

West Lodge Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 12th February 2016

Headteacher's Hello

As another half term draws to a close, we can reflect on a very successful six weeks of school. It is nice to see the mornings getting lighter, hopefully the worst of the bad weather is out of the way and we look forward to a bright, sunny, dry remaining Spring term. I have included the key dates for the next half term in this newsletter. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication to the children during this half term. Also, I would like to thank the whole parent community for the wonderful support that we receive—we are very fortunate to have such a supportive and helpful parent community. The Governors at West Lodge continue to work incredibly hard to help the school and we are very grateful for all the support and challenge that they provide. We welcome back Bridie McHaffie on March 2nd—she will be returning to teach Blue Class.

Here is a reminder of the continuing work we are doing to help the children develop the Secrets of Successful Learners. All year groups have been working on developing the children's awareness of these 8 Secrets of Success: **1) Try new things** - successful people are always open to trying out new things. **2) Work hard**—if you want to get really good at something there are no short cuts. It's all about practising. **3) Concentrate**—to get good at anything you need to focus to get it done and learn to avoid distractions. **4) Challenge and push yourself**—when you feel shy or nervous or that you don't feel like doing something, this is when you need to push yourself to do the task/challenge. **5) Imagine**—successful people imagine what things could be like. If you want things to change, first you have to think about how they could be—this is creative thinking. **6) Improve**—to be successful we must always try to make things better. **7) Understand others**—What can I give? How can I be helpful? **8) Don't give up**—there will always be challenges and difficulties, but at West Lodge we never give up!

Can I remind you there is an OFSTED parent view link on our website under Parents and Community/Useful Links, please take the time to have a look over half term and add any comments that you may have.

May I wish you a happy half term and remind you that children return on Monday 22nd February. Wishing you a happy and healthy half term holiday.

Jim Dees—Headteacher

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Healthy Schools Silver Award

West Lodge is the first school in Harrow to achieve the Healthy Schools Silver Award. A reminder that sweets and chocolates should not be brought in for children's birthdays. If your child would like to bring something in to share with the class, then a healthy snack or piece of fruit is preferable. Alternatively, a donation of a book to the library could be made. More information on being Sugar Smart can be found on the following website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/campaigns/sugar-smart>

Road Safety

Yet again it has been brought to my attention that some parents and carers are dropping their children off in the morning beside the zebra crossing outside the school gates and on the zig zags at the front and back gates. These practices are extremely dangerous as they hinder visibility for children crossing the road. I have also been made aware that some parents have been driving into and turning their car around in the staff carpark next to where the current building work is taking place. This is extremely dangerous as many children and parents walk along this section of pavement on the way to school. If you are the owner of the **VW Passat GR07EFF** please refrain from using this car park as a drop off. If any parents or carers witness any incidents, please take the registration of the vehicle concerned and bring it to the school office for my attention. After half term, we will be appointing and training some Year 5 children as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO). They will take up their role in the Summer term which will include promoting road safety issues within the school and local community. Details on how to apply for a JRSO role will be sent out in the Summer term. Thank you for your vigilance and support in this very important matter. We need to continue to work together as school and community to ensure every child's safety.



New Diary Feature on the School Website

A new feature of the school's website allows you to subscribe to events from the school calendar so that they download into your own personal calendar on your mobile phone, tablet or computer. All you need to do is visit the calendar on the school website and click the link called 'Link the school events to your personal calendar'. You can then choose from three options: to add to your default calendar (for example, on an iPhone it will go to the iPhone calendar) to add it to your Google calendar or input it to your calendar programme of choice.

Things to know:

- If the school edits its calendar, the updates will appear automatically in your calendar (the time that this takes to happen will depend on your calendar programme).
- You cannot edit the events in the school calendar.
- All events will pull through in one colour only, not the colours set by the school.
- You can name the calendar and choose how often to receive updates (we recommend you set this to as often as possible).
- You can unsubscribe via your own calendar at any time.

If you have any questions or feedback, please let the office know and we can forward them to the school's website provider.

FOWLS

A big thank you to FOWLS for their hard work this half term. The FOWLS team continue to support the school and put in so many hours of hard work. The book swap was a new initiative this term and proved to be really successful. FOWLS events coming up in the next half term include the Book Fairs (on the evening of Y1-6 Parents Consultations) and the famous FOWLS Quiz Night on Saturday 5th March.

Dates for Spring Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 22nd – 26th	Year 4 (Ruby) swimming	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting	Netball Rally Y5/6	E-Safety Parents' Workshops	Turquoise Class Assembly
29th Feb – 4th March Y3,4 & 5 Practice Tests	Year 4 Science Museum No Y4 Swimming		Book Fair FOWLS World Book Day Parent Consultations	Book Fair FOWLS Y5/6 Football Girls and Boys Parent Consultations	Family Day Assembly – Reception 9:30am LS Hall
					FOWLS Quiz Night (Saturday)
March 7th – 11th	Year 4 (Ruby) swimming	Schools Choir Showcase (LS Choir)	Y2 St Paul's Cathedral (2 classes) WE Day	Y2 St Pauls Cathedral (1 Class)	Orange Class Assembly Cross Country Y5/6
March 14th – 18th	Shakespeare Week Gold Class Parent Consultations Year 4 (Ruby) swimming	Y1 Chiltern Open Air Museum Yellow Class Parent Consultations	Animal Man – Reception Workshop in School Dance Showcase	Gymnastics 3/4 & 5/6 Silver Class Parent Consultations Full Governing Body Meeting	Pearl Class Assembly US Hall Orchestra Showcase – Hatch End High
March 21st – 24th	String Festival Year 4 (Ruby) swim-ming	Year 5 Concert— Romeo & Juliet 2pm Governors' Resource Committee Meeting	Year 5 Concert— Romeo & Juliet 7pm	Easter Raffle End of Term LS finish – 1.15pm US finish – 1.30pm	



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Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics

Continuing West Lodge's recent good trend at this competition, we were victors for the second year in succession! Dominating the lap and relay races, our strong performances in the field helped us achieve another impressive performance securing 1st place by over 30 points.

Squad: Matthew, Freddie, Charlie, Kaelen, Timmy, Jack, Saffron, Isobel, Chloe, Lola, Charlotte and Isis.

Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics

A tight contest saw the top 3 teams separated by a mere 32 points with West Lodge missing out on 2nd place by 2 points. Winners on the day were Pinner Park who progressed to the Borough finals.

Squad: Joshua Luiz, Keighley Elliot, Isabella Shah, Alexia Baskaran, Zola Trafford, Adam Eidal, Tiya Gunawarden, Samuel Ogundere, Molly Ryan, Kevin Baskaran, Jesse Nwebube and Jonathan Nwebube.

Netball vs Roxeth (friendly)

Our first match of the season saw us off to an absolute flyer with a resounding 6-0 win! Both Ardi and Kevin bagged a brace with Hannah and Sophie also getting on the scoresheet.

Netball vs Cannon Lane (friendly)

Our A team were soundly beaten by a strong Cannon Lane outfit. With the score as close as 3-2 at half-time, Cannon Lane were dominant from then onwards as they stormed to an 8-3 victory. Our goal scorers were Natalia, Kevin and Stevie. Our B team fared much better in an impressive team performance with a 5-2 victory with Tiyan bagging all 5 goals.

Netball League vs Cedars (league)

In our first league match of the season we were unfortunate not to come away with a victory. Leading 3-1 at half-time, our opponents Cedars never gave up and managed to clinch a draw at the death in a 5-5 thriller. Philip, Abigail, Hannah, and Tiyan were our goal scorers.

Netball League vs Pinner Park

We were taught a lesson in this match as we were outplayed by a strong Pinner Park outfit who raced to a 4-0 half-time lead. West Lodge showed great spirit in the second half with Libby and Ali bagging a goal each. However this was not enough to prevent Pinner Park winning 7-2 at the final whistle.

Year 6 and 7 Harrow cross-country championships

Over a challenging Harrow School course contesting mud, hills and Year 7s, West Lodge started the New Year in good style. In the girls' race, Molly was the highest finisher running strongly to take 13th place narrowly missing out on selection for the Harrow team! She was well supported by Skye, Libby and Connie in 27th, 28th and 29th place. In the boys' race Jonathan ran well to place 27th closely followed by William in 28th and Stevie in 36th. Alex, Jesse and Samuel provided good support finishing inside the top 70 helping the boys team to 5th place overall.

Year 6 Indoor Cricket vs Vaughan

West Lodge qualified for the finals of this cluster event and faced Vaughan. Bowling first, we put in a strong bowling and fielding performance to restrict Vaughan to a total of 63. A dominant batting display saw Alex, Daniel, Freddie, Harry and Philip reach 64 with one and half overs to spare. A great end to a fantastic indoor cricket season.

Squad: Alex, Philip, Daniel S, Freddie, Jonathan, Jesse, Harry and Stevie.

Year 6 Chess competition

West Lodge Primary School's entry into the UK Chess Challenge, the largest schools' chess tournament in the world, started on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. Thirty children were chosen to play over seven rounds to determine who qualifies to compete in the Megafinal against children from all over the UK. Philip Truscott and Aishi Agarwal competed in the first annual Harrow School's Chess Tournament at Roxbourne Primary School and put in an excellent performance to place 3rd.

Table Tennis

On Saturday 30th January 2016, West Lodge Primary School sent a team of Year 6 boys, Rahy Premji, Adam Durani, Christian Clark and Timur Hodzic (Year 4) to the English Schools Table Tennis Team Zonal Finals at the University of East London. The West Lodge team acquitted themselves admirably against tough opponents losing 7-1 and 5-3. We would like to thank Mr Premji and the parents for accompanying the boys to attend this excellent

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Year 5 and 6 Hockey

West Lodge 1 and West Lodge 2 both finished the group stages unbeaten with West Lodge 1 managing to keep a clean sheet in all matches. Group A saw West Lodge 1 draw a tough first game against Whitchurch and win their remaining games against St. Joseph's, Vaughan and Glebe. Unfortunately, they missed out on the final on goal difference with Whitchurch managing to score more goals in their games. West Lodge 2 managed one better in Group B winning 2 games and drawing games to progress to the finals as group winners. The final saw a tight first half finish goalless thanks to some fine defending from Kevin. Whitchurch continued to press in the second half and made their pressure count scoring twice to secure the championship and progress to the London Youth Games. In the 3rd/4th play-off, West Lodge 1 found themselves 3-0 down at half-time against a strong Cannon Lane outfit. In the second half they rallied superbly thanks to 2 goals from Stevie but were unable to find an equaliser. A good team effort on the day and a great experience! Squad: Keighley, Anna C, Skyla, Greta, Mia, Ella C, Samuel, Stevie, Kevin, Ali, Max, Christian

English Schools' FA (ESFA) Middlesex Round

As Harrow Champions our 7-a-side football represented Harrow in the Middlesex round of the ESFA national competition. They played against St John's of Enfield and John Keble of Brent. The team battled really well in both games – but in muddy conditions found it hard to play their normal free flowing style of attacking play. Both games finished 0-0 and unfortunately this was not enough to progress to the next round of the competition. St John's of Enfield finished Champions of Middlesex. The squad on the day was: Ardi, Sam, Freddie, Stevie (captain), Josh, Jesse, Jonathon and Alex.

Year 6 Football vs Pinner Wood

A dominant performance saw us beat a resilient Pinner Wood side 6-0. Creating a host of chances in the first half, the 2-0 scoreline (thanks to goals from Jonathan and a superb 20 yard effort from Kye) at the break did not reflect the balance of play. The second half continued where we left off, again fashioning a host of close efforts on goal with Samuel, an own goal, Jesse and Jonathan getting on the scoresheet! We head into our final league game against Vaughan needing a win to finish in at least second place in Group B and secure our place in the league play-offs.

Year 5 and 6 Netball vs Pinner Wood (league)

West Lodge sent two teams of year 5 to Pinner Wood with our league team putting up a brave fight to come back from 3-0 down, eventually succumbing to a 4-2 defeat. In the friendly game we were outplayed in a 9-0 loss. However, considering this was the first time these teams had played a competitive match, West Lodge learnt a lot and will continue to adopt a Growth Mindset in preparing for next year's netball league.

Next term we have the following competitions to look forward to:

Year 5 and 6: cross-country, football (boys and girls), netball and gymnastics.

Year 3 and 4: tag rugby and gymnastics.

North London half-marathon schools challenge: all children in years 4, 5 and 6 have completed mile 4 of the schools' challenge. A total of 77 children have signed up to complete the final mile at Wembley Stadium on March 20th.

Have a great half-term!

PE Team

Mr.Nevins, Mr.Went, Mr.Dees, Miss Kerl and Mr. Bennett.