



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

21st October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the first half term of the year comes to a close I would like to thank all the parents/carers of West Lodge for your continued support – we are so fortunate to have such a committed group of parents. I would also like to thank the staff, who have worked so hard to provide the very best for the children and the Governing Board who work tirelessly to support the school.

It has been an exciting half term and the children have settled well into their learning. The Harvest Festival was a big success and I would like to thank all the parents who came to support and who donated for our collection. The food was sent to Harrow Care, who were very grateful for the donations. Exciting trips have taken place with Year 3 visiting Stonehenge, Year 2 visiting Southend and Year 1 visiting Aldenham Country Park. After half term trips are planned for Year 5 to see Romeo & Juliet, Year 4 to see Aladdin and Year 6 have an Ancient Greek Workshop planned. We also look forward to all the Christmas productions from Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, as well as our Carol Concerts. Another exciting half term awaits!

The letter that I sent to parents regarding the 'Clown Craze' last week found its way into the hands of the local press. I feel this may have created more anxiety than was my intention. The purpose of the letter was to raise awareness rather than concern. I would like to confirm that there have been no clown sightings at West Lodge and we have no reason to believe that there will be. We gave general talks to children about staying safe in public spaces and will continue to do so.

Thank you once again for all your continued support - wishing everyone a happy, safe half term break.

Jim Dees, Headteacher

FOWLS

Thank you to the FOWLS team for organising an excellent Navratri event on October 7th and 8th. It was a huge success and enjoyed immensely by those who attended. A total of £2014.51 was raised by the event.

A reminder of key upcoming FOWLS events:

Fri 11th Nov – Mad Hair Day - Please bring in secondhand games and soft toys for the Christmas Fair.

Fri 2nd Dec – Christmas Jumper Day - Please bring in cakes, bottles and chocolates for the Christmas Fair.

Sat 3rd Dec – FOWLS Christmas Fair

Roles of Responsibility

Congratulations to all the children who have been voted in special roles of responsibility this term.

Head Girl – Marley Keylock, **Head Boy** – Zac Choudhury, **Deputy Head Girl** – Nina Jerrom, **Deputy Head Boy** – Josh Luiz.

House Captains – Stan Gilbody, Amanda Sabreen, Miles Johnson, Greta Stone, Leo Daines, Zaynah Sadiq, Hannah Crease, Raiyan Khan.

Sports Captains – Imad Ahmer, Skyla Griffin, George Casey, Mia Wilbraham, Alex Fulgoni, Alexia Baskaran, Luke Sheldon, Keighley Elliot

Upper School Council – Melisa Krasniqi, Alex Fulgoni, Tanisha Chandrasselan, Kareena Cooper, Summer Watson, Maya Varsani, Leo Steadman, Raiyan Khan, Aniya Agarwal, Gurkaran Latamba, Saher Butt, Robert Krasniqi, Jessica Parmar, Raafey Khan, Sachi Bhatia, Reuben Matthews, Catthy Le, Daren Wicknaraj

Lower School Council – Martha Kinsella, Sahil Patel, Nisha Evans, Thomas Haria, Audrey Anderson, Aaran Shah, Julia Lynch, Sophia Modeshia, Nicholas Brooks, Niamh Shah, Mikial Butt, Leighton Elliot, Honey Aldrich

Developing Outdoor Play & Learning



We are very excited to be embarking on a new programme with OPAL (outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk) this year. The OPAL primary programme addresses all of the areas schools must plan for if they want to sustainably improve the quality of play. OPAL create happier playtimes, better play spaces and enable staff to support outdoor learning. However, we cannot do this without your help! To be most effective, children will need a wide variety of objects and materials to play with. We will soon be collecting donations of objects, from spoons to sofa cushions, tyres to ties, crates to kettles, pallets to pieces of wood! In other words, pretty much anything! So, if you are thinking of having a clear-out, please keep any objects that you think we might want for our playground. We will send out a more comprehensive list before the end of term. Happy collecting!

Children as Researchers Course

At the beginning of this academic year, the Steering Group and Learning Research Group were invited to take part in a seven week training course entitled 'Children as Researchers' at the Learning Zone Centre, Wembley Stadium. This training course has been teaching all the children involved: the principles of ethical research, different research techniques and data capture and analysis. The course finishes on 18th November and the children will then carry out research on different areas of school life such as: Building Pupil Resilience, Positive Lunchtimes, What Makes a Successful Lesson? The findings from these research projects will help in our quest of continual improvement. The children involved should be really proud of how they have conducted themselves throughout the course demonstrating what engaging, hard-working and dedicated pupils they are.



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Rights Respecting Schools



For the past few years children at West Lodge have been working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). For this award the children are required to demonstrate a number of different qualities that support and show respect towards the United Nations Convention for the Rights of a Child (UNCRC). This addition to the newsletter is a way in which the Rights Respecting Steering Group can inform parents about the progress we are making towards becoming a rights respecting school.

We have been working on a lot of different aspects of the award in school this term and all the children have learnt about the rights they have. Children have explored the concept of having rights and respecting them by discussing the differences between things we have a right to and things that we would like.

The West Lodge Way

This year, each class has spent a great deal of time discussing the rights which they think are important to them at school. We thought about the rights that are important in the classroom, at playground and at lunchtimes. We decided that one overarching statement supports all of these charters: ***"Treat others as you yourself would like to be treated!"***



Lunchtime Charter

The articles that we thought were most important are listed below:

Article 24: We all have the right to healthy food

Article 24: We all have the right to eat in a clean environment

Article 31: We all have the right to relax

Article 19: We all have the right to be safe

Playground Charter

The articles that we thought were most important when we are on the playground are listed below:

Article 31: We all have the right to relax and play

Article 19: We all have the right to be safe

Article 15: We all have the right to spend time with friends

Article 12 & 13: We all have the right to share our ideas

Classroom Charter

The articles that we thought were most important in the classroom are listed below:

Article 19: We all have the right to be safe

Article 23: We all have the right to have our needs met

Article 28&29: We all have the right to learn and become the best we can be

Article 12&13: We all have the right to share our ideas

Article 14 & 30: We all have the right to our own beliefs

Each class then designed a display showing the rights which need to be respected. The class that was judged to have created the best, most attractive and clear class charter was Amber Class.





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Some Highlights from this Term



High School Applications

Please apply online via eadmissions.org.uk by **Monday 31st October**. We strongly advise that you apply for a place in a Harrow School even if you are applying for a place in a selective school.

West Lodge PALs

Many children in Year 5 and 6 have applied and were successful in becoming West Lodge PALs for the Year 2016/2017. These children will receive training and will help staff in the playground at lunchtime. They will be available to teach others new games, to be a listening ear and to help resolve any conflicts. They will be responsible for making sure that all children have their rights met in the playground. The number of children interested in becoming PALs is incredible – we have appointed **79** children to take on the role. Congratulations to all the newly appointed PALs.

Digital Leaders

It is a pleasure to announce the new Digital Leaders for this academic year. Congratulations to Ahana Chhibber, Anandi Bhabra, Calvin Bayer, Dylan Brooks, Kareena Cooper, Otto Verden, Roshni Ahtti, and Zeeshan Ahmed for being the successful candidates. There were many applicants for the roles, each of whom wrote excellent application forms and spoke clearly and confidently about various Computing topics, including how to help children to be safe online. This is, indeed, the most vital part of a Digital Leader's job and is an area we addressed in our first meeting. Whilst the role of a Digital Leader is ever evolving, the new team seems to be most excited about leading the school in the use of our Green Screen equipment and supporting the teachers in the development of DB Primary. Furthermore, the Digital Leaders will be leading e-safety assemblies across the school and interacting with teachers from across the borough of Harrow when they attend Computing training.

Clubs

Our staff-run clubs will start up after half term. Last year we increased the range and variety and particularly focused on introducing clubs into Key Stage 1. Club choices will be sent out on Tuesday 2nd November and clubs will begin during the week beginning 14th November.



Sewa involves performing an act of kindness without expectation of reward. It is performed selflessly and without ulterior motive. West Lodge has been awarded The Sewa Pioneers Award for its previous projects, and this year we continued to spread the message of Sewa.

This year, each class completed a sewa project - a huge range of activities were carried out: children created bookmarks for the elderly; donated items to Banardos in Pinner; made cards and drew pictures for children in hospital; decorated plant pots and planted seeds and hosted elderly members of the community for an afternoon of tea and entertainment.

Our next activity linked to Sewa will be another Knit Aid event on Friday 25th November, where we will be hosting a finger knitting workshop. If you are an expert knitter and are able to help out at the workshop during the afternoon of 25th November, please contact the school office.

Heath Robinson Museum

We are very excited about the opening of the new Heath Robinson Museum in Pinner Memorial Park. At the opening event on Saturday 15th October the winner and runner-up of the Illustration Competition were announced. Congratulations to Amelia Phipson and Stan Gilbody – their book cover illustrations are shown below.





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Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival - October 13th

This competition switched from a London youth games qualifier to a festival as changes to rugby union rules meant no competitive rugby union for under 12s. West lodge took three teams and played with great spirit producing some superb performances.

This festival was excellent preparation for the Rugby League London Youth Games qualifier in the spring term (date tbc).

Team 1: Freddie, Mayowa, Joshua, Julian, Nina, Keleigh, Alex, Skyla, Ella, Zakkariya

Team 2: Charlie, Max, Otto, Brian, Pratham, Rayaana, Isobel, Lola, Mia, Calvin, Keigan

Team 3: Evie, Armaan, Sam, Issa, Amelia, Kyle, Finn, Arjun, Madelaine, Yousaf

Year 5/6 Football Barnet FC Cup - October 15th

West Lodge took part in the Harrow 7-a-side Tournament on Saturday 15th October. This competition is part of the national English Schools' FA competition. The first match was against Elmgrove and after a slow start West Lodge began to put some passes together. Eventually a breakthrough was made - Imad played a delightful through-ball for Freddie who outpaced the defenders to score. Freddie scored soon after and completed his hat-trick before half time. Two close range finishes from completed the score and West Lodge won 5-0. Man of the match was Kyle. A game against Marlborough followed, who started brightly putting West Lodge on the back foot. Marlborough scored an excellent goal and went 1-0 up. Slowly, West Lodge got back into the game. Kyle and Otto performed superbly together at the back and provided a strong platform for the team. Zak and Luke were full of energy and creativity in midfield and Freddie was leading the line with intelligent running. An equaliser came just before half time - when Freddie broke free and finished expertly. In the second half Josh began to exert his influence as he shook off an earlier injury - he scored two excellent goals to take West Lodge into the lead. Further goals from Freddie and Alex completed the scoring and West Lodge ran out 7-2 winners. Man of the match was Otto. The final game was against St Bernadettes. Two early goals from Freddie helped West Lodge race into a lead, however St Bernadettes pegged us back and at half time it was 2-2. An excellent header from Luke ensured West Lodge edged back into the lead, this was soon followed by a third goal from Freddie. West Lodge won the game 4-2. Man of the match was Freddie. Zee and Adam shared the goalkeeping duties throughout and both made excellent saves and showed good composure.

As winners of the Harrow 7-a-side tournament West Lodge will now go forward to represent Harrow in the Middlesex competition.

Squad: Zee, Adam, Alex, Imad, Zak Shafi, Joshua, Otto, Luke, Freddie

Year 6 Football league vs Longfield - October 18th

Fresh from a fantastic result in the cup competition, West Lodge played their first league match of the season against Longfield. After a slow start where Longfield pegged our defenders back for long periods, West lodge eventually found their rhythm with Josh, Luke and Alex having good efforts blocked or just wide. Our pressure eventually showed as Alex made a break on the right wing to cross for Josh. His shot was saved well but Alex was hand in the stroke the ball home from close range. The second half saw West lodge create wave after wave of attacks with only the superb reactions of the Longfield goalkeeper stopping west lodge from reaching double figures. One save diving low to his left kept out a superb header from Alex was a wonderful piece of goalkeeping which Mr. Dees described as the 'best ever save he'd seen in a schools match!' In the dying moments Longfield nearly scored an equaliser but Yusuf stood his ground to make a good save. Zak Shafi was man of the match for his tireless work off the ball and composure whilst in possession. He was well supported by Alex, Imad, Luke and Josh in midfield and attack. Defensively Rayyan, Otto, and Kyle worked well.

Squad: Zee, Rayyan Khan, Adam, Alex, Imad, Zak S, Zac C, Dylan, Leo, Joshua, Yousuf, Otto, Luke

Year 5 and 6 cross country championships - October 19th

With each race fielding large numbers of up to 100 runners per race, West Lodge was up against some good competition. The year 5 girls finished strongly with Amelia storming through the field to finish 2nd only just behind 1st place. Lola placed inside the top 10 with Isabelle, Charlotte and Fearnie all finishing inside the top 30. The Year 5 boys produced an astonishing piece of front running with West Lodge placing 1st to 5th in the order of Matthew, Max, Charlie, Brian and Freddie. Kaelen, Keigan, Jamie and Dylan also ran well finishing inside the top 20.

In the Year 6 girls' race Amelia was the first West lodge girl home grabbing a top 10 finish. She was well supported by Zola, Niya and Anna, Mia, Ella. The year 6 boys' race was exciting to watch as Joshua, Zak Shafi and Imad finished strongly to all grab top 15 places. Alex was not far behind with Dylan and Zac Simmons offering excellent support. The full results have yet to be published but it looks like West lodge did well in the team results as well. Well done to all - a great result!

Next term the following fixtures take place: Indoor sports hall athletics: years 3/4 and years 5/6, table tennis: years 5/6, year 4 tag rugby, years 5 and 6 gymnastics, year 6 netball league.

Have a great half-term and keep active!

Mr. Nevins, Mr. Went, Mr. Dees, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Beckwith, Mrs. Dunn (PE Team)



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West Lodge Date Grid – Autumn Term 2 2016-17

Half Term					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 st Oct– 4 th Nov	Pearl Swimming	Reception Parents' Consultations – Gold Class 8:00 am – 5:30pm	Reception Parents' Consultations – Silver Class 8:00 am – 5:30pm	Reception Parents' Consultations – Yellow Class 8:00 am – 5:30pm Governors RM Committee	Topaz Class Assembly
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		