

# West Acton Primary School Newsletter



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021



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## MESSAGE FROM MISS KONDO

What a fantastic World Book Day we had yesterday! The effort and range of costumes was so impressive. I really hope that you take the time to you at our Youtube channel – there are so many videos for you and your children to enjoy, about a whole range of books and poems. The author visits were a real treat and very inspiration for the children. Thank you to EVERYONE who made it such a special day.

***So all I need to say now is get your alarm clock set, school bag packed, uniform ready because FULL SCHOOL IS BACK ON MONDAY and I can't wait to see you all!***

***Stay safe this weekend. Miss Kondo***



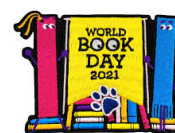
During this challenging year I have been really moved by the kindness of strangers who have got out of their way to help West Acton these range for food and laptop donations, to someone leafleting the area for us and this week a donation from parents of a man who attended our school over 35 years ago.

**We thank them all.**

Our £1  
books  
line-up  
for 2021

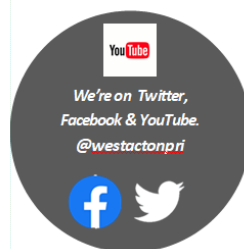


We are hopefully getting a delivery of a selection of the £1 WBD books so that the vouchers will not go to waste.



What a fantastic quote at the end of the day from one of our pupils:

***“After listening to Polly Ho-Yen's tips and seeing her write inspired me to write so I went on word and am writing a book , I will send you the book when it's done!”***



### HERE to HEAR and HELP!

Please do get in contact if you feel that your child or you need support during this time we are apart. Our school wellbeing team is continues to be very active and available for YOU.

**We are re-opening for ALL pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

See full details here:

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/newsanddates/letters>

Over 600 parent/carers have already replied to respond to the photo and video permission form that was sent to you by text. Please do check and reply if you haven't already. Thank you.

### Breakfast Club

Our school run breakfast club is priced considerably lower than other schools as the staff are employed directly by the school. We offer the breakfast club to support our working parents and not to make a profit. Sadly, for a year now our breakfast club has been operating at a loss.

Please do consider using and booking breakfast club so that we can continue to be able to offer this service at the competitive rate into the future.

### IMPORTANT COVID – 19

If your child or anyone in your household has a positive COVID -19 test result during half term please email the school [admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk)

It is very important that you keep your child at home if ANYONE in the house has symptoms or a positive test result, especially siblings.

It is also important to know the symptoms of COVID-19 (new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste)

Please test anyone who has symptoms

Please note the first day of symptoms.

### ROAD SAFETY

We expect all of our community to feel safe around our school in the morning and at afternoon collection time. Sadly, some of our parents have been driving disrespectfully or illegally. This was reported in the Autumn, by local residents and other parents since January.

**This is unacceptable – please do not put people at risk.**

Welcome back to house points!

Keep up the fantastic behaviour!

This week's house points  
Week ending 26.2.21

Chiswick	1829
Osterley	1849
Pitzhanger	1950
Syon	1832

# Ten Pin Bowling Year 5/Year 6

04.03.21

Featherstone School Sports Partnership visited West Acton Primary School on Thursday for their fourth event this term. Year 5 and Year 6 children took part, and this time it was to participate in ten pin bowling.

The children learnt the basic skills necessary to complete this activity, whilst also developing their team building skills. The event is part of Featherstone SSP's inter-school competitions and the children had to work together to get the highest points total possible for the school. Results for all schools have not yet been completed but we are currently scoring very high in the rankings.

Well done to all the children who participated so enthusiastically and with such clear enjoyment.

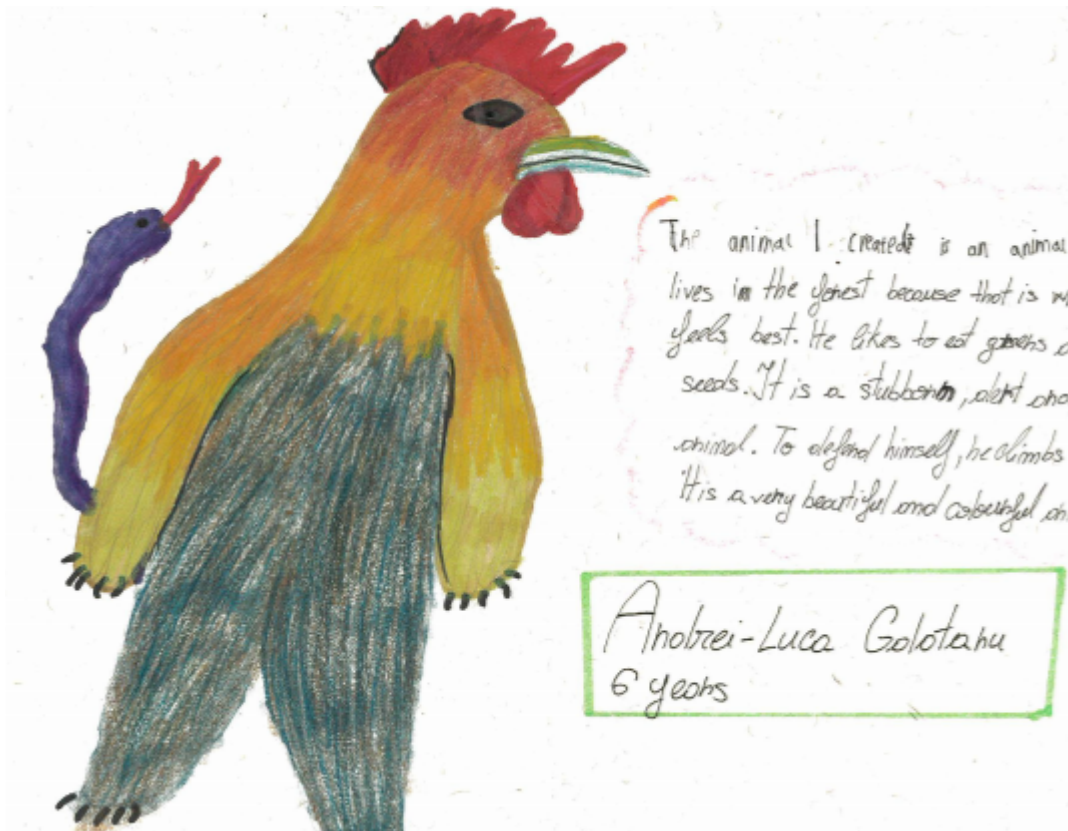




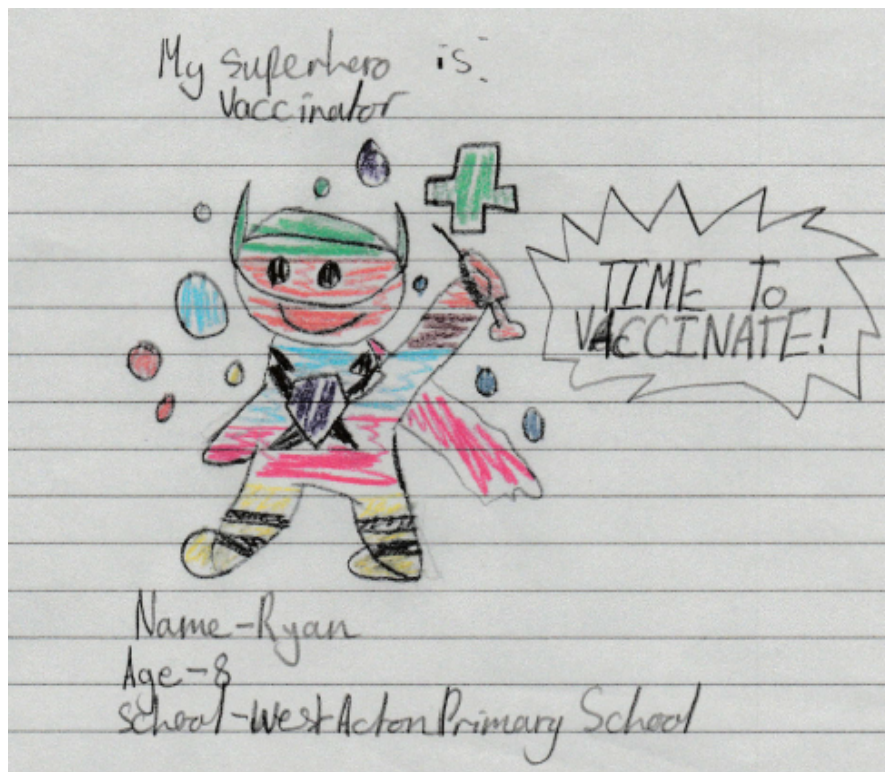
## Budding Artists

Two of our pupils have won Art competitions! We are very proud of them!

Andrei won a runner up prize and a judge's choice prize in the Don Hanson Charitable Foundation 2020 drawing competition.



Ryan won the Metropolitan Police Poster Competition February 2021





## Supporting Your Child or Young Person to Return to School

After being off school for so long, it is only natural that many young people will be worried about returning to school. Here are some tips on how to support your child or young person's return to school

**1. Talk to your child about how they are feeling about going back to school** and try not to make assumptions. Ask them if they are worried or feel scared about anything, but also if they are excited about or looking forward to something. No matter how your child feels, let them know that it is completely normal to feel a mixture of emotions and that everyone will be in the same boat. Here are some conversation starters [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HiBp\\_e-11n241RHHuJla5LUuV8h6nnyf/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HiBp_e-11n241RHHuJla5LUuV8h6nnyf/view?usp=sharing)

**2. Provide your child with as much information about their new routine and school day as you can.** This will help them to prepare for any changes that have been made to the timings of their day, the layout of their classroom, their peer groups and playtimes. For younger children, it can be really helpful for them to visualise these changes – so ask your child's school if they can send any pictures to help make things feel more familiar.

**3. Reassure your child.** During the lockdown we have been told to stay at home, remain socially distant from others and wash our hands regularly. This means children may find it difficult to go back to school because it will be a huge change from what they have been asked to do during the pandemic. Talk with your child about ways they can stay safe at school, such as washing their hands before and after eating, and reassure them that the school are putting measures in place to keep them safe.

**4. Re-establish a routine to help ease into school life.** During lockdown it is understandable that your family's routine may have changed. Children are likely to have been waking up later or going to bed later. To help them get ready for school, try to gradually get them back into their usual morning and bedtime routines as they get closer to their return date.

**5. Don't put pressure on yourself.** The transition back into school is likely to take some time. Lots of children will experience ups and downs. Try your best to support, reassure and comfort them, without putting pressure on yourself to make sure their homework is done or they settle into a new routine straightaway.

**6. Think ahead.** As well as reflecting on what has happened during the past few weeks, it is important to help children develop hope and a sense of excitement for the future. At a time like this, it can be hard to feel positive, but identifying the things that they can look forward to will help them to realise that the current situation won't last forever and their feelings will change.

**7. Seek support if you need it.** Transitioning back to school after being in lockdown is no easy task. You may find that your child struggles to get back into school or experiences difficulties while they're at school. If this is the case, reach out to your child's school as soon as you can so that you can make them aware of the challenges and work together to support your child. If you are concerned about your child's mental health we are here to help

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