



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

24th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. It has been an enjoyable week at West Lodge which culminated in the West Lodge Fun Run! The children across the school enjoyed trying to do as many laps of the field as possible in their allocated 20-minute period. It was a great sight with children dressed as their sporting heroes or in the colours of the Afghanistan flag. We are raising money for the UNICEF Crisis Fund to support those affected by the crisis in Afghanistan – here is the link to support this initiative. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westlodge-primaryschool>.



Orange Class enjoyed a story in the round house and going on an Autumn investigation during outdoor learning. Adi and Arjun are making good use of the library space and enjoyed reading some of their favourite books. In Prisms Class the children enjoyed a Science lesson - they learnt about the parts of a flower by dissecting a lily flower. We explored the different parts of the flower by using a microscope. We made our own samples and put it under the microscope to understand the function of each part. Finn in Year 5 observed the cells within the leaf of the lily. Conor in Year 5 and Olly in Year 4 are looking at the lily leaf veins to see how water travels from the stem of the plant to the rest of the flower. We used a hand puppet to role play how pollinators spread pollen.

Use of WhatsApp Groups

WhatsApp groups are a very useful tool for sharing information and providing reminders of school events – please remember that this is their purpose. If you have any concerns about how any systems and procedures at school work – please speak to a member of the staff team directly.

Pumpkin Decorating Event for SEND Pupils

The following link provides information about a pumpkin decorating event for SEND pupils and their siblings to be held at Nathan's Farm on Sunday 24th October – click the link for more information. [Pumpkin Decorating Event](#)

Request for donations for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

The children are really enjoying playing outside with a range of loose parts. We are looking for donations of helmets, keyboards, old phones, kitchen utensils, and anything on wheels such as pushchairs and suitcases. Please contact the school office if you have items you would like to donate and we will arrange for them to be dropped off.

Sustainable Living Tip

Did you know that local supermarkets such as Sainsbury's and Morrison's are now accepting flexible plastic packaging that can't be recycled in your blue recycling bin? Common household items that can now be recycled include crisp packets, food pouches, salad bags and biscuit wrappers.



Our **Community Gardening Day** was a big success this weekend. We created a series of circles of bare earth ready for planting some wildflower seeds over the coming weeks. We also removed the grass around the base of the trees in our orchard, replacing it with woodchip. This will reduce the competition for water enabling the trees to grow healthily. Thank you to the parents, children and staff who helped out.

Well-being Tip

Eat yourself happy! Not eating regularly can make you tired, irritable, anxious and cause poor concentration. Good tips include **eating breakfast, eating every 3-4 hours**, avoiding junk foods, eating plenty of fruit and veg and drinking lots of water. Have a look at some of the foods that will boost your mood: <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/mood-food>

'One cannot think well, love well, sleep well if one hasn't dined well.' Virginia Woolf

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

Autumn 1 Date Grid					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 th Sept – 1 st Oct	Sewa Week ECO School project begins	Parents' Tour Emerald Class (2020-21 cohort) trip to Gordon Brown Centre		Full Board of Governors 7:00pm	Aquamarine Class Assembly Parents' Forum (School Improvement Plan) 2:00pm
4 th – 8 th Oct	Sewa Week Early Reading Session for Rec & Y1 - parents –9:00am & 2:00pm	Parents' Virtual Tour	Y5 Chiltern Open Air Trip Y2 Southend Trip	Census Day Y6 Residential Information Session for Parents (Zoom) Quality and Standards Committee 7:00pm	Diamond Class Assembly
11 th – 15 th Oct		Harvest Celebrations		Parents' Tour Just One Tree Day – fundraiser, dress in tree colours Full Board of Governors 7:00pm	FOWLS Donation Day – Crazy Hair Day RM Pay Committee 9:30am Amethyst Class Assembly
18 th – 22 nd	Yr1 Bracknell Discovery Centre		Parents' Tour Parents Consultations (online) 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents Consultations (online) 4:00 – 7:00pm RMC Committee 7:00pm	Staff Inset Day
25 th – 29 th Oct	Half-term				