



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

12th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you to Vigya Nahata from FOWLS and Mrs Vaghela (RE Leader) for working so hard to organise a wonderfully successful Festival of Light – it was enjoyed by all! This coming week we will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week – the theme is #OneKindWord. PSHE lessons and assemblies will focus on this and the **Parents' Forum session scheduled for 2pm on Friday** will focus on our Positive Behaviour Policy and our Anti-bullying Policy – all parents are welcome to attend: [Parents' Forum](#) Meeting ID: 963 9763 6875 Passcode: 648304



Festival of Light



The West Lodge Festival of Light was opened on Friday morning by the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow. They met with the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, Vigya Nahata (FOWLS) and Mrs Vaghela (RE Leader) and officially opened the trail by lighting two diwas. The Festival of Light was organised to illustrate the importance of light to all major religions, to show how light is represented in different ways and to demonstrate that all major religions have a common theme of light: "We have far more in common, than that which divides us." Over the last few weeks, and as part of the half-term homework, children had worked hard to create beautiful pieces of artwork that showed how light was represented in a particular religion. This was displayed in the nature trail. All children walked through the trail during the day time with their classes. In addition, each year group came together as a team to form the Faith Symbol linked to their RE topic. These were captured via drone photography, printed and exhibited at the Festival of Light – thank you to Mr Rollason for using his drone for taking these pictures and taking the time to edit them. During the evening the nature trail looked magical and many families enjoyed walking through the trail. To coincide with the Festival of Light we also celebrated Interfaith Day. Children came to school dressed up in outfits linked to their own culture. This was an amazing opportunity for children to show their cultural outfits and to celebrate the school's rich diversity.



The children in Reception are really enjoying their Forest School sessions and were excited to look at the beehives in our environmental area. Kaleidoscope, have started an exciting art project with specialist artists from CREATE; the focus of the project is to use art as a vehicle to engage children in learning. This year the topic is Climate Change. Olly in Y4 and Finn in Y5, are manipulating foil to represent the toxic gas released by different modes of transport. Some wonderful art-work created by Prisms class shows the sun setting behind the Taj Mahal. West Lodge had their first football game of the year against a very strong Cannon Lane team. Despite losing the game, the boys were able to learn a lot from the match and will continue to train hard to keep improving.

Safeguarding Update

TikTok has been in the news this week with secondary schools in Harrow affected by the misuse of this app. Here is a guide for parents from National Online Safety: [What Parents Need to Know About TikTok](#).

Flu Nasal Spray

If for any reason your child missed the opportunity in school for the flu nasal spray on 10th November 2021, the Harrow Immunisation Team will be holding catch-up clinics for the next four Saturdays at the Alexandra Avenue Health Centre, 275 Alexandra Avenue, HA2 9DX **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please call them for further information on 020 8102 6333.

Sustainable Living Tip

Donate your pre-loved or unused items to a charity shop or to school! We are looking for the following items for our outdoor play: pushchairs, plastic crates, saris, chunky chinks, suitcases on wheels and kitchen utensils for our mud kitchen. If you have any of these items, please email the office and we can arrange a suitable time for you to deliver them.

Well-being Tip – Reframing to Create Positive Thoughts

Try to refocus the negatives to positives. I call this gentle reframing. For example, say I have a deadline of 5 days to complete a task. Instead of thinking 'I've only got five days to do this, how will I ever get this done' think 'I have five whole days to get this done. Ok, I can do this'. Reframing in this way positively changes your way of thinking and this 'can do' message will help prevent you feeling overwhelmed. "There are always flowers, for those who want to see them." Henri Matisse

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 th – 19 th Nov	Yr6 Palaeoquest Workshop	Parents' tour Reception - Oral Hygiene Workshop - children 10am	Reception - Oral Hygiene Workshop - parents 4.15pm on Zoom	Autism Learning Hub	Children in Need Amber Class Assembly Parents' Forum 2:00pm
22 rd – 26 th Nov	Individual and Sibling school photographs	Yr 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp Reception Learning Journals – Parents 8:15 – 9:00am		KS1 & KS2 English Parents' Workshop Parents' tour Reception Learning Journals – Parents 3:15 – 4:00pm	Aquamarine Class Assembly FOWLS Donation Day – Crazy Hair Day
29 th - 3 rd Dec		Governors' Morning & Full Board of Governors		Parents' tour Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Union)	FOWLS Donation Day - Christmas Colours
				Pinner Pantomime	Saturday 4th Dec FOWLS Christmas Fair
6 th – 10 th Dec	Drop-in sessions for parents of adopted children with Dr Malik 9-12pm	Parents' tour FOWLS Elf Workshop	Y6 Ancient Greek Workshops 1:30pm US Hall	Y5/6 Gymnastics Finals Reception Nativity	Ruby Class Assembly Year 5 YSC: Romeo and Juliet Workshop in school Year 2 Christingles & Christmas Concert at Pinner Methodist Church Y5/6 Carol Concert
13 th – 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch Rec – Y1	Year 1 Nativity Christmas lunch – Y2/3 Parents' tour	Christmas lunch – Y4/5/6 Class Christmas parties 1:30 – 3:00pm	Panto – 9:15am LS – Christmas with Dickens! Globe Players US – Wind in the Willows – Wizard Theatre FOWLS Christmas Quiz	Christmas Raffle Assembly End of Term – Reception finish at 1:10pm Y1 & Y2 finish at 1:15pm Y3 & Y4 finish at 1:20pm Y5 & Y6 finish at 1:30pm