



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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10th February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short but busy half term at West Lodge. Once again there have been many exciting experiences for the children. Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the Roald Dahl Museum; Year 5 deepened their understanding of World War 2 with their visit to the RAF Museum; whilst Year 2 had a really enjoyable workshop on the Great Fire of London. Year 6 recently travelled into Central London to see Wicked. It was a great experience and there are a whole host of follow-up activities planned for after half-term. The Upper School Choir had a wonderful time on Thursday 19th January performing at the O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices Choir – an annual event for West Lodge - that never fails to live up to expectations. I would like to thank Mr Went and Mrs Taylor for working so hard to organise the trip and provide rehearsal opportunities for the children.

This term we have said goodbye to Mrs Diana Barber and Ms Sarah Barber who have both worked at the school for a number of years. Mrs Diana Barber began working at West Lodge in 1988 and has worked at the school in a number of admin roles for 28 years. She has relocated to Oxford and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new ventures. Ms Sarah Barber began working at West lodge in 2005 and has worked as a Learning Assistant and as a Play leader at After School Club. She has also relocated to Oxford and has taken up a role in a local primary school. I would also like to thank Mr Rackham and Mrs Rawji who have both been working in the office providing cover since September 2016. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and support during this period. We have appointed Mrs Tina Patel to the position of School Administrator – she will be starting on Monday 20th February. Mrs Patel has 12 years' experience working in a primary school. I would also like to thank Mrs Siddiqui, who has been working as an SMSA since 2016, who will be finishing her role at the beginning of March to begin a training course. I would like to thank Mr Wade and Mrs Drury for all of their work in Reception and Kaleidoscope respectively – they have been wonderful additions to the staff team. I would also like to welcome Mrs Tina Vadgama, Mrs Hande Gambrill and Mr Nikhit Shah who have all joined the staff recently. They will all be supporting the children at Breakfast Club and Mrs Vadgama will also be working at lunchtime as an SMSA. Thank you once again for all your continued support - wishing everyone a relaxing, enjoyable and safe half term break.

Jim Dees, Headteacher

FOWLS

I would like to thank the FOWLS team for all their hard work and dedication. I would like to add a reminder of the power of Match Funding. Match Funding is a simple way through which we can maximise funds raised by 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 to know more or would like to apply for match funding for our forthcoming FOWLS events, please contact FOWLS Treasurer, Parvadha Swaminathan, at westlodge.fowls@barclays.com.

Events in the Spring Term

FOWLS Book Fair – 28th Feb, 1st March & 2nd March
FOWLS Quiz Night – Saturday 4th March

Outdoor Play & Learning (OPAL)

We have had a really exciting few weeks and have made great progress with our playground project. All children in Years 1 to 6 took part in a whole school writing project where they were asked to write a persuasive letter, outlining all the things they would like to see on the playground in the future. Ideas ranged from sandpits to tunnels, mud kitchens to quiet zones. These ideas were then discussed with the School Council and many of them will be included in the plans. We are in the process of applying for a variety of grants - we will keep you posted on the progress of these applications! Thank you to those families who have donated their old equipment – we now have a groundhog full of loose parts. However, we still need much more. Please continue to bring in any items that you no longer want. We need lots more plastic boxes, crates, thick ropes and anything on wheels. We had two successful parent sessions on Tuesday 7th February where Neil Coleman, talked through the OPAL programme. We had some really interesting discussions and parents asked a variety of very insightful questions. The next task will be for us to carry out risk assessments for our new play opportunities.

Rights Respecting Schools - Readathon

The children in Campaigning Club are organising a Readathon for the week beginning 27th February. This is part of a national sponsored reading event, with the aim of encouraging children to read for pleasure whilst helping children in hospital. Click the link to find out more. <http://www.readathon.org/> Mrs Leigh and Mrs Eidal will be sending out more information immediately after half term. At the forefront of our mind is Article 23 – every child has the right to have his/her needs met.



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School Uniform & PE Kit

At West Lodge we have high expectations for our appearance and take pride in our school uniform. Recently, we have noticed that some children have been wearing items of clothing and jewellery that are not part of our uniform and we wanted to remind you of the uniform and kit list.

Uniform

- Long grey trousers (short grey trousers in Summer)
- Maroon skirt or pinafore
- School polo shirt (Reception to Year 2) - purchase from school
- White shirt and tie (Years 3 - 6)
- Grey cardigan or V neck jumper with trim and badge (available only from the school outfitters)
- Candy striped or checked summer dress - maroon/white
- Socks - grey or white (no sports socks please)
- Grey or maroon tights
- West Lodge reversible jackets can be worn instead of coats - purchase from school
- Hooded sweatshirts should not be worn instead of a coat
- School cap or maroon cap to be worn in the Summer (this is optional but other caps are not permitted)
- Headbands, hairbands or hair-clips can be worn, but must be black, white, maroon or grey and of an appropriate size
- Nail varnish and make-up are forbidden and should not be worn
- Jewellery - only religious items or small studs as earrings are permitted
- Children should wear black sensible footwear. They should not wear trainers, boots, high heeled shoes or beach wear to school.

PE Kit

- Navy shorts
- White t-shirt (Reception - Year 2)
- House t-shirt (Years 3 - 6) available for purchase from the school office
- Grey or navy jogging bottoms & grey or navy sweatshirt (Reception to Year 2) [This is a change and we do not expect parents to rush out and purchase these now – but from September this will be expected for outdoor PE on cold days]
- Maroon tracksuit with white stripe (Years 3 - 6) (available only from the school outfitters)
- Black plimsolls (Reception - Year 2)
- White trainers (Years 1 - 6)

Swimming (Year 4 only)

- Trunks / one piece swimming costume
- Cap
- Towel

School Outfitters

Kevins

104 Marsh Road
Pinner

0208 866 7208

Angels

363 Rayners Lane
Pinner

0208 866 9972

Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit is named.

Thank you for your co-operation



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Sports News

January 17th

Year 4-6 Harrow badminton championships, Harrow leisure centre

With an inexperienced but eager squad, West Lodge produced some inspired performances! Brothers Julian and Joshua worked well together as did Aditi and Chloe. Most of the squad were taking part in their first badminton competition so it was a great result for Team 1 to place second team 2 fifth overall. Squad: Julian, Joshua, Chloe, Luke, Aditi D, Alexia, Rayyan K.

January 19th

Year 6 Harrow schools cross-country championships, Harrow school

Competing in the u13s race against mainly year 7s from across the borough and covering more distance than in previous years, West Lodge produced excellent team performances with the boys team in 3rd and the girls team in 4th. In the boys race Joshua pipped Zakariyya on the line to grab 12th place. They were well supported by Calvin in 19th and Imad in 20th. Our next two finishers were Otto in 45th and Zac in 51st. Our year 6 girls packed well with Anna Haskarti leading the girls home in 22nd, closely followed by Amelia (24th), Mia (30th), Zola (32nd) Niya (33rd) and Emily (43rd).

January 20th

Year 5 and 6 Sportshall athletics London youth games qualifier, Harrow leisure centre

An agonisingly close competition saw West Lodge just miss out on qualification for the London Youth Games by only 8 points! Our 28-strong squad produced some excellent performances in the running events over 1 lap, 2 laps, 6 laps, relay and the obstacle races. They bettered this in the field events as they dominated the triple jump, chest push and speed bounce. The final team scores read Whitchurch (234 points) and West Lodge (226 points) highlighting how small the gap was between 1st and 2nd! Well done to all!

Boys: Brian, Matthew, Charlie, Max Joshua, Zakariyya, Adam, Calvin, Imad, Rayyan, Raiyan, Zee, Freddie, Sravan.

Girls: Alexia, Amelia P, Anna, Tiara, Ella, Keighley, Nina, Greta, Roshni, Anna C, Mia, Amelia H, Lola, Georgie.

January 26th

Year 6 Netball vs Heathland and Grange

Two home games on the same day in cold conditions brought the best out of West Lodge as both teams stormed to victory! The 'A' team produced a totally dominant display as they overcame Heathland 12-1 with half the goals coming from Ahana! Grange were defeated 6-1 by the 'B' team with Skyla and Zee the standout performers. 'A' team: Alexia, Ahana, Hannah, Pratham, Krish, Joshua, Sophie A, Greta, Poppy. 'B' team: Roshni, Keighley, Mia, Ella C, Summer, Anna C, Skyla, Zee, Raiyan Khan

January 31st

Year 6 Hockey London youth games qualifier, John Lyon playing fields

West Lodge were denied a place at the London Youth Games for the second year in a row. Meeting St.George's 'A' in the final, they fell behind to an early breakaway goal. With St.George's reverting to a defensive formation, our 'A' team chased the game but conceded a second goal to another quick counter attack. Our dominance in possession was finally rewarded with a goal to bring the score back to 2-1. However, as we streamed forward searching for an equaliser, we conceded a late third goal. Earlier, both West Lodge teams were unbeaten in the group stages with West Lodge 'A' comfortably winning all their group games (4-1, 6-0, 8-0) and West Lodge 'B' winning one (2-1) and drawing two games (2-2, 1-1). This meant that both teams met in the semi-finals. A close and tense match was edged by the 'A' team 4 goals to 3. The 'B' team played St.George's 'B' in the 3rd/4th play-off and another tight encounter was decided by a St.George's golden goal. Goal scorers: Raiyan, Keighley, Joshua, Alex, Imad, Greta, Otto, Roshni
West Lodge A: Ella, Greta, Imad, Joshua, Keighley, Raiyan West Lodge B: Alex, Krish, Mia, Otto, Roshni, Skyla.

February 4th

Year 5/6 Watford FC schools tournament

A year 5 boys' squad participated in this competition and it proved an invaluable experience. West Lodge struggled in the first match losing 1-0 to a lucky deflected own goal from a corner. Our next match was a much better result with a 4-0 victory. In our third match, we were up against our opponents from the first game. Another close game ended in a 2-0 defeat. In our final match, we produced a good performance to win 1-0. This meant we finished second in our group but did not make it through to the next stage. A great experience! The squad are eager to return next year! Squad: Jamie, Brian, Keigan, Mayowa, Max, Matthew, Freddie.

February 9th

Year 4 Gymnastics competition, Norbury

Another highly competitive competition was dominated by the home school and Cannon Lane but West Lodge managed to achieve a top 5 team position with Tatjana gaining a judges' award. All girls had to perform a floor routine and vault routine. Our squad did themselves proud especially as this was the first gymnastics competition for some of the squad. Well done! Squad: Amelie H, Tatjana, Lois, Lucy, Jasmine.



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Indoor cricket cluster competition

Monday 9th January: West Lodge 3 took on Roxeth 1. After bowling incredibly well we bowled them out for 35. Keigan, Jamie and Yousuf then batted confidently to reach the total with overs to spare. We have now won two out of two.

Team: Keigan, Jamie, Yousuf, Imad, Zakariyyaa, Kaelen, Charlie and Raiyan.

Monday 23rd January: West Lodge 2 took on Longfield. They batted first and set us an amazing target of 114 runs to win. We fought strongly and managed to reach 91. Leo captained the team well and they should be very proud of the way they played.

Team: Dylan, Dehan, Leo, Luke, Shray, Rayan, Sufyan and Krish.

Monday 6th February: West Lodge 2 played Pinner Park 3. We won the toss and decided to bowl first. After some brilliant fielding particularly from Alex and Pratham we managed to bowl them out for 56. Josh and Pratham then batted imperiously and we reached the total with four overs to spare. Team: Joshua, Adam Pratham, Alex, Krish, George, Om and Kyle.

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

Term Dates – Spring 2					
Week Beginning	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
February 20 th – 24 th	Clubs start Year 4 (Ruby) swimming	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting Governors' Learning Walks	Reception Parents' Number Session am/pm Y5 Visit to Nower Hill Netball Rally Y5/6	Football (6-a-side Tournament)	Sapphire Class Assembly 9am USH
27 th Feb – 3 rd March Book Week	Y4 Ruby Swimming	FOWLS Book Fair Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child	Book Fair FOWLS World Book Day Parent Consultations ISS Food Tasting for Parents (Y1 – Y6)	Book Fair FOWLS Y5/6 Football Girls and Boys Knowledge Centre – Computing Leaders Termly Meeting Parent Consultations ISS Food Tasting for Parents (Y1 – Y6)	Green Class Assembly 9am LSH World Book Day – Dress up in character
					Saturday FOWLS Quiz Night
March 6 th – 10 th	Year 4 (Ruby) swimming Reception Parents' Consultations (Gold Class)	Y2 Museum of London Reception Parents' Consultations (Silver Class) Q & S Committee	Y5/6 Cross Country Reception Animal Man LS Hall Schools Choir Showcase	Parents' Forum Reception Parents' Consultations (Yellow Class)	Pearl Class Assembly 9am USH Cross Country Y5/6
March 13 th – 17 th STEM Week	Year 4 (Ruby) swimming Dance Showcase	Dance Showcase	Year 1 'Crew' workshop House in the Past LS Hall	Gymnastics 3/4 & 5/6 Reception Parents' DB Primary Launch Meetings Full GB Meeting	Ruby Class Assembly 9am USH
March 20 th – 24 th Mock SATs Week	Clubs – Last week Year 4 (Ruby) swimming			RM Committee Meeting	
March 27 th – 31 st	String Festival Y6 Boys' Football Play-off Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child Year 4 (Ruby) swimming	Year 5 Concert 2pm Y6 Girls' Football Play-off Reception trip to Pinner Sainsbury's Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child	Autism Awareness Day Year 5 Concert 7pm	Y3,4,5 & 6 Gymnastics (B & C Teams)	Easter Raffle End of Term LS finish – 1.15pm US finish – 1.30pm

