



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been another busy week at West Lodge – the children are really enjoying their learning and working very hard across the curriculum. We have continued to look into the possibility of keeping bees at West Lodge – we have recently held meetings with some beekeeping schools (one in Derbyshire and one in Greenwich) and they have passed on lots of valuable advice and tips. We will discuss this with governors next week and share our proposed risk assessment – we will only move forward with this venture when we are confident that we can do it safely.

VaccinAid

The total collected for VaccinAid through non-uniform day cash donations is £834.23, and to date we have collected £1,647 via our fundraising website. That is a whopping £2,481.23 in total (plus GiftAid). Thank you to everyone who has donated to this important cause. The fundraising page will remain open until half term if anyone else would like to contribute. <https://www.vaccinaid.org/west-lodge-school-fundraising-page>

COVID Update

Here is the latest COVID update from Harrow Public Health - [Harrow COVID Update](#). During the week beginning 24th May – we are hoping that more year groups will be able to use the dining room and we are planning to reduce the amount of stagger at lunchtime – enabling the lunchtime period to return to being 1 hour. As things stand, case numbers are low in Harrow – but we are continuing to monitor the situation. It is important that as a community we continue to protect our community and maintain vigilance – there is still the risk of outbreaks, particularly with the increased prevalence of the Indian Variant in certain areas of the country. Please continue to wear a face covering at drop-off and pick-up – staff are continuing to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school and at drop-off and pick-up.



We have had some fantastic entries for the Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Here are the entries from Ridhi, who nominated the NHS; Devi, who nominated a paramedic, a teacher, a NHS worker, a TFL worker and a shopkeeper and Justine, who nominated her aunt who is a doctor. Good luck to all the children who have entered the competition.

This week the first group of Reception children finished their forest school learning by toasting marshmallows. The Y5 football team finished unbeaten in the first leg of the Harrow tournament, didn't concede a goal and made it through to the semi-final on Tuesday. Pearl Class made some excellent electronic quiz games.



We really enjoyed the class assembly put on by Topaz Class this morning on the topic of Healthy Me – well done Topaz. We are looking forward to the Pearl Class assembly next Friday. Next week we are looking forward to the **Digital Creativity Festival at 1:45pm on Wednesday 19th; individual and class photos on Thursday 20th and Outdoor Classroom Day on Friday 21st** – please make sure that children have weather appropriate clothing on Friday.

Well-being Tip

This week has been Mental Health Awareness week (10th-16th May), and the theme this time is 'NATURE'. Recent National Trust research has developed a link between feeling connected to nature and improved wellbeing...but here at West Lodge, we already knew that and have shared this revelation before! The Mentally Healthy Schools organisation have prepared some great primary school resources to make the most of nature and we thought we'd share these with you to try with your children.

[Mentally Healthy Schools - Primary Nature Toolkit](#)

'In every walk with nature, one receives far more than one seeks.' John Muir

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

Jim Dees

Summer Term 2021					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 th – 21 st May		Y5 Boys' Football Final	Digital Creativity Festival Awards Ceremony Y6 Boys' Football Final Full GB 19:00	School Census Individual & Class Photos	Pearl Class Assembly Outdoor Classroom Day
24 th – 28 th May				Y6 Enterprise Day – FOWLS	Staff Inset Day
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term				
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 th – 11 th June			New Reception Parents' Meeting 18:30		Y2 India Day
30 Days Wild Challenge	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)
14 th – 18 th June		Year 5 ZooLab		FOWLS Fathers' Day Pop-up Shop	Turquoise Class Assembly
30 Days Wild Challenge	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)	Y5 swimming (Amber & Emerald)
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		US Sports Day	Class swap day Y6 Transition Day (Harrow Schools)	Y6 Transition Day (Watford Grammar/St Clement Danes) Y6 Choices workshop	Reception end of year Celebration Assembly Reports out
12 th – 16 th July		LS Sports Day	RM Committee 19:00 Q & S Committee 19:00	Parents' Eve 16:00 – 18:00	FOWLS Summer Fair
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