



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. We have had another enjoyable week of learning at West Lodge – with the children enjoying a variety of experiences across the week. We are excited to announce that the West Lodge beehives have arrived – they are located on the far side of the pond area – you can see the two hives in the photo opposite. Please note a change in date for the **FOWLS donation days** for the upcoming Christmas Fair: these will now be on **Friday 26th November and Friday 3rd December**. Another change of date is **the individual and sibling photos** – these will be on **Monday 22nd November**. A reminder that the flu jab is this Wednesday – 10th November. We have some special visitors on Friday – with the Mayor and Mayoress visiting to launch The West Lodge Festival of Light.



As part of the festival of light celebration across the school, the children in Crystals class have been learning about Diwali and the symbolism of light. Through the story of Rama and Sita, the children have learnt how good conquers evil and how through the effort of all the villagers lighting their diya lamps, Rama and Sita found their way home. Kai, Mazdak and Abdullah are lighting their incense sticks and Ayaan, Kai and Abdullah are seen painting their terracotta diya lights. This week the children in Reception are writing about the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. They gathered outside to stroke our school hens and enjoyed watching them eat our leftover pumpkin shells and seeds. The children were amazed at how soft the hens' feathers are.



Earlier this week, Year 4 had an Anglo-Saxon themed day at the Gordon Brown Activity Centre. They took part in lots of fun activities: den building, shield making, battle formations and cooking on an open fire. The children enjoyed spending the day in the great outdoors!



The children are continuing to learn about the importance of sustainable living and of taking action to limit the impact of climate change - during the week the children created placards with messages to encourage climate action to send to the leaders at COP26.

Safeguarding Update

In the newsletter that we sent out at half-term, we included information about Squid Game – here is a further guide created by the team at National Online Safety: [What Parents Need to Know about Squid Game](#) .

Sustainable Living Tip

Did you know that one recycled pumpkin shell could generate enough energy to fully charge 3 laptops? Pop yours in your household recycling bin or leave it outside for the birds to feast on. You could even turn it into a bird feeder – here is a guide: [DIY Pumpkin Shell Bird Feeder](#) .

Well-being Tip - Address your Stress!

On Wednesday this week it was National Stress Awareness Day 2021. We think that this serves as a perfect reminder to keep an eye on our own mental wellbeing. Here at West Lodge, we have a number of Mental Health First Aiders, and we particularly like the resources available via Mental Health First Aid England <https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/resources/address-your-stress>

‘Within you there is a stillness and a sanctuary to which you can retreat at any time and be yourself.’ Herman Hesse

The date grid is shown on the next two pages of the bulletin – we will include this every week and we will inform you of any changes.

Kind regards,

Jim Dees

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 th – 12 th Nov	Festival of Light – religious symbol photo session SEND Parent Partnership Meeting	Parents’ tour	Flu Vaccinations – Rec – Y6	SIP Visit	Emerald Class Assembly FOWLS – Festival of Light - Mayor and Mayoress to visit
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

