



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

4th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been enjoying their learning this week and, as always, the classrooms have an excited buzz. **Lunar New Year** is being celebrated this week by some of our families – we would like to wish all our families who are celebrating a **Happy New Year. 2022 is the Year of the Tiger**. In the Chinese Zodiac, the Tiger is confident, independent and brave. The children have become increasingly creative over the last few weeks with the varied **OPAL 'loose parts'** that we have in the playground – we are going to hold a couple of 'drop-off' days on Thursday and Friday next week for any items that you may have that would otherwise be discarded: pots, pan, utensils, suitcases, pallets, cable drums, pipes etc.. Look out for more information on Monday! February is [LGBT+ History Month](#) – at school we cover this through assemblies and PSHE lessons and it forms an important part of how ensure that we teach a comprehensive message of equality at West Lodge.



The children in Reception have celebrated Lunar New Year by crafting lanterns and taking part in Lion dances. In PE this week Year 5 children honed their hockey skills. Additionally, in class they investigated how the rate of dissolving is affected by the temperature of the water.

FOWLS

Here is a reminder of the upcoming [Digital Creativity Festival 2022](#). Click the link to find out more information about the festival and how your child can take part. The theme is 'An Unexpected Pet' ... bonus point for incorporating a sustainability element to your project. Projects must be submitted by 28th February 2022.

Lost Property

We have an amount of lost property without any names/labels. Please ensure items of uniform/coats are labelled with your child's name. We are in the process of sorting through it and will endeavour to return to the children any named items next week.

Safeguarding Update

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February - [Safer Internet Day 2022](#)

As a school we will be sharing this message through fun activities and a dedicated assembly. On **Thursday 10th February at 6:30pm** we will be running a parents and carers workshop via Zoom, where we will share resources from the UK Internet Centre and answer any question you may have. We very much hope you will join us. The Zoom link is as follows: [Online Safety Workshop for Parents](#) - **Meeting ID: 892 1457 0619 / Passcode: 261484**

Here is a link to an online safety guide: [10 Top Tips for Respect Online](#). In this guide you'll find a number of tips such as how to stop internet addiction, being a good online role model and how to develop pro-social behaviours online.

Sustainable Living Tip - Things you can do about climate change

Reduce your heat risk. Currently, around 20% of homes are at significant risk of overheating. Shading your windows and planting more greenery around your house will help lower the temperatures. Things you can do to help: **1)** Plant more greenery around your house. Shrubs and trees have a great cooling effect; **2)** Grow a mini meadow. This means mowing less often over the summer. Longer grass is fantastic for wildlife and great at cooling down the garden! [Here's how to get started](#); **3)** Grow plants up walls. Climbers such as roses, ivy, clematis, jasmine and honeysuckle a great for wildlife and for cooling down external walls. Here's how to create your own vertical garden; **4)** Make sure you maximise the ventilation and shading around your home as much as possible during the summer. If you rent or live in social housing, send a formal notification to the landlord if you experience overheating. Buying a simple thermometer will help you keep track of the indoor temperature.

Well-being Tip – Journal your Journey

'Journalling' is currently very on trend but what exactly is it? Well, it's nothing more complicated than writing down your thoughts and feelings in order to understand them more clearly. It evokes mindfulness, emotional regulation and provides a greater sense of self identity and confidence. It's a great activity for kids too! There is a wealth of information available online about keeping journals, so what are you waiting for? Get jotting!

"Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart" - William Wordsworth

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees

Spring Term 2022 – Dates

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 th – 11 th February		Safer Internet Day Harrow Guitar Festival Y6 Pupil Progress Meeting	Y5/6 Tag Rugby	Y5/6 Gymnastics Safer Internet Parents' Workshop	
February 14 th	Half-term Week				
Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 21 st	Parents' Forum – Thinking about Secondary School –(SEND Parents) – 1:45pm	Y5/6 Netball Rally	Y5/6 Boys' 6-a-side Football	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 2:30pm Y5/6 Girls' 6-a-side Football Q & S Committee 7pm	
February 28 th	Early Help Parent Support Workshop 10-11:30am	FOWLs Book Fair Reception Maths Workshop for Parents/carers 9:30am	FOWLs Book Fair KS1 & KS2 Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm	FOWLs Book Fair World Book Day KS1 & KS2 Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm	
March 7 th	Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child pm	Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child pm		Y5/6 Cross country Reception Learning Journals Session – parents/child pm Governors RM Committee 5pm	Lilac Assembly
March 14 th Science Week	Dance Showcase Y6 Maths Challenge – Orley Farm	Reception & Kaleidoscope Animal Man Dance Showcase	Dance Showcase		Maroon Assembly Sport Relief
March 21 st				Y5/6 Basketball Full GB	Reception Family Day Assembly
March 28 th	Y6 Boys' Football League Play-off Finals	Autism Acceptance Day Autism Awareness & Acceptance – Parents' Session 6:30pm RM Committee 6:00pm		Y3 Ukulele Concert	End of Term Reception finish – 1:10pm KS1 finish – 1:15pm LKS2 finish – 1:20pm UKS2 finish – 1.30pm