



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have had another enjoyable week of learning at West Lodge – culminating in lots of excitement for Comic Relief – a wide array of superheroes strode through the corridors and played happily in the playground. We had Spiderman, Wonder Woman, Black Panther, Batman, some secret agents, lots of NHS workers, a few Marcus Rashfords and many more. Thank you for supporting this today – we have quarantined the money collected and will work out the amount raised on Monday.

Mr Nevins

We are sad to say that Mr Nevins will be leaving West Lodge at Easter. He is moving to Sweden to embark on an exciting new adventure. Mr Nevins joined West Lodge in April 2011 – having worked at the school for 10 years he has had a tremendously positive impact on a large number of children at West Lodge and across Harrow. Mr Nevins has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining a strong culture of helping children to develop an active lifestyle. His passion for developing sport and providing opportunities for pupils to compete at a variety of different levels has inspired countless children. His legacy at West Lodge is secure and the strong, positive culture of active living is now firmly established at the school – we are incredibly grateful for all that he has done for the school and wish him all the very best in his new adventure.

Help Harrow – Support for Families

A reminder that you can access a variety of support services via <https://helpharrow.org/>. If you are experiencing difficulties a variety of advice and support services can be accessed, also access to food support or mental health support. More information can also be found here: [Help Harrow - Support for Families](#)

LFT Testing Parents

As I mentioned at the beginning of the month - regular asymptomatic rapid testing is now available for all parents, carers and adult household members of pupils 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. We know of asymptomatic cases that have been picked up via this method at other local schools and helped to prevent further transmission in those schools. Harrow are recommending twice weekly testing (3 or 4 days apart) – every result will need to be reported to NHS Test and Trace. 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](#)

Surge Testing Update

We have received an update from Harrow on the surge testing that is happening in selected areas due to the identification of the South African Variant. The surge testing continues to roll out as planned – so far 2,545 tests have been returned with zero positive cases and zero additional cases of the variant being identified. You can find out more at www.harrow.gov.uk/surge or by calling the Covid Hotline **020 8901 2698**. The detailed update can be found here: [Surge Testing in Harrow Update - 19th March 2021](#).



The photos this week show the great work Pearl Class have recently done on Pointillism – the creations above are by Yasmin, Misha, Shruti & Zahra. We had some fabulous superheroes appear at school on Friday – here we can see Maroon Class, Orange Class, Abdullah and Warren.

Well-being Tip of the Week – Be in the Present

If we take time to be aware of ourselves and be in the present moment, noticing our own thoughts and feelings, and the world around us, we can gain a better perspective. Sometimes this is known as being more mindful. Mindful breathing and meditation help you to be in the present.

‘The present moment is the only time over which we have dominion.’ Thich Nhat Hanh

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Jim Dees

