



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been another hard-working week at West Lodge – there is a wonderful atmosphere around the school with hard-work and creativity to the fore. Also, the children are taking care to look after the new trees and plants – with rotas established for regular watering. This forms part of a wider project to improve our outdoor spaces and learn more about looking after our environment – we have a meeting scheduled with the school council this coming Thursday to through some ideas and get the children's perspectives. We have also been investigating keeping bees at the school – we have carried out a risk assessment, spoken to a local beekeeper and also some schools that are currently keeping bees – we plan to share more information about this next week.

VaccinAid

Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to our VaccinAid fundraising. At the latest count we had collected £614 in cash donations today PLUS an incredible £1215 via our fundraising website – so the current total stands at £1829. We will continue to collect donations via the website so please do feel free to share with friends and family.

<https://www.vaccinaid.org/west-lodge-school-fundraising-page>

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to this very important cause – which help provide vital support for communities in the Indian Subcontinent.



The children in Reception are learning about life cycles and have been observing their caterpillars grow.



It has been great to be involved in competitive sport once again – this week our Year 5 girls, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys all took part in their respective tournaments – the first post-lockdown sports tournaments of 2021. It was a great opportunity for the children to have a chance to represent their school and also enjoy playing competitive sport. Despite some pre-tournament nerves, the Year 5 girls they performed amazingly, drawing one game, winning two, scoring 4 goals and conceding none on their way to the final. In the final they were unfortunate to lose 1-0 in a very evenly matched game, but finished with immense pride and applause from parents and spectators. The Year 6 girls played really well – in 4 of their 5 matches they were the better team – despite applying a lot of pressure they struggled to find the back of the net, however they formed a very strong defensive unit and kept a lot of clean sheets - as a result they ended up drawing most of their matches. They showed great teamwork throughout! The Year 6 boys – following on from their success in the autumn tournament – played superbly winning all of their matches: 7 – 0 v Grange; 1 – 0 v St Josephs; 1 – 0 v Roxbourne and 3 – 0 v Roxeth. The boys competed positively and with a great spirit. They will now advance to the finals which will be held next week. Well done to all the children who took part. The year 5 boys are looking forward to competing in their tournament on Monday.

Well done to Ruby Class for a fabulous assembly this morning – we hope the parents enjoyed watching the recording of this too. We are looking forward to Topaz and Pearl Class performing over the next couple of weeks.

Well-being Tip – Be childish!

Lose yourself in play with your children and let go of other pressures. Whether it's lego, a game of football, playing in a playground or even the dreaded console, get involved! It is relaxing, bonding and fun, and your kids will REALLY appreciate it! Really giving yourself over to play will boost your well-being and theirs.

'We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.'

George Bernard Shaw

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

Jim Dees

Summer Term 2021					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 th – 14 th May	Reception Writing Workshop 09:15 Y5 Boys' football SEND Parent Partnership 13:45 RMC Committee 18:00		Orchestra Start	Y6 Boys' Football Final	Topaz Class Assembly
17 th – 21 st May			Digital Creativity Festival Awards Ceremony 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 30 Days Wild Challenge	Play session for new Reception children Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	US Virtual Music Concert Y5 swimming (Aquamarine)	Lilac Class Assembly 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