



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Dear Parents/Carers,

20th November 2020

I hope you are all well – thank you for your continued support. This week the children have been busy learning about their different areas of focus for our Festival of Light. We are all looking forward to the light trail on Monday. Each year group has focused on a different religion and looked at the importance of light within that particular religion: Reception - Hinduism with a focus on Diwali; Year 1 - Buddhism and the Festival of Wesak; Year 2 – Judaism, focusing on Hannukah; Kaleidoscope – Hinduism, with a focus on Diwali; Year 3 - Islam and the importance of light; Y4 - Christianity with a focus on Candlemas and Christingles; Year 5 – Sikhism a study of the importance of Diwali; Year 6 – Zoroastrianism with a focus on the importance of light and fire to this religion. We linked this all together in assembly this morning and explored the similarities between religions. On Monday the nature trail will be decorated with all the work linked to the different religions and the children will have a chance to walk through the trail helping them to gain an understanding of our common humanity.

The images below showing the religious symbols were created by the Y5 children – they all had a part in creating these – they will be placed along the nature trail to mark the beginning of each section. The other images below show the work that Kaleidoscope have created for the trail – all linked to Diwali.



‘Always embrace the common humanity that lies at the heart of us all.’ Dalai Lama

Key COVID Updates

It has become more apparent that **symptoms in children can be very short-lived**, if temperature spikes and then returns to normal relatively quickly, it is important that we all still follow the protocol (self-isolate and book a test). A reminder that **self-isolation** means that the child has to stay at home – walking the dog or other similar activities are not permitted. We have continued to adapt our protective measures to **improve ventilation and the quality of air in the classroom** as it becomes more and more evident that the primary route of transmission is through aerosols and airborne droplets – see the following letter for more information [Ventilation & Filtration Letter](#). The recording of the latest weekly update can be found here [Weekly Update - Recording](#) Passcode: u5?hTH.6

Please remember to continue to follow the advice on this flowchart [COVID19 Protocol Flowchart](#) and also this [Quick Reference Guide](#) which outlines the actions to take for a range of possible scenarios that you may encounter.

Supporting the Harrow Foodbank

Thank you very much for the generous donations of advent calendars for the Harrow Foodbank – these have been delivered and were gratefully received. Our next collection will be for **‘sweets, treats and chocolates’** – the same collection points will be in place on Monday 23rd November: 1) Entrance to the main playground for Year 4, Year 5 and Kaleidoscope; 2) Next to the Reception green area for Reception and Year 1 and 3) At the back gate for Year 2 and Year 3. The collection points will be available throughout the week. Please support this initiative to support families who are struggling at this time.

Christmas Eve Pyjamas

Please support the Christmas Eve Pyjamas initiative organised by Hilary Ford (Y6 parent). Last year over 200 pairs of Christmas Pyjamas were distributed to local children in need via Harrow Social Services, a local women’s refuge and a local family-support charity, Hillingdon HomeStart. A letter was sent out earlier today with more details. A letter was sent earlier today – please check ParentMail.

Children in Need

The final amount raised for Children in Need was a staggering £1900 – an incredible amount considering the current challenges. Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas

We are planning **virtual Christmas Nativity plays for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** this year – more info to follow. **Christmas post-boxes** are currently being created for each year group and one for Kaleidoscope, **so children will be able to send Christmas cards this year**. **Christmas lunches** and **Christmas parties** (in class bubbles) are being planned for Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December – these will be adapted to ensure that they are in line with our risk assessment. We are also very excited about the special **FOWLS Christmas Event** planned for **Friday 11th December** – the children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper – or Christmas colours on that day and there will be a range of craft activities to take part in (within class bubbles). More information for all the Christmas events will follow next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

