



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Dear Parents/Carers,

15th May 2020

I hope you are all well. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey – if you haven't completed it yet, the deadline is 10 am tomorrow. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SQG6V22> . Your thoughts and opinions are very important to us and this will help inform any decisions we make.

I will continue to keep you informed. We have received a number of guidance documents from the government during the week, we are working to digest this information in addition to continuing our research into models of schooling across the world. I will re-iterate that any expanded provision at West Lodge will be at a pace that we feel we can do safely. Medical evidence and research into transmission rates within children is still in its infancy and The British Medical Association have stated their concern about re-opening schools too quickly as the studies into the transmission rates within children has so far been conflicting – this is mainly because there is so little research out there. I will not rush the expansion of provision.

We have shared our thinking with the West Lodge Board of Governors, they are in support of the school's approach. Any plans that we move forward with will be subject to our Board of Governors being satisfied with the assessment of risk and the measures that we are able to put in place to mitigate these risks. We are going to arrange a Zoom session to present our plans to you next Thursday at 5pm.

Pinner to New Zealand Challenge A message from Mr Nevins:

So far we have 'travelled' 1226 miles which is just over 10% of the way to New Zealand. We have until July 1st- that's another 7 weeks - to achieve our 12,000 miles target! We started the challenge on 30th April and we currently have 58 members on the group so the interest and effort is growing. We have raised £76 so far.

Our collective targets for next Friday May 22nd are as follows:

1. To reach 100 members on the school Strava page
2. To raise £200 for Save the Children
3. To reach a total of 2500 miles

Please visit the Strava page and get involved!

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/westlodge>

The children have created some amazing maps this week. See opposite and below for a selection of local area maps and fantasy world maps created by Ellina, Daiwick, Yusuf & Samir, Ayush, Dilan, Luke and Aishi.



The collaborative project for next week is linked to Design Technology and Miss Mrowiec has set up an exciting task – The Marble Run! The children will have a lot of fun creating a rollercoaster or a run for a marble – see the attached documents for more information. We also have a competition to design a home for your favourite fictional character. Click on this link to find out more:

<https://www.buildingcentre.co.uk/news/articles/design-competition-design-a-home-for-your-favourite-fictional-character> .The Composer of the Week for next week is Gustav Mahler – we hope you enjoy exploring his musical creations.

Key dates and times for next week: **Assemblies** – Monday 18th May 10:30am; Thursday 21st May 1:30pm EYFS/KS1 Birthday Assembly; Friday 22nd May 10:30am. **The Land of Roar Storytime**: Tuesday 12th May 2:30pm (episode 6); Wednesday 13th May 2:30pm (episode 7); Friday 14th May (episode 8) 2:30pm. **Presentation to Parents/Carers – Expanded Provision**: Thursday 21st May 6:00pm

Thank you for your continued support in these very challenging times. A quote to inspire us all: **I'm strong because I've been weak. I'm fearless because I've been afraid. I'm wise because I've been foolish.** (I'm not sure who said this)

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees

