



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Dear Parents/Carers,

8th May 2020

I hope you are all well. Thank you for your continued support. As a school we have begun thinking about how we organise a transition back to school over the coming weeks. We are expecting some form of announcement from the government on Sunday, which we envisage will include guidance on how and when schools should re-open. We don't know when this will be and we will not speculate on a potential date, but we do want to plan carefully. Once we have this guidance, we will carry out a parent/carer survey to gather your thoughts and opinions about how we might return and how we may organise the school when we do return. I will be in touch early next week, we will use your responses to help inform our plans. This is a very complex process and we appreciate your understanding and support.

We hope you have enjoyed the nature art activities this week – there have been some wonderful creations, here are a few examples from Lili, Mahi & Zain, Alfie, Vyana & Vivan, Martha, Miran and Dylan! Well done all!



The collaborative project for next week is linked to Geography and Mrs Kambo has created a lovely project for the family - we would like you and your family to create a map of your local area. The map can be a 3D model or a 2D picture. The model can be made from reclaimed materials, Lego, blocks etc. Or you could make a map outside with sticks and chalks or even create it digitally. See additional information sheet for more guidance.

The Composer of the Week for next week is Prokofiev of 'Peter and the Wolf' fame, some of the children will be very familiar with the music: happy listening! There has been a lot of activity on the West Lodge School 2.6 Challenge – click the following link and join the team – all contributions are welcome – walking, cycling and running. Visit <https://www.strava.com/clubs/westlodge> to join! We have already made a good start towards our target.

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<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/libraries/digital-newspapers-magazines-ebooks>

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- [to be a member of the library](#)
- your library card number and PIN

As many of you will know, the Year 5 and 6 choir have sung for the past ten years at the **O2** with **Young Voices**, the World's Largest Children's Choir. Mr Went has recently heard about a very exciting opportunity for all of our singers here at West Lodge; on 2nd June, we are all invited, along with families from across the world, to pay tribute to all key workers by joining together to sing "The Power in Me" from the safety of our own homes. In 2016, our choir sang this song as part of the Young Voices Concert Tour. If you are interested, **please register your interest at** <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/powerinme> to access learning resources for this very powerful song. When you have done this, you will then be sent an email giving you access to everything you need to get started. In the weeks leading up to the main event on 2nd June, you are encouraged to take part in the #PowerInMe Singing Challenge and to film yourselves singing one line of the song's lyrics "I've got the Power in Me" and post it online with the hashtag to see who responds completing the song's chorus "You've got the Power in You". Once registered, you will also be sent information about joining different workshops run by a range of conductors from around the world to learn the song. For more information click the following link. [The Power in Me](#)

Key dates and times for next week: **Assemblies** – Tuesday 12th May 10:30am (The Invisible String); Thursday 14th May 1:30pm EYFS/KS1 Birthday Assembly; Friday 15th May 10:30am (Our Community). **The Land of Roar Storytime**: Tuesday 12th May 2:30pm (episode 3); Wednesday 13th May 2:30pm (episode 4); Friday 14th May (episode 5) 2:30pm. **Governors**: Monday 11th May 5:00pm RMC; Thursday 14th May 6:00pm Full GB

Thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated. I hope you have enjoyed the VE Day celebrations today and had fun at your 'stay at home' tea party – here is a quote from Winston Churchill to sign off with: **'A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty!'** Let's keep cultivating the habit of optimism.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees

