



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

28th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has presented some challenges – as we explained last week we experienced a spike in cases, this continued over the weekend and we have experienced a number of children and staff members off school isolating. Despite this, we have worked hard to maintain continuity of provision and ensure that pupils continue to receive high quality experiences. The number of daily confirmed cases has slowed down as the week has progressed, which is a good sign, however we feel it is important to maintain the same level of protection – therefore our advice to parents remains the same – it is all outlined in the following document: [Guidance and Information for Parents](#). The week has finished on a high with two sporting successes to report: our Y5/6 girls' football team were crowned Champions of Middlesex (report below) and our Y5/6 boys' football team continued their winning streak with a 3-1 win against Roxbourne.



Abdullah constructed a robust and creatively designed wall made out of tyres, pallets, guttering and using a mixture of woodchip and mud as the cement. In preparation for the Big Schools' Birdwatch, the children in Reception have started to learn about birds. They have learnt to label body parts of a bird and have made some amazing observational drawings. Also, ahead of the Big Schools' Birdwatch next week, some of Orange Class went on a bird spotting nature walk. They walked around the playgrounds, the field, looked in the nature trail and even looked outside the front of the school. They had lots of fun spotting many different birds like magpies, blackbirds and robins to name just a few! As part of our afternoon handwriting lessons, children in Crystal class practised writing words containing the graphemes taught in their phonics lessons. Here is a wonderful example of Mazdak's latest handwriting.

West Lodge – Middlesex Champions

The West Lodge girls' football team represented Harrow in the Middlesex ESFA Tournament which was held in Enfield on Thursday 27th January. They performed heroically to finish 2nd in the group and make the final. It was a nail biting final, which went to penalties and saw West Lodge become victorious winning 3-1 on penalties. They are now through to the South East England regional Finals.

Asthma

Many people find their asthma symptoms become significantly worse during the winter months. This is because there are more triggers at this time of year. These triggers include cold weather, common colds, chest infections and mould. Sufferers of asthma may find they are coughing more or feel a tightness in their chest. Please ensure if your child has been diagnosed with asthma or prescribed an inhaler for "wheezy episodes" that the school have an inhaler and the correct spacer for use, along with the latest Asthma Action Plan from either the Hospital or G.P.

Safeguarding Update

What parents and carers need to know about YouTube - YouTube is the default video-viewing app for so many people that when something is uploaded, age-appropriate or not, it can reach a staggering number of people in almost no time at all. Please click on the following link to learn more about YouTube's potential risks [What Parents and Carers Need to Know about YouTube](#)

Seatbelts - Did you know the law requires you to use a seat belt if fitted? Children up to 12 years old, or up to 135 centimeters in height, are required to use a child car restraint. We are beginning to see many children coming to school by car not wearing a seatbelt or using an appropriate car seat. Please click on the following links for clarification on the seatbelt laws. Please stay safe in every journey you make, even if it's just a short one [Child car seats: the law - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) / [Seat Belts and Child Restraints \(think.gov.uk\)](#)

Sustainable Living Tip - Things you can do about climate change

Reduce your flood risk - Across the UK 1.9 million people currently live in areas at risk of significant flooding. This number could double as early as the 2050s. Make a difference and avoid paving over gardens. **1)** Create an eco-friendly driveway. Use permeable paving or laydown grids on top of a grassy drive to prevent it getting muddy. **2)** Opt for a hedge, not a fence. Hedges are a better choice of boundary for wildlife than fences or walls as they absorb water, heat and CO₂. Not only that, but they allow wildlife to move about between gardens and other spaces, and provide feeding and breeding opportunities. [Get started growing your own hedge](#). **3)** Find out if you are in an at-risk area and [sign up to flood warnings in your area](#).

Well-being Tip - Self Care - Start Small!

Last week we explored the importance of self-care for adults, but it is essential we act as great role models and teach these skills to our children too whilst they are still young. Here are some links to some excellent self-care for kids tips **1)** [Self-care for kids](#) **2)** [Self-care for children](#)

"Your children will become who you are so be who you want them to be" - David Bly

Have a lovely weekend, Jim Dees

Spring Term 2022 – Dates

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 st January – 4 th February	Y4 Parents' Multiplication Check Meeting	KS1 Multiskills			Turquoise Class Assembly Reception trip to Aviary in Pinner Memorial Park
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

