



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

4th November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first week back to school after half term has gone well and the children have settled back into life at school, working hard and enjoying the range of learning experiences on offer. I am pleased to announce that we received a letter from Nick Gibb (Minister of State for Schools Standards) congratulating the school on the very high standard achieved in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – with 96% of pupils achieving the expected standard. This places the school within the top 8% of all primary schools in the country.

Celtic Roundhouse



I am also excited to announce that we have now received approval from Harrow Planning Department for the building of the Celtic Roundhouse (I heard during half term week). The project will start next week with children in Year 3 and Year 4 being involved in the building project – there will be a series of practical workshops over the next six weeks including: What is a Celtic Roundhouse? Willow Weaving; Building the Walls with Wattle and Daub; Celtic Storytelling; Drumming on a Roman Ship and The Difference Between Romans and Celts. We hope that the roundhouse will be built by Christmas and we plan an opening ceremony in January. Thank you, once again, to all the parents and children who helped with the clearing project in May.

Parents' Forum

I would like to remind parents of the upcoming Parent's Forum – which is scheduled for Wednesday 16th November. The session will run from 9:00 am until 10:30am and we have 3 areas of focus: 1) The School Improvement Plan; 2) Pupil Resilience; 3) Pupil Safety. As with the last forum I will send out a form next Friday for parents/carers to submit questions ahead of the forum. We will take forward ideas and thoughts from the forum to the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

Headteacher's Award

I would like to thank all the children from Years 3 to 6 who submitted their designs for the Headteacher's Award postcard. The quality of work was incredible and it was very hard to choose. The winning designs are from the following children: Lehansa Samaratunga, Sania Kotecha, Ayaan Rajput, Michael Mullins, Mohan Lehto, Tiyyara Gunawardena, Kyle Solanki and Sophie Sheldon. The designs are shown below. One child per class will be nominated each half term to receive the award.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Jim Dees
Headteacher





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West Lodge Date Grid – Autumn Term 2 2016-17

Half Term					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 th – 11 th Nov	Y5 Shakespeare Trip Romeo & Juliet Pearl Swimming	KS1 Sports Festival			FOWLS – Mad hair Day (2 nd hand games & soft toys) Indoor Athletics – Harrow Leisure Centre
14 th – 18 th Nov	Pearl Swimming	Reception RWI Workshop for Parents 9:00am & 2:30pm	Parents' Forum Harrow Table Tennis Competition	Y4 Tag Rugby Festival	Children in Need Aquamarine Class Assembly
21 st – 25 th Nov	Governors' Morning at West Lodge Pearl Swimming	Reception Learning Journals - Parents	KS1 & KS2 Maths Workshop for parents' 9am and 6:30am	Y4 Trip – Aladdin Reception Learning Journals - Parents	Ruby Class Assembly Knit Aid event – Finger Knitting Workshop
28 th November – 2 nd December	Pearl Swimming		Y6 Ancient Greek Workshop	Y5/6 Gymnastics Full Governing Body meeting 7:30pm	FOWLS Christmas Jumper Day (Cakes, bottles & chocolates) Amber Class Assembly Cluster Carols – Pinner Baptist Church – Yr 6 9:00am – 11:00am
5 th – 9 th December	Flu Vaccinations (Year 1, 2 & 3 Children) Pearl Swimming				
12 th – 16 th December	Pearl Swimming Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert 7pm – Pinner Baptist Church	Year 2 Production LS Hall 2.00pm	Year 3 Production US Hall 2.00pm	Year 1 Production 9am LS Hall Year 3 Production 7pm US Hall	Christmas lunch Rec – Y2
19 th – 23 rd Dec	Christmas lunch – Y3 – Y6 Pearl Swimming (last one)	Reception Production 9am LS Hall Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm	Panto LS – Cinderella US – Emperor's New Clothes End of Term – LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm		

