



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. An enjoyable, but busy week at West Lodge culminated in an inspiring class assembly prepared and led by Turquoise Class on the theme of hope and optimism. The assembly finished with the following powerful quote shared by Evyavan: 'Hope is seeing light in spite of being surrounded by darkness. If the world is full of hope and you are full of hope, then anything is possible.' Well done Turquoise Class – you inspired us all. We are looking forward to Maroon Class and Lilac Class taking to the stage over the next couple of weeks.

COVID Update

Here is the latest COVID update from Harrow Public Health - [Harrow COVID Update](#). We are continuing to monitor the rise in cases and think carefully about events for the remainder of the term. As a result of the rapid rise in the number of cases locally and nationally, we have decided to move the remaining transition events for the new Reception cohort online – we have written to explain to all the parents of the new cohort. As we mentioned in the newsletter before half-term, Sports Days will go ahead, but we won't be able to invite parents on site for these; they will be organised in year group bubbles. A reminder that our [COVID Protocol Flowchart](#) can be found on the school website along with other key documents and guides.

Drug Information Alert - Harrow Council

We wanted to bring your attention to a [Drug Information Alert](#) sent out by Harrow Council. Click the link for more information about the dangers presented by sweets infused with cannabis – a growing number of young people have been attending to Northwick Park A & E after consuming these sweet called – NERDS. See the leaflet, via the link above, for more details.

School Uniform

In September we will continue to ask children to wear the school tracksuit on PE days. We have recognised that it has been difficult to purchase these at different times during this year and therefore have been understanding if some families haven't managed to purchase a tracksuit, however we expect all families to be prepared for this in September. A request for all parents – if you aren't handing a tracksuit, that your child has outgrown, down to a younger sibling please could you donate to FOWLS – we will organise a donation day nearer to the end of term. A second-hand uniform sale will be organised on one of the inset days at the beginning of the new year, before the children start on Monday 6th September.

Community Gardening Day

We are organising another community gardening day and are looking for volunteers to help us do some work in the school grounds on **Saturday 26th June from 10am - 12.30pm**. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be provided to keep us fuelled. Numbers are limited to 30 for this event and all those attending will be organised in bubbles of 6 to work on a specific area. Please let us know if you want to join us by emailing: r@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk



Year 6 have been busy planting in their new raised beds. The children in Reception have harvested the potatoes they planted in March. We looked at the different sizes and weighed the potatoes. Some of them were tiny! We then washed, peeled and cooked them. They tasted delicious! Pearl Class can be seen protesting about segregation in the US in the 1950s and Topaz Class created a freeze frame showing the bus boycott in 1955.

Please check the date grid on page 2 of each weekly bulletin for key upcoming events. A note – we will be holding a Healthy Living Workshop for all parents on Thursday 8th July – the School Nurse will be presenting alongside different members of the staff team – more details will be sent out next week.

Well-being Tip – Embrace the Rain!

Did you know that endorphins are boosted by walking in the rain, and the smell and sound of it can have a very calming effect and ease anxiety? Falling rain creates a sound that sleep researchers and psychologists call 'pink noise', and it acts like a natural sedative as it helps to block out other sensory input. So, with a bit of wet weather ahead of us, get your rainwear on and head out with your children, they don't care about the rain and nor should you - there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!

***'Some people feel the rain, others just get wet.'* Bob Marley**

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Jim Dees

Summer Term 2021					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 st – 25 th June				Y6 Camp	Maroon Class Assembly
30 Days Wild Challenge	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y6 Camp Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)
28 th June – 2 nd July	Play session for new Reception children			US Virtual Music Concert	Lilac Class Assembly
30 Days Wild Challenge	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine) Parents' Forum 13:45
5 th – 9 th July	Y5 swimming (Emerald)	US Sports Day Y5 swimming (Emerald)	Class swap day Y6 Transition Day (Harrow Schools) Y5 swimming (Emerald)	Y6 Transition Day (Watford Grammar/St Clement Danes) Y6 Choices workshop Y5 swimming (Emerald) Healthy Living Workshop 18:30	Reception end of year Celebration Assembly Reports out Y5 swimming (Emerald)
12 th – 16 th July	Y5 swimming (Emerald)	LS Sports Day Y5 swimming (Emerald)	RM Committee 19:00 Q & S Committee 19:00 Y5 swimming (Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Emerald) Parents' Eve 16:00 – 18:00	FOWLS Summer Fair Y5 swimming (Emerald)
19 th – 23 rd July		Play morning for new Reception Children & networking for parents	Y6 Production	Peter Daffon Assembly & Y6 Enterprise Assembly Y6 Leavers' BBQ & Disco	Leavers' Assembly End of Term – LS children finish at 1.15pm US children finish at 1.30pm