



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

17th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have all experienced another enjoyable week at school, culminating in a wonderful Friday. I am pleased to announce that we raised £503 for One Tree Day – that equates to the planting of 503 trees. The children enjoyed the special screening of The Promise and learnt more about the importance of enjoying the outdoors and protecting the environment.



Sapphire Class explored the nature and selected fallen leaves, twigs and pebbles to create their own leaf creatures.

'To see real change, we have to envisage the world we know is possible, and The Promise is full to the brim with hope and inspiration to help us do just that. We hope this film will encourage you to gather up your courage and fight for a kinder, fairer and greener world because every small action, every conversation and every thought we have of a better future, edges us closer to achieving it.' The Promise

Maybe you can take this learning a little further with your children and **make a promise to plant an acorn**. If we each pledged to plant an acorn/tree seed tomorrow, then next spring we could have hundreds of trees ready to go out into the world! We have our own mini 'lockdown' oak which is growing in one of the Reception raised beds. Thank you to Mrs Aldrich for organising and inspiring Just One Tree Day. Well done to three year 5 classes: Aquamarine, Emerald and Amber who have all pioneered our new form of class assembly over the last three weeks. They all did a great job! For parents of those classes – you can view the assemblies on the Year 5 DB Primary page.

COVID Update

As you will have heard – all London boroughs, including Harrow, have now moved into Tier 2 restrictions – also known as Local COVID Alert Level: High – here is a short video explanation <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/embed/p08v3bq5/54511965>.

Four key points under Tier 2 are outlined below, you must:

- Not meet people socially indoors;
- Only meet people outdoors in groups of up to 6;
- Work from home if possible;
- Reduce the number of journeys you take.

More detail and information can be found via the following links [Tier 1, 2 or 3 - England's Three Stage Covid Lockdown Rules Explained](#) ; [Gov.uk Tier 2 \(local alert level high\) Explained](#) . I explained in the **weekly update** this week about our plans for trying to ensure that we find a more **efficient way of ventilating classrooms** as we move into the colder months – if you missed this session here is the link to the recording:

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/nYarcaX6Q4yOzSI8rgzsobxi2jWcnf4NSWsPzmJi6Uua4fiL0Dq6yMJCv5NgAfWQ.6pwB9MO56p1fMePW>
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We must continue to inculcate the values of hope, optimism and courage – these will help us through this difficult period. Continue to focus on the things within our own control that can have a positive impact on reducing the rate of transmission: wearing a face covering when around others; social distancing; following the school [COVID Protocol](#) and isolating if symptomatic or if a household member is symptomatic; keeping indoor spaces well ventilated; using good respiratory hygiene.

Road Safety

We continue to have concerns regarding unsafe driving and parking by a small minority. Last week we sent some pictures of dangerous and unsafe parking to Harrow – we will continue to do this. Please may I remind all parents and carers that we should not be parking or turning into the entrance of the upper car-park (just beyond the new flats). Parents and children are walking along this stretch of pavement and also staff members could be entering or exiting this car-park.

Key Dates for Next Week

Monday – Return to Roar – episode 12 (5:30pm); **Tuesday** – Parents' Consultations (4:00 – 6:00pm); **Wednesday** – Weekly Update – Changes to the School COVID Risk Assessment (2:00pm); Parents' Consultations (4:00 – 6:00pm); **Thursday** – Return to Roar – episode 13 – (this episode will be sent as a recording, due to parents' consultations); **Friday** – Staff Inset Day

Have a lovely weekend!

Jim Dees

