with children from Year 4. The children were involved in using their scientific understanding as well as their creative skills to make 'Scribble Machines'. As well as running a staff INSET, the team from the Institute of Imagination trained selected children from year 4 to become mentors. These children then supported other year groups to create their own machines. We would like to thank Gaby Anderson for putting us in contact with this organisation and for her support on the day.



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Exciting new topics in Reception

The hatching and growth of 10 chicks has brought much delight to both children and staff at the school. Their chirpy antics have entertained us and we have been impressed with the care the children have taken in looking after and holding the chicks. They have now gone back to live a life on a farm.

After the half term we are introducing the children in Reception to woodwork. We have ordered tools and will create a woodwork area outside. Any donations of bottle tops, corks and offcuts of untreated soft wood are very welcome! We are still looking for a woodwork bench. If you have a sturdy wooden kitchen table you no longer need, please let us know.



Year 5 Visit World War 2 Bunker!

On Friday 11th May, Year 5 travelled to South Harrow to visit a WW2 Bomb Shelter. The children learned about areas in Pinner and Harrow that were heavily bombed during WW2. They also had a chance to go inside the bomb shelter and see how people lived whilst inside the shelter. Thank you to Mrs Willans for organising and hosting the trip.

Year 5 Architecture Workshop

For the past few weeks, Year 5 have been taking part in an Architecture project led by architects from the Peregrine Bryant firm in London. They have received a series of design briefs and have now designed homes to fit certain families. During the coming sessions, the children will begin to construct their homes using a range of materials.

Year 4 Science Museum Trip

To introduce our new topic of 'Space Explorers', Year 4 visited the Science Museum on Monday 23rd April. While we were there we had the chance to peruse the amazing Space Gallery, developing our knowledge of Neil Armstrong and space in general. During our time in the Basement Studio, we heard all about Svetlana Savitskaya's time in space. The highlight for most was our 3D Cinema experience, 'Planet Earth'; which showcased amazing footage and photographs from space. All involved in the trip came away knowing so much more about the topic and ready to continue our learning at school. Thank you to all of the parents for volunteering to help on our trip.

UK Chess Challenge 2018 – Update

Having completed the school-based part of the UK Chess Challenge a number of children attended the Area Mega-Final at Harrow High School during the Easter holiday. Aaran Shah, Aarav Duggal and Raafey Khan have qualified for the next stage, the South England Gigafinal which will take place in late June – good luck to the boys!

India Day – Year 2

India Day in Year 2 was a great success! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their expertise and sent in delicious food. Many of the children enjoyed trying new foods and sharing their food with others. The children enjoyed learning different Indian dances and languages, as well as creating some beautiful Indian art!



The children made a giant Rangoli pattern outside Red Class



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Y3 Visit Ancient Roman City

The children are enjoying learning about the Romans this term, finding out why they invaded Britain and what changes they brought. The children have been researching about the Roman way of life and writing reports. To further immerse the children in this topic, we visited St Albans, once a very important Roman city; Verulamium. The children visited the Museum and saw real Roman objects that archaeologists had found on the site. The children took part in a very informative workshop where they dressed as a Celt, Roman or a slave and had to find Roman objects. This was not as easy as we had thought, because the Romans had some very unusual objects. We also visited the ruins of a Roman villa, where parts of mosaic and a hypocaust had been excavated for visitors to see. Finally, we visited the amphitheatre, which was a venue that was central to Roman life. The children learnt about the different types of entertainment on offer: plays, gladiator fights and public executions. It was a wonderful experience for the children.

Performing Arts at West Lodge

It has been another busy half term for our Performing Arts Team and children. Firstly, congratulations to the following children who have been awarded music awards:

Tvisha Shah	Bronze - Tabla
Aisha Ahmed	Bronze - Tabla
Shaivi Modi	Bronze - Tabla
Nittant Moudgil	Bronze - Tabla

In the Year 3 and 4 Choir this term we are preparing for Songfest in June. We have a challenging repertoire of material to learn, consisting of four different languages, the names of over 40 different countries and 15 different shark species! Last week, Jo McNally (who leads Songfest) visited our rehearsal to give us some very helpful support. We will continue working hard and are looking forward to the performance.

Our other Performing Arts Groups are busy preparing for their summer performances, including a new venture at The Pinner Village Gardens. This will be held on the 7th July where our choirs and dance club will be participating in a mini Pinner Village Show to raise money for new park equipment.

Arts Award

We have been working closely with Claire Linge from The Heath Robinson Museum towards the Arts Award. This award, supported by Trinity College London, inspires young people to engage in the arts through participation in creative activities, researching artists' work and sharing their experiences with others.

Children in Topaz Class are piloting the scheme and working towards the 'Discover' award. They have already attended a 'Story Detective' workshop at the museum and will be completing an illustration project inspired by the work of Heath Robinson. We are hoping that children in Year 4 and 5 will be involved in this Award next term.

Harrow Young Musicians

If your child has enjoyed and taken part in any of the festivals held by the Harrow Music Service at the Harrow Arts Centre this year, then why not encourage them to join a regular group? Harrow Young Musicians (HYM) hold regular sessions, on Saturdays, at Hatch End High School, Headstone Lane, Harrow, Middlesex. HA3 6NR. Taking up this opportunity will really help your child progress with their instrument as well as helping them with their sight reading skills. For more information contact the HYM Administrator on 02084201519 or look at their website www.hym.org.uk.



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19th April, Year 2 Football Tournament, The Hive

A team of boys across Year 1 and 2 proudly represented the school with some brilliant performances at a football festival at the Hive. They won all their games with some superb individual performances from Shrimukund and Ibrahim.

Year 1: Diyan, Daelan and Timothy

Year 2: Vidur, Sree Harsha, Mason, Aaron, Ibrahim, Naishal and Shrimukund

4th May, Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament, Ruislip goals

Three teams of children represented the school at a football tournament on a boiling hot day. Every team performed well, with two West Lodge Teams meeting in the quarter finals. The victorious team ended up finishing 3rd, losing a tight match in the semi-final.

Year 3: Max T, Leighton, Elarno, Clem, Joseph, Ben, Haris, Ethan, Aarav, Timothy, Adam, Nikolas, Nik and Rayan

Year 4: Lakindu, Arjun, Boyko, Rithvik, Samir, Timothy, Zak, Deji, Aaron, Darren, Sahil, Rayaana, Angel, Shyam and Ameer

4th May, Year 3 and 4 Tennis Festival, Kenton Tennis Club

West Lodge took two well balanced teams to this competition with our 'B' team overcoming a strong group stage to reach the semi-finals. Here they put up a brave fight but lost to eventual winners St Teresa's. Team 'A' also had a tough group stage and after a slow start, where they lost a few games, they grew in confidence and their performances improved to claim a 3rd place finish in their group. A great effort from the whole squad!

'A' team: Maria, Max, Sai and Martha

'B' team: Aymen, Audrey, Nisha and Aravan

20th May, Asian Star Talent Identification Event – Chelsea Football Club

Congratulations to Aaran Shah (Y4) and Aarav Duggal (Y5) who both took part in the Asian Star event at Chelsea Football Club on Sunday 20th May – they both performed extremely well – representing the school and Harrow with distinction.

22nd May, Year 5 and 6 Tri-golf Competition, Pinner Park Primary School

We took two teams to compete in the tri-golf competition at Pinner Park School. Despite the challenging activities at each station, both teams managed to score very well. Team 1 scored the highest score on 5 of the 6 stations and Team 2 were either 2nd or 3rd in each station. The children competed with great determination and effort. This, together with their ability to chip and putt effectively, meant West Lodge enjoyed a very successful afternoon. Team 2 came 3rd with over 800 points and received bronze medals. Team 1 scored 994 points and finished 1st. We now go forward to represent the school and borough at the London Youth Games on Thursday 5th July. Last year we were 2nd in the whole of London and got Silver. Hopefully this year we can get another colour!

Team 1 - Charlie, Jamie, Aayush, Keigan, Julian, Chloe, Lola, Sophie, Isabelle and Grace.

Team 2 - Vijay, Milan, Zak, Reyhan, Rayan, Evie, Laila, Saffron, Amelie C and Maryam.



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24th May, Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Competition, Norbury Primary School

Facing the best gymnasts in Harrow, our squad were excited but nervous before this competition. Some fantastic individual performances saw Megan, Shreya and Soufia gain judges' awards for outstanding presentation on the floor and vault routines. Everyone in the squad was representing the school for the first time and both the Year 1 team and Year 2 team managed a very respectable top 10 place. Great effort!

Year 1: Megan, Anna, Shruti, Janhavi, Soufia and Dilan

Year 2: Anassa, Shruti, Devi, Jemima and Shreya

24th May, Year 5 and 6 Quadkids Athletics Competition, Bannister Sports Centre

A courageous and energetic performance from the 'A' team saw them fall just short of qualification for the London Youth Games. Their score of 1736 was just 97 behind winners Pinner Park who scored 1833 points. St Teresa's were 2nd with 1802 points. Demonstrating tremendous strength in depth, the 'B' team were 5th on 1552 points and the 'C' team placed 6th on 1403 points. On the day, there were some tremendous individual performances with many children beating their previous personal best scores. Most importantly the effort and team spirit showed by all three teams was brilliant to see. Well done to all!

'A' team: Lola, Isabelle, Fearne, Amelia, Audrey, Julian, Freddie, Brian, Max and Matthew

'B' team: Madeleine, Amelie C, Charlotte, Lowena, Lucy, Charlie, Mayowa, Kaelen, Ronnie and Zack A

'C' team: Jamie, Rian, Niall, Eashan, Umair, Oliver, Nojan, Aayush, Milun, Zak H, Finn, Dehan, Saffron, Lois and Amelie H





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Summer 2 Date Grid					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 th – 8 th June	Staff Inset Day	Children return Yr 3&4, 5&6 Gymnastics LYG Qualifier	Yr 5 & 6 Borough Sports (Heats) Y5 Architecture Workshop	Y5& 6 Harrow Cricket Festival	Ramadan/Eid Assembly
11 th – 15 th June	Topaz Swim Year 3 Gordon Brown Centre (Turquoise) New Reception Parents' Meeting (18:30)	US Sports Day (09:00 – 11:00)	Year 3 Gordon Brown Centre (Lilac) Y4 Production (14:00) Y5 Architecture Exhibition	Y5&6 Girls' Cricket Festival Y3&4 Cricket Festival Y3 Gordon Brown Centre (Maroon) Y6 Parents' PGL Meeting 14:45 Y4 Production (19:00)	Parents' Forum 14:00 – 15:00
18 th – 22 nd June	Topaz Swim Urban Strides Dance Workshops (Y6)	KS1 Mini Sports Festival Y6 Citizenship Trip	Y6 Citizenship Trip Y3 Regents Park Mosque Song Festival	Y3/4 Quadkids Poet Opera – Maria Stuarda (Y5)	Turquoise Class Assembly Reception trip to Bekonscot
					Saturday – FOWLS Football Tournament 08:30 – 14:00 FOWLS Summer Soiree 18:00 – 21:00
25 th June – 29 th June	Topaz Swim	LS Sports Day	Yr 5&6 Borough Sports (Finals)	Community Conversations Day (08:00 – 20:00) Y3 & 4 Gymnastics AM Y5 & 6 Gymnastics PM	Silver Class Assembly Saturday - FOWLS Summer Fair 11:00 – 15:00
2 nd – 6 th July	Topaz swim Play session for new Reception children	Y4 Synagogue Y2 Neasden Temple Y6 Transition (Haydon & Bishop Ramsay) Play session for new Reception children	Play session for new Reception children Y6 Transition Day (Harrow Schools) Y5/6 Rounders Y6 Production (19:00)	London Youth Games Y6 Transition Day (St Clement Danes)	Yellow Class Assembly Y6 Production (14:00)
9 th – 13 th July Y6 PGL Week	Topaz Swim Y6 PGL Week	Y2 & Y5 Dance Workshops Y1 Woburn Safari Park Y3 Recorder Recital 2:30pm Q & S Committee	Y1, Y3 & Y4 Dance Workshops Y5 Quadkids	Y2 Ocarina Recital 2:30pm	Gold Class Assembly Reports out
16 th – 20 th July	Class swap day Play morning for new Reception children & networking for parents Topaz Swim Parents' Evening			US Music Evening 7:00pm	Y6 Enterprise Assembly Afternoon Tea Drop in for parents to see Mrs Grant
23 rd – 27 th July	Peter Daffon Assembly Topaz Swim FOWLS Discos – Rec – Y5 Y6 Leavers' BBQ & Disco	Leavers' Assembly End of Term LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm			

