



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and that you had an enjoyable Easter break. We have all enjoyed being back at school this week and West Lodge has been buzzing with excited learning. We are maximising opportunities to use our beautiful grounds and the children have been enjoying some learning sessions outside – I have seen guided reading groups popping up in various locations of the field, playground or nature area. You will find the term dates on pages 2 and 3 – there is only one change from the date grid that we sent out at the end of March - we have now added in when each Year 5 class will be having their swimming lessons. We have put this intensive programme of swimming lessons in place for Year 5 as they missed a term of their swimming lessons last year.

We are very excited to have had a new delivery of fruit trees – some of these will form part of the existing orchard on the field, we have also created a mini orchard behind Year 3 – which is turning into a lovely outdoor learning space. We will also be planting a couple of cherry trees at the entrance to the school – along the side pathway.



Session for Parents – Relationships and Sex Education

As mentioned in the newsletter on 31st March we have a **session for all parents on our new PSHE/RSE Policy on Wednesday 28th April at 18:30**. This will be delivered by some members of the Herts for Learning team in conjunction with Mrs McClean, Mr Beckwith and myself. We will cover the government guidance and expectations for schools; as well as talk through our curriculum. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions. Here is the Zoom link for the session:

<https://zoom.us/j/93317400480?pwd=dkJGdGo2d0d5OE1MUW53NkM1NIYzUT09>

Meeting ID: 933 1740 0480

Passcode: 716841

FOWLS

Thank you for all the entries to the **Digital Creativity Festival** – we have a really interesting selection. We will be judging all of the entries very soon – an awards ceremony will be organised to celebrate the work of the children. We are also planning to launch the **Y6 Enterprise Challenge** this half-term, kicking off with an enterprise day on Thursday 27th May.



The children in Reception have been learning about Jack and the Beanstalk and growing their own food. They planted seeds and we are excited to observe them grow. In Kaleidoscope the children have been exploring measurement in different units. We used different tools to measure distance, length and weight – Edward is very accurate with his metre stick! We are hopeful that we are able to do more and more activities as the term progresses. We will be entering some Year 5 & Year 6 football competitions (organised by Harrow) which will be held in early May – the girls in Year 5 & 6 have begun training for these – they are very keen – here we can see Raiya taking on Emily and Maya about to slot a perfect shot into the bottom corner (reminiscent of Torres when he wore red)!

LFT Testing Parents

All staff are continuing to carry out twice weekly rapid lateral testing. A reminder that this is available to all parents of children at West Lodge. Thank you to those families who are already taking part in this initiative - **it is an important additional measure to help us continue to protect our West Lodge community and we encourage all parents to take part**. You can find more information via the following links. [Rapid Lateral Flow Testing for Households & Bubbles of School Pupils and Staff](#)
[Find Your Local Home Test Kit Collection Point](#)

Well-being Tip - Think Happy!

Before bed, Jot down or simply recall the best moment/s of the day. This could be something funny or poignant your child said, a call from an old friend, an enjoyable lunch or walk, or an act of kindness from a colleague. This is also a great activity to do with your child to both promote positivity and hear about their day!

‘Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start to get positive results.’ Willie Nelson

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

Jim Dees

Summer Term 2021					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 th – 23 rd April	Children return			Virtual Parents' Tour 10:00 Parents' Forum – Mental Health Focus 13:45	FOWLS Uniform Collection Year 5 Globe Players Shakespeare Performance
26 th – 30 th April			Virtual Parents' Tour 10:00 Parents' RSE/PSHE Workshop 18:30	FOWLS Uniform Sale	Ramadan Assembly
3 rd – 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday				Ruby Class Assembly
10 th – 14 th May	Reception Writing Workshop 09:15 SEND Parent Partnership 13:45 RMC Committee 18:00		Orchestra Start	 Y6 Art Afternoon – West House	Topaz Class Assembly
17 th – 21 st May			Full GB	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