



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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26th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents/carers for your continued support throughout this half term. The staff at West Lodge have continued to work incredibly hard to provide enriching learning experiences for the children and I am very grateful for all that they do. I would also like to thank the Governors for their continued support and hard work and the incredible team at FOWLS!

We say goodbye to Mr Winch, who has decided to retire from the teaching profession. He has been at West Lodge for the last two years and has been teaching French to children in Years 3 to 6. The children have enjoyed his lessons and we wish him well for his retirement. Mr Winch left me with a message to pass on to the children: *'Please accept my thanks for your welcome, your assistance and your good humour.'*

This half term has been very busy – children have enjoyed trips to the British Museum, the Science Museum and Verulamium. An exciting, busy half term awaits after the break with sports days, trips, Year 4 & Year 6 productions and lots of interesting learning experiences planned across all year groups. On behalf of the staff, may I wish all our families a happy and safe half term break.

Jim Dees, Headteacher

Celtic Roundhouse – Opening Ceremony



On Monday 24th April we celebrated our very own History Day, which also featured the official opening ceremony for our Celtic Roundhouse. The whole school gathered together on the field. A short assembly was followed by the cutting of the ribbon - the Deputy Mayor (Margaret Davina) along with Aymen, Seren and Anastasia from Year 3 did the honours. We are incredibly grateful to the FOWLS team for all their support for this project – without FOWLS this would not have been possible.

On the day the children dressed up as historical characters and enjoyed participating in a variety of exciting activities including: Celtic storytelling, experiencing life in a Victorian classroom, writing Egyptian hieroglyphs, being archaeologists and much more.

Throughout the term children have been using the roundhouse for story time, circle time and role playing historical scenarios. It has also provided a quiet and cool place to relax during lunchtime.

Manchester

Following the recent attack in Manchester and the raising of the national security threat level to 'critical' we have reviewed our procedures for trips. Following guidance from the Local Authority we will not be planning any trips into Central London or to an iconic venue. We have decided to continue with any trips that are outside of Central London and not to iconic venues. We believe this to be in the best interest of our children, staff and parent helpers.

At present we have a Year 5 trip to the World Para-Athletics Championships on Tuesday 18th July, which will be held in the Olympic Stadium in Stratford. We will continue to review police intelligence and take advice from the Local Authority nearer to the time. We are hopeful that we may be able to go ahead with this trip – however, if the threat level continues to be critical, then we may have to cancel.

We held a minute silence at 11:00am yesterday (Thursday 25th May) and teachers in Upper School shared the BBC Newsround link below. We reassured children that they are safe and that they can talk to any adult at school if they are worried about anything.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

You may find the following link useful as well.

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/manchester-terror-attack-bomb-children--13080812>

I have also attached a leaflet from the NAHT – *'Supporting a child's resilience at a time of crisis'* – to provide additional advice and support for parents/carers.



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FOWLS

A further reminder regarding match funding. Match funding is a simple way through which we can maximise funds raised for FOWLS. The majority of companies provide an opportunity to permanent employees to apply for match funding where the company will match £ for £ on the funds raised in a stall volunteered by the employee. In the past we have had a number of parents working in companies such as DHL, Barclays Bank and BSKyB who had applied for match funding. If you are interested in helping, and are keen to know more or would like to apply for match funding for our forthcoming FOWLS events please contact contact our FOWLS Treasurer Parvadha Swaminathan at parvadha@gmail.com

Upcoming FOWLS Events:

Saturday 10th June – FOWLS' Football Tournament

Monday 19th June – Wednesday 21st June – FOWLS' (Scholastic) Book Fair.

Saturday 24th June – FOWLS' Summer Soiree

Saturday 1st July – FOWLS' Summer Fair

Road Safety & Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs)

I am disappointed that I have to raise this issue again in a newsletter. However, we still continue to witness dangerous driving and parking both at drop-off and pick-up. I would like to remind everyone to ensure that they remain respectful to the local residents if driving to school. Please don't block driveways or park on double yellow lines. As we enter the Summer months – I would encourage everyone to make arrangements to ensure that you are walking to school. If you do have to drive for some of the distance, then I would urge you to park in a safe place, away from the school entrance and avoiding West End Lane and Dickson Fold, then walk the remainder of the journey.

I would encourage everyone to adhere to the three core principles of our school travel plan:

- Encourage an active lifestyle
- Improve safety for pupils on the journey to school
- Cut down pollution

Making the effort to walk this extra distance is a small price to pay for ensuring that every child remains safe on their journeys to and from school. There are many additional benefits gained from enjoying a walk to school – an opportunity to gain some exercise, to experience and enjoy the environment and have longer to develop positive social interaction.

You may have seen the orange jacketed JTAs on Friday mornings, notebooks in hand, patrolling the school entrance on West End Lane. We will be advertising for more JTAs after half term and this will be open to children currently in Year 5. Children who are interested will receive an application form, and those that do apply, will be interviewed for the post.

Performing Arts at West Lodge

Our Musical Taster Evening for Year 3 pupils went really well at the beginning of this term. As a result, we have an impressive amount of children starting new peripatetic lesson in September – 63 in total from Year 3. Overall, we will have 139 children across upper school learning an instrument.

There are many exciting performance opportunities coming up over the next half term.

All of our musical groups have been working hard towards our Musical Evening on the 22nd June - this event is one of the highlights of the year in Upper School. All of the instrumental groups will be performing and the event will culminate with the orchestra. Our Year 5 drama group will also be performing at the music evening – they will be presenting their interpretation of the poem 'The Magic Box'.

Our Year 6 dance troupe will be doing their final performance at the Summer Fair. They will be dancing to 'You Can't Stop the Beat' as well as a mash up of 'Thriller/ Heads will Roll'. Also performing at the Summer Fair will be the Lower School and Upper School choirs and our steel pan group.

On Wednesday 28th June, our Year 3 and Year 4 Choir will be singing at Song Fest, held at the Kadwa Patidar Centre.

We are also looking forward to our summer productions. Year 4 will be performing: Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (Tuesday 13th June at 2pm and Wednesday 14th June at 7pm). Whilst Year 6 will be performing: The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan (Tuesday 4th July at 2pm and Wednesday 5th July at 7pm). *Please note the change in date for the Year 6 evening production – we will now be holding this on Wednesday 5th July due to a clash with Haydon High Schools transition evening.*

I would like to congratulate the following children for achieving their music awards.

Lowena Alberci	Silver Award - Flute
Inika Acharya	Silver Award - Flute
Lucy Groom	Silver Award - Flute
Alexios Serbos	Silver Award - Flute
Robert Krasniqi	Silver Award - Oboe
Vishakha Dhankar	Silver Award - Oboe
Alfie Gilbody	Bronze Award - Drums
Saanjh Lomash	Bronze Award - Drums
Harry Abrahams	Bronze Award - Drums
Rowan Brooks	Bronze Award - Drums
Aditya Dham	Bronze Award - Drums
Vidip Chopra	Bronze Award - Drums
George Casey	Grade 3 - Clarinet



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OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning at West Lodge



So much has happened since our last OPAL update. We continue to recognise the importance of the need for high quality sustainable play for children regardless of their needs and abilities, and believe that inclusive play is achieved by offering carefully considered outdoor spaces that offer a real choice of accessible play opportunities. We have a wide variety of loose parts which the children love playing with, and are now adept at using for a variety of purposes. On Wednesday we were happy to welcome Neil Coleman – our OPAL mentor – to West Lodge, where he carried out the final audit. I am delighted to say that we achieved the platinum award for our outdoor play and learning, the highest possible award! When Neil carried out the audit, we had progressed from 50% to 90% ; a huge achievement in such a short space of time. We will have a presentation assembly in the coming weeks where Michael Follett – the founder of OPAL – will present us with our award.

Although we are delighted to have achieved this award, we see this just as the start of the OPAL journey. We have lots of exciting plans for the future which we have discussed with the children. Our initial plans will involve the development of part of the playing field, so that we can develop natural loose parts play further. This will include a digging area and a wild flower area. In the longer term, we are hoping to develop the adventure playground area including a mud kitchen, some social seating and a stage area. The School Council have met with me and are going to spend some time talking to their classes about what they would like to include in the next phase of the OPAL journey.

Thank you to everyone who has donated loose parts so far. This has been the fundamental element which has led to the success of the project. Children are having a wonderful time playing with the equipment – sharing ideas, talking to their peers (some from other year groups who they have never played with before) and having so much fun! Please continue to donate any items that you have:

- Items with wheels/castors
- Suitcases
- Road signs and cones
- Desks, little tables, stools etc.
- Tools like spades, trowels, brooms and buckets
- Nets and ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators that are no longer working
- Cable drums





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Sports News

21st April

Year 2 Football Tournament, The Hive

An extremely enthusiastic and excited group of Year 2 boys travelled to The Hive to play in their first ever tournament together. In the first group, we played really well and won the first game 1-0 and the second game 2-1. This meant we went through to the winners' group. The boys showed amazing team work and maturity to play their positions so well and this helped us win both matches 4-1. We played some great football and scored all types of goals but also really enjoyed defending and protecting our goal. We are so happy and proud to be Year 2 Harrow Football Champions.

Squad: Cameron, Joseph, Leighton, Aarav, Ben, Clem, Harish, Nicholas, Ethan, Dilip.

5th May

Year 4 Harrow Tennis Competition, Kenton Tennis Club

West Lodge produced an outstanding display at this London Youth Games Qualifier held at Kenton Tennis Club. The two mixed squads both won their groups. They played each other in the semi-finals. The A team progressed to the final and beat Grimsdyke in a tight game to become champions. The B team won the 3rd place playoff. West Lodge will now go forward to represent Harrow at the London Youth Games.

Squad: Team A: Aleisha, Aarav, Julian and Amelie Coyle. Team B: Eshan, Amelie Hodberg, Rian and Lowena

15th May

Year 5 and 6 Girls Pinner Shield vs Longfield

In the dying seconds of game 1, a handball from Longfield meant West Lodge were awarded a penalty. In tiny mini-goals, Fearne stepped up to coolly slot home her penalty into the bottom corner, giving West Lodge a 1-0 win. For game 2, the teams moved to larger 7 a-side goals, West Lodge made the most of the larger space and extra time on the ball and scored some fine goals. Isabelle showed great determination to win the ball twice off the Longfield defence to score the first. Poppy smashed the ball into the top corner to make it 2-0. Charlotte scored the third goal. Our fourth and fifth goals were scored by Poppy and Isabelle. The team was: Melisa, Poppy, Isabelle, Fearne, Charlotte and Summer.

15th May

Year 6 Boys Pinner Shield vs Longfield

On Monday 15th May, West Lodge played in a challenging match against Longfield. Both sides had brilliant players and it was a great experience for all. The amount of goals scored in such a limited time was unbelievable. West Lodge scored 9 goals: Longfield scored 4. The scoring was led by Pratham, who scored an incredible 7 goals! Raiyan (who played as a defender) curled the ball in straight from a corner. Another goal was beautifully set up by Miles- who chipped a beautiful ball from defence - to Zee who belted it home. Yousuf made some great saves as goalkeeper and Dylan, Zaid, Aryan, Miles and Majid played their part – with some resolute defending. Zac had some great link up play with the strikers upfront. Overall, it was an exciting match, played in an excellent spirit. The team was: Pratham, Raiyan, Zee, Majid, Zaid, Zac, Miles, Dylan, Aryan and Yousuf

16th May

Year 5 and 6 Harrow Tri-Golf Competition, Bushey Country Club

Both West Lodge teams showed excellent chipping and putting skills throughout the tournament. Results wise, it couldn't have gone any better. Team 1 came 1st and Team 2 came 2nd out of the 6 teams. We now qualify for the London Youth Games finals in July where we will take on the best in London. The success was a great reward for everybody's hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

Team 1: Kyle, Leo, Yousuf, Zak, Imad, Skyla, Ella, Anna c, Nina and Jessica.

Team 2: Josh, Julian, Krish, Alex, Om, Keighley, Greta, Melisa, Lily and Amelie.

Young Leader - Zee.

18th May

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Gymnastics London Youth Games Qualifier, Norbury Primary School

Facing stiff competition, and having to take part in vault, floor and body management routines, our gymnastics squad performed well. The Year 3 and 4 squad came 3rd whilst the Year 5 and 6 squad came 2nd.

Year 3 and 4 Squad: Cordell, Shriya, Rhian, Rose Barrett

Year 5 and 6 Squad: Nina, Greta, Henry, Ronnie, Reece



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Year 4 Barnet FC Competition, The Hive

West Lodge took two teams to the Year 4 Barnet Football Competition at The Hive. Team 2 played 5 matches, and in every match the team worked hard and supported each other on and off the ball. Despite their best efforts, Team 2 didn't manage to progress through to the semi-finals. Team 1 played some outstanding football, scored some great goals and also showed great organisation in defence. They won every group game so made it to the semi-finals. They won this 1-0 with a well taken goal late on. The final went to penalties but the other team scored one more penalty than West Lodge – so finished 2nd overall. Team 1 did not let a single goal in during the whole tournament and were so proud to finish 2nd out of 22 teams.

Team 1 - Adrit, Julian, Aarav, Josh, Eashan, Rowan and Rian.

Team 2 - Gokul, Milo, Haider, Raafey, Amelie, Ellie and Aaron.

22nd May

Year 6 Harrow Tennis Competition, Kenton Tennis Club

Both Team 1 and Team 2 came 2nd in their groups, as a result they were drawn to play each other in the third place play off. This game finished as a tie so both West Lodge teams finished joint 3rd out of 11 teams. The standard was very good but West Lodge maintained their high level of performance at sport competitions. Team 2 won 4 matches and lost 1, which was to the eventual winners. Team 1 agonisingly missed out on the final by 1 point with their final game finishing 12-11 to the other team. Both teams can be proud of how well they did and some of the tennis played by them was breathtaking. The team was: Joshua, Keighley, Matthew, Cecily, Krish, Raiyan, Roshni and Anna C

22nd May

Year 5 Football vs Ark Academy and Wykeham, Capital City Academy

In the 1st game against Wycombe Primary School, West Lodge had a convincing 6-0 win with Freddie scoring 4 goals, Mayowa and Matthew scored the other two goals. The second game proved more challenging against hosts Ark Academy. We managed to secure a 4-0 win. The goalscorers were: Mayowa, Jamie, Freddie and Charlie.

Squad: Max, Mayowa, Keigan, Jamie, Freddie, Brian, Matthew, Dylan and Nojan

24th May

Year 1 Mini-athletics Championships, Bannister Sports Centre

On a scorching day, some Year 1 children took part in the mini-athletics championships which involved a wide range of activities on the track (hurdles, skipping and running) and a carousel of other activities (boccia, jumping, aiming, over under, tunnel, striking and egg and spoon). Some children from Year 6 attended the event as young leaders and they did a great job running our egg and spoon station. Our Year 1s has great fun and were placed 10th out of 20 schools.

The Year 6 leaders were: Berenice, Georgie, Kareena, Tanisha, Amar, Sim, Amanda, Jiya and George

The Year 1 athletes were: Kian, Shaurya, Taksha, Shreya, Janya, Shaun, Trisha, Ayyan, Ibrahim and Summer

Have a great half-term!

Mr.Nevins, Mr.Went, Mrs.Gobindlal, Miss.Kerl, Mr.O'Rourke, Mr.Bennett and Mr.Dees



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Summer Term 2 - Dates

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 th – 9 th June SRE Week	Topaz swim Year 5 PGL Meeting	Y3 Gordon Brown Centre - Maroon	Y3 Gordon Brown Centre - Lilac Yr 5 & 6 Borough Sports (Heats)	Y3 Gordon Brown Centre - Turquoise	Yr 5 & 6 Harrow Cricket Festival Ramadan Assemblies Saturday - FOWLS Football Tournament
12 th – 16 th June Y1 Phonics Check	Topaz Swim New Reception Parents' Talk (6:30pm) Tennis Festival Y5/6	Y4 Production (2:00pm)	Yr 3&4 Quadkids Y4 Production (7:00pm)	Yr 5 & 6 Girls' Cricket Festival Yr 3 & 4 Cricket festival Y6 Parents' PGL Meeting 2:45pm	Turquoise Class Assembly Cinema Experience – KS2 US Hall; KS1 LS Hall 4:00 – 6:00pm
19 th – 23 rd June	Topaz Swim FOWLS Book Fair 3:00 – 4:30pm	LS Sports Day FOWLS Book Fair 3:00 – 4:30pm	Yr 5 & 6 Borough Sports (Finals) Reception trip to Bekonscot FOWLS Book Fair 3:00 – 4:30pm	US Music Evening 7:00pm	Lilac Class Assembly Saturday – FOWLS Summer Soiree 6:00pm – 9:00pm
26 th June – 30 th June	KS1 Sports Festival Topaz Swim	US Sports Day	Song Festival – Lower School Choir	Y1 Woburn Safari Park Yr 5 & 6 Quadkids B & C Teams RM Committee	Yellow Class Assembly Saturday - FOWLS Summer Fair 11am – 3pm
3 rd – 7 th July	Topaz swim	Y6 Production (2pm)	Play session for new Reception children Y6 High School Transition Day Y6 Production (7pm) <i>(Please note this is a change of date)</i>	Y2 India Day Y4 Synagogue Trip	Silver Class Assembly Parents' Forum 2:00pm
10 th – 14 th July PGL Week – Year 6	Topaz Swim	Y2 Ocarina Recital 2:30pm Q & S Committee	Y3 Recorder Recital 2:30pm		Gold Class Assembly Change 4 Life Festival Reports out
17 th – 21 st July	Parents' eve Class swap day Play morning for new Reception children & networking for parents	Y5 Trip to World Para Athletics Championships (Stratford)	Y6 Leavers' BBQ 7:00 – 8:30		End of Term – LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm

