



# West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

## Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. This week started with a large proportion of Year 6 delivering speeches to their peers and the Year 6 staff team explaining why they felt they were a good candidate to be Head Girl or Head Boy – the speeches were excellent – the children impressively outlined their vision for the role. The children in Year 6 and the staff all then cast their vote and we are happy to announce the children who will be taking up this role for 2021-22, congratulations to: **Head Girl – Emily Edwards; Head Boy – Dhruv Karunadasa; Deputy Head Girl – Anassa Dodhia and Deputy Head Boy – Shrimukund Shatapathy**. We know they are going to do a brilliant job!

### Fun Run to Support Children Affected by Events in Afghanistan

Zakariya Sadiq and Myan Doshi in Year 5 have been planning an event to raise money to support children affected by recent events in Afghanistan. We will be holding a **fun run on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite sporting personality or in their favourite sporting clothes. Each year group will be given a 20-minute slot and the aim is to complete as many laps of the playground as they can in that time (they can be imaginative with how they complete the laps: hopping, three legged with a friend, skipping, dribbling a football etc..). We ask children to bring in a £1 donation on Friday – we will also set up a JustGiving page (link will be sent out on Monday).

### COVID Protocol

A reminder of the key documents that outline our COVID Protocol: [Visual Summary of September 2021 Plans](#); [COVID-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan Sept 21](#) and [Covid-19 Protocol Flowchart for Parents](#). We are still wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up – please continue to support this. **Also, please inform the school if there is a confirmed positive case within your household. Children can still come to school but a PCR test must be arranged as soon as possible.** We have had one confirmed case in school – in Year 3 – parents of this year group have been informed. We will continue to maintain vigilance and, as outlined in our contingency plan, will continually review our protective measures.



In Prisms Class (Kaleidoscope), the Year 6 children have been learning about Evolution and Inheritance. We explored this topic by making our own trace fossils. We got covered in flour from head to toe - what fun we had learning about fossils! Children in Crystals Class in Kaleidoscope have been honing their observational skills – here they are observing plants for their Science unit. Green Class have been learning all about the life cycle of a frog.



The children have been working hard learning about the Sustainable Development Goal for their year group – the pictures above are from the displays created by Year 3 (Climate Change) and Year 2 (Life Below Water) – both sharing powerful and important messages. To keep this theme constantly live and in our minds – we will have a sustainable living tip each week – this week's tip is below.

### Sustainable Living Tip - Second-hand September

Giving clothes a longer life to reduce waste is one way to protect our planet. Will you join us? During September and beyond only buy second hand clothes and don't forget to donate your pre-loved items! <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/second-hand-september/>

### Curriculum Evenings & Parents' Forum

A reminder that this coming week we have our annual curriculum evenings. **These will be on Zoom at 6:30pm on Tuesday – KS1 (Years 1 & 2) and Wednesday – EYFS (Reception) and KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)**. The sessions will be recorded. Parents' Forums will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Thinking about Secondary School and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – A Focus on our School Improvement Plan.

### Well-being Tip - These boots are made for walking

Before the mornings and evenings start getting darker, why not try and walk your children to and from school? It's not only better for the environment, it's definitely better for the body and mind too! As well as being good for your physical and mental health, the conversations that you can have with your children when you are strolling side by side and enjoying the great outdoors may well be better than the ones that you have when you need to concentrate on driving! *Don't walk behind me, I may not lead; Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow; Just walk beside me and be my friend* - Winnie the Pooh

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

| Autumn 1 Date Grid                          |                                                                                |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                                             | Monday                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                              | Friday                                                                                                                                                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Sports & House Captains' Speeches                                              | Parents' Tour<br><br>KS1 Curriculum Evening (on Zoom) 6:30pm                    | Orchestra starts<br><br>EYFS & KS2 Curriculum Evening (on Zoom) 6:30pm<br><br>All Reception children in full days | Harrow Fun Run<br><br>Pinner High School HT talk to children 2:30pm                                                   | Harrow Fun Run<br><br>Sapphire Class Assembly<br><br>FOWLS Autumn Soiree<br><b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><b>Community Gardening Day</b> |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct | Sewa Week<br><br>ECO School project begins                                     | Parents' Tour<br><br>Emerald Class (2020-21 cohort) trip to Gordon Brown Centre |                                                                                                                   | Full Board of Governors 7:00pm                                                                                        | Aquamarine Class Assembly<br><br>Parents' Forum (School Improvement Plan) 2:00pm                                                                        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct       | Sewa Week<br><br>Early Reading Session for Rec & Y1 - parents –9:00am & 2:00pm | Parents' Virtual Tour                                                           | Y5 Chiltern Open Air Trip<br><br>Y2 Southend Trip                                                                 | Census Day<br><br>Y6 Residential Information Session for Parents (Zoom)<br><br>Quality and Standards Committee 7:00pm | Diamond Class Assembly                                                                                                                                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct     |                                                                                | Harvest Celebrations                                                            |                                                                                                                   | Parents' Tour<br><br>Just One Tree Day – fundraiser, dress in tree colours<br><br>Full Board of Governors 7:00pm      | FOWLS Donation Day – Crazy Hair Day<br><br>RM Pay Committee 9:30am<br><br>Amethyst Class Assembly                                                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>         | Yr1 Bracknell Discovery Centre                                                 |                                                                                 | Parents' Tour<br>Parents Consultations (online) 4:00 – 7:00pm                                                     | Parents Consultations (online) 4:00 – 7:00pm<br>RMC Committee 7:00pm                                                  | Staff Inset Day                                                                                                                                         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | Half-term                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                         |