



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed our second week of term. The classrooms, corridors and outdoor spaces have been full of excitement and the diligent hum of learning. We were excited to start our new ukulele lessons last Friday – Y3 have made quick progress already! Over the first couple of weeks of term classrooms have been filled with the sound of poetry recitations – it has been great to hear the children's excitement for poetry.

This week we began an exciting new project – [Zero Carbon Schools](#) which is organised by the **Green Schools Project**. Year 4 will be leading this project as they learn more about climate change and the positive steps we can take to reduce our carbon footprint and move towards zero carbon as a school.

We are excited to be involved in a collaboration with UCL – all parents are invited to the talk on Child Development and Mental Health led by Professor Steinbeis, scheduled for next Friday 21st January at 1:45pm. The following link provides more information and details for joining the Zoom call - [Parents' Talk - Child Development and Mental Health](#) .

We have had a few confirmed cases of **Covid-19** in both staff and children over the first two weeks of term – this has affected a few year groups. We continue to adopt the policy of informing parents of the year group that is affected as soon as possible and inform parents who we identify as possible contacts. The **latest change in self-isolation guidance – now states that the 10 day isolation period can be ended early on day 6** where two negative lateral flow tests are taken 24 hours apart on days 5 and 6 – the following link provides a flow chart that explains this change [Updated COVID-19 Self-Isolation Guidance](#) . Here is a summary of all the latest [COVID-19 Updates](#) .



The children in Reception have been learning to orally re-tell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. They are using props in the classroom to take on the roles of the characters as well as playing out the story with small world characters. As part of their geography topic Year 1 explore Pinner to look at local landmarks this week - they will be creating a map of Pinner next week. Children in Year 3 were very excited to experience their first ukulele lesson. A specialist ukulele teacher from the Harrow Music Service is teaching the children and they are working towards performing a concert at the end of term. Year 6 have been learning about the science of sound- they created some excellent educational videos on this topic. Anya in Sapphire Class wrote her own poem entitled 2021 as part of the poetry recital challenge – the poem beautifully captures everyone's experience of the previous year. Well Done Anya! We have included Anya's poem on page 2 of the bulletin.

Virtual SEND Parents Coffee Morning

Do you have (or think you may have) a child with special educational needs or a disability? If so, please join our Virtual SEND Parents Coffee Morning on Monday 17th January at 9.30am. To find out more please email send@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk for the Zoom link.

Safeguarding Update

Our latest safeguarding update provides a guide on [what parents need to know about Fortnite Chapter 3](#) . In this guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, in-app purchases and user-controlled content.

Sustainable Living Tip - Things you can do about climate change

Change your energy use – Energy used in buildings accounts for around 17% of total emissions. Reducing your household energy use by switching to a renewable energy supplier or purchasing a heat pump will help cut down emissions. 1) When it is time to change your boiler, get a heat pump instead. 2) Switch to a renewable energy supplier. 3) Turning the heating down by 1 degree saves 300kg of CO₂. 4) Turn off lights when you don't need them. 5) Wash clothes at a lower temperature. 6) Only fill the kettle with the water you need.

Well-being Tip - Channel the Child Chat!

Parent/Carer: "How was your day?" / **Child:** "Good" / **Parent/Carer:** "What did you do?" / **Child:** "Nothing much"

Familiar school pick up conversation? Try reframing the question to get a much-improved conversation with your child - it helps them share any problems they may have, boosts self-esteem and you'll really benefit from the engagement with them. Check out these 25 great alternative questions [Alternative questions to ask your child Instead of how was your day!](#)

"Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on earth, for what they believe is what they will become" - Brooke Hampton

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees



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2021

What a funny year 2021 has been,

A great loss for the Queen.

The COVID stone - we all got fatter,

The people stood up for lives that matter.

We rejoiced in a chance, and thought it would come home,

Delta became a common name as we quarantined alone.

The laptop was put away for a brief time,

But in January we all returned online.

The news became more grave with every passing day,

But most of us were vaccinated by the end of May.

Omicron threatened to cancel Christmas Day,

But the party went ahead - Hooray! Hooray! Hooray!

What a peculiar year, 2021,

I for one am glad it's done,

Looking forward to what 2022 brings,

Let's just hope, that it sings!

By Anya Khatri, Year 6, Sapphire Class

Spring Term 2022 – Dates

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 th – 21 st January	SEND Parents' Coffee Morning 9:30am			School Census Day	Pearl Class Assembly UCL Neuroscience and Mental Well-being Workshop 1:45pm Zoom Link for Meeting Meeting ID: 961 6063 7075 Passcode: 169604
24 th – 28 th January		Y5/6 Hockey KS1 & KS2 Maths Workshop for Parents		WJ Learning Hub course	Topaz Class Assembly Reception trip to aviary in park
31 st January – 4 th February	Y4 Parents' Multiplication Check Meeting	KS1 Multiskills			Turquoise Class Assembly
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	