



West Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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19th July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The academic Year 2015-16 draws to a close. It has been another exciting, enjoyable and hard-working year at West Lodge Primary School. I would like to thank the whole staff team for their incredible work ethic and unstinting commitment to providing the very best education for the children of West Lodge - staff have worked very hard this year to ensure that our pupils receive a well-balanced curriculum with a rich variety of experiences. I would also like to thank our very committed Board of Governors who give up so much time for the school - providing support and challenge to the to ensure that West Lodge goes from strength to strength. Also, our parent community - we are so fortunate to have such a supportive set of parents at West Lodge - who are always willing to give their support to the children and school. We are so fortunate to have such a committed team and the strong feeling of teamwork across all stakeholders is so heartening.

I would like to announce a change to the leadership structure at West Lodge. We will have a structure of two deputy headteachers from September 2016. Mrs Jayne Grant has been appointed as our second Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for inclusion, mental health and well-being and pastoral care. Miss Rolnick will continue with her responsibility for overseeing the curriculum, assessment and teaching & learning. Mrs Grant went through a rigorous appointment process last week and was successfully appointed. This will strengthen our leadership and enable us to provide clear focus and leadership in an area of increasing importance. I would like to pay tribute to Miss Rolnick, who has proved to be an excellent addition to the leadership of West Lodge. Miss Rolnick has had an excellent impact across the school and been a very committed Deputy Headteacher - we have really enjoyed working together this year and forged a strong leadership partnership!

Another change for the new academic year will involve Miss Addinall being seconded to Roxbourne Primary School as an Acting Deputy Headteacher for the Autumn Term. We were approached by the Harrow School Improvement Partnership (HSIP), who asked if we would be able to support Roxbourne. Miss Addinall is a very experienced Assistant Headteacher, who continues to make an outstanding contribution to West Lodge - her vast array of leadership skills will enable her to make a very positive impact at Roxbourne Primary School during the Autumn Term. We have appointed Andrew Maher to cover Miss Addinall's teaching commitment and he will teach Maths groups across Years 5 & 6. Mr Maher is an experienced teacher - who has been teaching at Pinner Wood Primary School over the last year and comes with excellent references. We have also appointed Mr West as Acting Assistant Headteacher for Years 5 & 6 to cover Miss Addinall's role in leading this phase during the Autumn Term. Mr West is an outstanding practitioner, who has gained a lot of leadership experience leading Literacy across the school and also leading Year 6 with such success. Mr Kalidas will lead the West Lodge Computing Knowledge Centre during the Autumn Term - providing training for other Harrow schools. Mr Kalidas is the Computing Subject Leader at West Lodge and has worked closely with Miss Addinall on the Knowledge Centre this year.

I outlined other changes to teaching staff in the letter that I sent last week - however, I have also added this to the newsletter. As stated in the letter, we will be saying goodbye to some valued colleagues at the end of this term and we would like to wish them all the very best in their new adventures. Mrs Hurcum joined West Lodge at the time of amalgamation in 2009. Mrs Hurcum has brought vast experience to the school and taught across the whole primary age range, whilst also taking on the role of Year Group Leader. She is relocating to Suffolk and will be continuing to develop her passion for Art. She has been the Art & Design leader for West Lodge and her skill, passion and knowledge for this subject has ensured that it is a real strength of the school. Her legacy will always remain with the wonderful mural in the Lower School library. She hopes to keep in touch and do some bespoke Art projects with the school in the future.

Dr Gilani is moving to Elmgrove Primary School as an Assistant Headteacher. She has taught at West Lodge since 2011. Taking on the role of Year Group Leader, Dr Gilani has led both Year 3 and Year 4 with skill and expertise. She also led Science across the school, leading the curriculum and supporting staff with lots of ideas in how to teach Science successfully. Her enthusiasm for Science is infectious and she has inspired a lot of children to become young scientists.

Mr Watkin has been at West Lodge since 2011, when he joined as an NQT. He has taught in Years 4, 5 & 6 and led Maths across the school. Mr Watkin is relocating to Birmingham and taking up a Maths Co-ordinator role in a large primary school in Balsall Heath. He has introduced a number of excellent initiatives across the Maths curriculum and in the assessment of Maths. His knowledge and passion for the subject has ensured that the teaching of Maths has continued to improve at West Lodge.

Miss Trinidad is also relocating and will be moving to a primary school in Great Missenden. She joined West Lodge as an NQT in 2013 and has taught in Years 3 & 4. She has gone from strength to strength each year and has been an excellent class teacher, forming very good relationships with pupils, staff and parents. Miss Trinidad ran the Lower School Dance Club and her dance troupe performed superbly at the Dance Showcase in March this year.

Mrs Abdelhady is moving to work at Hayes Park Primary School, as this is closer to home for her. She has been at West Lodge since September 2008. She joined as an NQT in Reception. After a couple of years in Reception, she led the year group whilst Miss Tester was on maternity leave. Mrs Abdelhady has also worked in Year 5 and taught French across Key Stage 2. She worked hard to revitalise the French curriculum at West Lodge and has had a positive impact across the school.

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Miss Burns, who has been teaching Topaz class since March, will be coming back in September and covering Mr Winch's timetable until October. Miss Burns is planning to move to Dubai during the Autumn term so unfortunately won't be able to be with us in the long term. She has worked very hard with Topaz Class and done a wonderful job with them over the last term. We will miss all staff that are leaving and we would like to wish them every success in the future.

We have made a number of exciting appointments for 2016-17. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mrs Leigh who has been promoted to Year Group Leader – she will lead Year 6 next year. Mrs Taylor has taken over responsibility for Creative Arts and will lead this across the school next year. Finally, Miss McHaffie has been appointed as Science Leader – she will lead this area of the curriculum next year. All three teachers are excellent practitioners and we are excited about their promotions – I am confident that they will lead their areas with passion and commitment.

Miss Corby will be joining to teach Purple Class in Year 2. She has recently completed her BA Ed course at the University of Reading. Her specialism at the University of Reading has been English and she brings with her experience across the primary age range having carried out placements in Key Stage 1 and 2. Miss Jennings will also be joining the West Lodge team and will be teaching Amber Class in Year 5. She completed a Humanities degree at the University of Nottingham with specialisms in German and History before embarking on her PGCE. She recently completed her PGCE with Brunel University. She recently accompanied our Year 6 cohort to PGL at the end of June. Miss Nurmohamed will also be joining West Lodge. She carried out her recent PGCE placement at West Lodge and was based in Turquoise Class. Next Miss Nurmohamed will also be teaching Turquoise Class in Year 3. She gained a BSc Honours degree in Psychology from Queen Mary University of London before embarking on her PGCE with Brunel University.

Mrs Vaghela will also be joining the staff team. She came into teaching via the Schools Direct route and has been teaching at the Cuckoo Hall Academy Trust in Enfield. She is an excellent teacher with a passion for English, having worked as a journalist before entering the teaching profession. She will be joining the staff and teaching Aquamarine Class in Year 5. Also joining the staff team in September will be Mrs Gobindlal. She has three and a half years teaching experience in New Zealand. She has taught across upper Key Stage 2 and comes with excellent references from the school she worked at in New Zealand. She is currently in South Africa volunteering with the Centre for Education Rights and Transformation (CERT), University of Johannesburg, South Africa. Mrs Gobindlal will be teaching Sapphire Class in Year 6. I am also happy to inform you that Mrs Dunn, who has been teaching in Pearl Class over the Spring and Summer terms, will continue working at West Lodge in September. Mrs Dunn will be based in Year 4 again next year – teaching Pearl Class.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Conboy. Mrs Conboy has worked as a Learning Support Assistant at West Lodge since 2009. She has made a very positive contribution to the school, supporting many children during that time. Mrs Conboy will be taking up a role at the Royal Masonic School for Girls in Rickmansworth. Also, Miss Trivedi – who has worked as a Learning Support Assistant at West Lodge since November 2015 supporting children in Year 5. Miss Trivedi will be embarking on teacher training from September 2016. We wish both Mrs Conboy and Miss Trivedi all the very best in their new adventures. We would also like to thank Mrs Bansal who has been working in the office as a Finance Administrator since November and is moving to Bourne Primary School in Ruislip – we wish her well in her new role. Miss Slater and Mr Hawker have both been working in the office since January, providing temporary cover, and have been a great help to the administration team – we thank them both for all their hard work and wish them well for the future.

The full staffing structure will be going out with today's newsletter and you will notice a change in terminology in relation to support staff. In the past we have had Teaching Assistants and Learning Support Assistants. After consultation with staff, we have decided to merge these roles into one role: Learning Assistant. This will enable greater flexibility of deployment and greater opportunities for support staff to develop a wider range of skills. In addition, this will also provide the opportunity for us to create a more 'wrap-around' approach to supporting children.

Three experienced Governors are leaving the Board this year. Firstly, Mrs Tanya Jerrom, who has been a Governor since 2009 – she has contributed a tremendous amount as a parent governor and we will miss her passion, commitment and incredible support. Mrs Jerrom was the EYFS link Governor and contributed a great deal of support in this area as well as being a regular contributor in committee meetings and full Board of Governors meetings. In addition, Mrs Ishbel Horsley will be leaving the Board of Governors after many years of service. Mrs Horsley has been an incredibly committed Governor and made a wonderful contribution over the last eight years – supporting the school in a myriad of ways. Mrs Julie Bliss, who has been a Local Authority Governor for West Lodge, has been a great supporter of the school and worked hard to support in the school in a number of ways. We are very grateful for the support that Tanya, Ishbel and Julie have provided the school and I am sure that the whole school community would echo my sentiments in extending our gratitude to them for all their hard work in support of West Lodge.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of the new school year - Monday 5th September 2016 - ready and eager for year ahead!

Kind regards,

Jim Dees—Headteacher



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End of Year Statutory Assessments 2015-16

We are very pleased with progress that the children have made across the school. In Reception – our percentage for the Good Level of Development has risen for the fourth year in a row and is now very close to the Harrow average. The progress made across Reception has been very good for this cohort and is reflected in the data below the GLD. The average across all 17 areas of development for this cohort was 62% being at age related expectations in September, whereas the average across all 17 areas of development was 90% of by the end of the year.

The Y1 Phonics check has increased this year and 96% of children achieved the expected standard. We feel that the impact of Read, Write, Inc has been instrumental in the incredible progress that the Y1 children have made in this area.

The children in Years 2 & 6 are the first to be assessed against the new interim assessments and have only had 2 years studying the new curriculum, which has seen a much higher set of standards imposed on all schools. This has been a very challenging year for staff and children and they have risen admirably to the challenge with an excellent set of results that compare favourably to both Harrow and National averages.

Early Years Foundation Stage

	West Lodge 2016	Harrow 2016	National 2015
Good Level of Development (GLD)	71%	72%	66%
Average attainment on entry (% children at age related) for this cohort (Sept 15)			62%
Average attainment at the end of the year (% children at age related) for this cohort (June 16)			90%

Year 1 Phonics

	West Lodge 2016	National 2016
% of pupils meeting the required standard of Phonic decoding	96%	81%

Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments

Percentage of Children at the expected standard – Teacher Assessments

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Reading, Writing & Maths Combined Score
West Lodge	82%	75%	78%	71%
Harrow	77%	71%	78%	N/A
National (Sample)	74%	66%	73%	66%

Key Stage 2 SATs

Percentage of Children at the expected standard – KS2 SATs

	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing (TA)	Reading, Writing & Maths Combined Score
West Lodge	89%	93%	87%	92%	80%
Harrow	70%	80%	78%	76%	60%
National	66%	72%	70%	74%	53%

Average Scaled Scores – Key Stage 2

	Reading	GPS	Maths
West Lodge	108	109	109
Harrow	104	107	105
National	103	104	103



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FOWLS

On behalf of the school can I say a special thank you to FOWLS. The FOWLS committee have worked so hard this year organising a whole range of hugely successful events. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Namita Bhatia and Ruth Alberici who have led the FOWLS team superbly over the last two years. Since steering the ship from September 2014, and under the tireless stewardship of Namita and Ruth, FOWLS have raised approximately £50,000. This is an incredible achievement. This has helped fund the new interactive whiteboards, iPads and a whole range of resources for the school. In addition, the money raised will fund the Celtic Roundhouse project which will pick up speed in September. A future project for 2017 will be the redevelopment of the adventure playground next to the Jubilee Block. The Summer Fair this year raised over £13,000 - an unprecedented amount and testament to the incredible hard work of the whole FOWLS team. I am happy to announce that a new Chair and treasurer were appointed at the recent AGM: Mrs Jenny Allsop will be the new Chair of FOWLS and Parvatha Swaminathan the new Treasurer.

Celtic Roundhouse & Nature Trail

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents, carers and children who helped with the clearing of brambles and undergrowth to create the space for the nature trail and Celtic Roundhouse. The nature trail has been used by the children across the school and for some Forest School sessions. The Celtic Roundhouse work will begin again in September – where the new Year 3 and Year 4 children will be involved in the build process as part of their History topics. Other children across the school will experience workshops and talks linked to the build of this exciting project! We are very grateful to FOWLS for supporting this project.

West Lodge Star

We would like to thank Dr Gilani, Mrs Hurcum, Mrs Abdelhady, Miss Trinidad and Mr Watkin for their parting gift to the school. They have registered a star for West Lodge. The star is in the constellation – Ursa Major and has been named: West Lodge.

The star's astronomically verified position is –
Right ascension 8h 56m 13.6s
Declination 46 degrees 42' 41.27"

This is a really exciting gift and we are very grateful!

Uniform—Year 2 going into Year 3

As your child will be in Year 3 next year they will be expected to wear a shirt and tie rather than the polo shirt. PE kits will remain the same.

Lost Property

Please collect any lost property today. If you are a parent of Year 6 and do not have siblings coming through the school, would you please donate your child's track suit (or any other uniform) to school. Thank you

Swimming

For the first four weeks of term we will be taking a Year 5 group swimming – to help provide some top-up sessions for those children who haven't yet reached 25m. Year 4 will be then begin their sessions from Monday 10th October – Pearl Class will have their lessons during the Autumn Term.

Extended Schools

I am pleased to announce that we will be increasing the number of places at both Breakfast Club and After School Club by 20 at each club, in an attempt to meet the ever increasing demand. We will be informing parents about places for the next academic year later this week – after we have carried out a thorough analysis of our admission criteria. After a benchmarking exercise against local schools – the new cost for each will be as follows: Breakfast Club - £4 and After School Club - £8.

Instrumental timetable for Years 4—6

Teachers from the Harrow Music Service will meet with their pupils on the following days to arrange lesson times
The first teaching day will be Tuesday 6th September 2016

Tuesday	Cello	Hwei Ping Jang	14.00 - 14.30
Wednesday	Violin	Luke Waterfield	10.00 - 13.00
Wednesday	Drums	Ben Sugden	12.30 - 15.30
Thursday	Guitar	Richard Hughes	11.30 - 15.30
Thursday	Woodwind	Alison Bell	13.00 - 15.30
Thursday	Brass	James Casey	13.30 - 15.30
Friday	Woodwind	Kirsty Broadmore	12.00 - 15.30
Friday	Indian Tabla	Vijay Jagtap	13.00 - 13.30



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Sports Newsletter

Year 4 Tennis, Kenton Tennis club

May 10th

West Lodge produced an outstanding display at this London Youth Games Qualifier held at Kenton Tennis Club. The boys' squad was unbeaten in all of their games to top their group with the girls finishing a close second in their group. This meant West Lodge was the overall winner qualifying to represent Harrow at the London Youth Games.

Squad: Saffron, Evie, Chloe, Grace, Timur, Dylan, Charlie, Mayowa

Year 5 & 6 Basketball, Pinner High School

June 8th

West Lodge Primary School took part in the Harrow Mixed Year 5/6 Basketball Competition on Tuesday 7th June 2016, taking a squad of ten players to the 3 v 3 tournament at Pinner High School. We arrived at their sports hall full of confidence having trained in weeks of early morning sessions. There were some excellent individual players and teams at the tournament. We were able to field three teams, who all showed no lack of effort or teamwork in attempting to win their games. West Lodge 2 did exceptionally well to win their group but narrowly lost to Whitchurch in sudden death extra time. Well done Year 6 players *Jonathan, Jesse, Kevin, Stevie, Erin and Phillip*; and Year 5 players *Joshua, Ahana and Roshni*.

Year 6 Tennis, Kenton Tennis Club

June 13th

In a rain hit tournament, this competition did not get past the group stages. Molly and Skye were dominant in winning all of their games and Adam D and Wilfred had mixed success winning some of their matches. Well done to the squad in battling through far from ideal playing conditions!

Year 4 Quadkids, Bannister sports centre

June 15th

An extremely close contest saw West Lodge A put together an impressive 1344 points just pipping Pinner Park A to 1st place by 30 points! West Lodge B were 5th with 1227 points just 124 points behind! With some outstanding performances across the sprints, middle-distance, long jump and vortex howler this was an excellent display from the whole squad.

Squad: Ronnie, Kaelen, Milun, Matthew, Max, Brian, Mayowa, Jamie, Oliver, Sravan, Charles, Freddie, Nojan, Saffron, Evie, Isis, Anisia, Chloe, Charlotte, Amelia, Madeleine, Isabelle, Lola, Sophie, Fearné.

Year 4 Cricket Festival, St. John's school, Northwood

June 16th

The weather was again the enemy at this festival as not all matches were completed due to waterlogged pitches. However, West Lodge had 3 teams representing the school and produced some excellent performances. Kayden put in a good all round display, Aniya batted superbly with a number of boundaries and Finn bowled well in Team 1. For Team 2, Eashan and James were brilliant at batting and fielding, Sujaanan took some wickets and Saher managed a wonderful spell of 2 wickets in a row! Our most experienced team (3) were exceptional as they won all of their games with the main highlights being Jamie and Timur's bowling, Chloe's batting and Keigan's excellent captaining. Well done to the whole squad!

Team 1: Dehan, Kayden, Aniya, Finn, Sujaanan, Daren, Team 2: Shray, Eashan, James, Saher, Sami, Noah, Team 3: Keigan, Timur, Chloe, Jamie, Sufyan.

Year 5/6 Cricket London Youth Games

June 16th and June 22nd

Congratulations go to the Year 5/6 cricket squad for winning the group stages of the tournament at Harrow St. Mary's and as a result, reaching the London Youth Games as champion of Harrow. On the day of the London Youth Games, we won all of our group games, beating the champions of three other London Boroughs. In the quarter-finals we came up against a very strong team from the Borough of Newham who narrowly beat us after a wonderful bowling display. The whole squad played well as a team and they all made contributions to be proud of.

Squad Names: William, Raiyan, Ali, Sophie, Aishi, Daniel, Alex, Raghav, Philip, Yousuf, Imad, Stevie, Freddie, Christian, Harry. Well done all.

Year 5 and 6 Harrow athletics championships, Bannister sports centre

June 22nd

The day started well in the 600m races, Josh and Keighley continuing their superb recent form in winning their races with good support from Zak and Amelia, both running bravely to finish in 3rd place. Molly was third in the Year 6 girls' 800m race with Christian 7th in the boys' race. In the Year 6 sprints, both Jiya and Jesse did brilliantly to reach the 75 metres final with Jesse just missing out



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Year 3, 4 and 5 Swimming, Harrow Leisure Centre

June 28th

Competing against 14 other primary schools in Harrow, Keigan was up first racing in front crawl and placed 3rd in a tight contest. Mia swam strongly in the girls' freestyle in a competitive race. Raiyan came 3rd, Zee 4th and Dylan 3rd in backstroke. The relay races produced some strong performances. As a school we finished in 10th place. Well done to all. *Squad: Vishakha, Amelie H, Keigan, Madelaine, Zack A, Dylan, Greta, Rayan, Mia, Sophie A, Zee, Tianna, Ella C, Anna C, Sania, Kevin.*

Chess competition, Roxbourne Primary School

June 30th

On Thursday 30th June, West Lodge Primary School sent a team of 4 Year 5 chess players to take part in the Harrow Primary Schools' Tournament at Roxbourne Primary. Accompanied by Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Rajput, Hannah, Ahana, Miles, Raiyan represented the school admirably, bringing home the silver medal. Many thanks to Roxbourne for hosting the tournament once again. *Squad: Raiyan Khan, Ahana, Miles, Hannah.*

Year 4 Tennis London Youth Games festival, Crystal Palace

June 30th

On Thursday 30th June I was part of a team of four tennis players (Timmy, Chloe and Charlie) who took part in the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. We left school at 0830 on our long journey to South London and arrived in time for the opening ceremony. We had very little time for standing around though because the mini tennis tournament started almost immediately. We were each given a seeding, boy 1, boy 2, girl 1 and girl 2; playing one game against the other teams corresponding player to complete each 'rubber'. If we tied the rubber, then the winner was decided based on how many points the team won overall. It was a long day as we played eight rubbers in our group. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the semi-finals, but we did come second in our group against a very high standard of competition. We all had a great time representing West Lodge Primary School and must thank Mr. Long and Mrs. Cole for taking us to the London Youth Games. Report written by Saffron.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Football festival, The Hive

July 4th

This fun festival, organised by Whitchurch Primary School, was a 9 a side tournament played on astroturf. Our West Lodge girls- most fresh from a year's worth of training- tried their very hardest. With goals hard to come by, our two teams battled to a few draws, some close loses and a few victories. Notable performers were Ahana who was in goal and pulled off some superb reaction saves; Keighley driving and scoring from midfield; and Sophie stopping almost every attacker! *Squad: Year 4- Charlotte, Isabelle, Sophie, Lola, Year 5- Keighley, Emily, Poppy, Greta, Jessica, Ahana, Anna, Mia, Zola, Summer.*

Year 6 Rounders, Pinner Park primary school

July 13th

The Rounder's competition was amazing. However, the journey there wasn't the best because it rained heavily. In the first game we went up against St. John's Primary School. It was a very close game but unfortunately we lost. We all tried our very best; we wanted to get past the group stages. However, the other teams were very skilled and we didn't progress. Amazingly, the second West Lodge team went past the group stages into the semi-finals! Unluckily, they lost and came third out of the 3 teams in the semi-finals winning a bronze medal. Report written by Harry.

Red team: Sharvess, Henry, Harry, Adam, Dylan, Yash, Aishi, Niamh, Abigail, Jiya, Blue team: Louis, Mikael, Seyon, William, Thomas, Rashaan, Nandita, Leeya, Isabella, Urva.

Year 5 and 6 Quadkids competition, Bannister sports centre,

July 14th

West Lodge Reds placed 5th out of 10 teams. Outstanding performances were from Philip for throwing 32 metres in the vortex howler, Mia producing a long jump of 1.82 metres. There were also some strong performances in the 600 metres (Tom in 4th place) and 75 metres sprint races.

Reds: Max, Otto, Tom, Philip, Connie, Libby, Anna H, Niya, Mia, Stevie, Blues: Tino, George, Pratham, Zak C, Jessica, Sophie D, Anna C, Kareena, Skyla.

Good luck and goodbye to Year 6. Have a great summer and see you in September!

Mr.Nevins, Mr.Long, Mr.Went, Mr.Dees and Mr.Bennett.