

# West Acton Primary School Newsletter



Friday 16th July 2021



**School Jotter**

Our app—available on the app store

Here comes the sunshine – what a hot end to the week! It has been a fantastic week here at West Acton. Sports days went very well and were enjoyed by all. Our medals have been delayed but the children are looking forward to receiving them. Thank you to Mr Humble and Mrs Collins for organising those.

Monday was very exciting as the children met their new teachers and visited their new classrooms. I hope that you have, by now, had the opportunity to read your child's report and look upon it with pride at what your child has achieved this year. We certainly are proud of them.

We want as many children as possible in school for the last 3 days next weeks – therefore I strongly advise you act with care and caution this week end.

Miss Kondo

## West Acton becomes an Eco School



We are delighted to announce that we have been recognised as an Eco School. We have received our Eco flag, which we will proudly hang outside our school. The Eco Committee and Miss Murphy would like to thank all the pupils, staff and parents for their hard work and commitment to making our school greener. We will continue to implement these changes and look forward to carrying our next environmental review in September.





### 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@westacton.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westacton.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.**

### Mobile Phone use by Parents/Carers on site

Please refrain from using your mobile phone whilst dropping off and collecting your child.

### Breakfast Club – spaces still available

Book here:

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/parents/breakfastclub>

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.

### EYE TESTS

**Please do consider getting your child's eyes tested. We cannot get opticians onsite but I have called Specsavers, Vision Express and Eyes on the Common –they have appointments available.**

### WEST ACTON - STOP EYES on ME!

**Listen to our new school chant of Our values and rules.**

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/keyinformation/behaviour-1>

### 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.

This week's house points  
Week ending 9.7.21

Chiswick	1743
Osterley	1482
Pitzhanger	1630
Syon	1789

## IMPORTANT DATES

**End of term Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**July at 1.30pm**

**Start back Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**September**

See here for full details:

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

## BOTTLE TOP MASTERPIECE!

**We are starting an exciting Design Project – please save us your bottle tops, wash them and send them in.**



**These can be found on drink and milk bottles.**

## This week's Top Tip from School Counsellor Louise

### Saying Goodbye

Endings are important and can bring up a whole mixed bag of feelings for everyone: sadness, anger, confusion, worry, relief and/or excitement, to name a few. Often we can feel several different feelings at once. As we approach the end of this school year, you may have noticed a change in your child's behaviour: are they more sensitive or reactive than usual? Are they more clingy, having trouble falling asleep or finding separations harder? More meltdowns or outbursts? Or perhaps they have withdrawn a little?

### How can parents help?

First, understand that endings may be hard for you too and the end of a school year may bring up all sorts of thoughts and feelings for you. Use this insight to support your child: help them identify those feelings they are feeling and separate them into parts: "It sounds like a part of you is excited for the summer and another part of you is sad to say goodbye to your friends..." Endings are also a great opportunity to reflect back on the year and think together about their favourite times, what would they change/do differently? As much as possible, it is helpful to prepare for the ending so that they have a chance to say goodbye to those (people and places) who matter the most to them: could they create a card for their teacher/friends? Take photos of their favourite places? Create a box or book about this year?

On the note of Endings, ESCP will be finishing at the school the end of this term and I will be leaving. I'd like to thank all of you for contacting me, making me feel very welcome at this school and for reading my littlenewsletter nuggets. The school will continue to support and share some exciting news on the follow up to the service in the new term. It has been a pleasure and joy to support you all and I wish everyone an exciting and hopeful rest of the year.

Louise Alltimes CSM ESCP

Counselling Service Manager

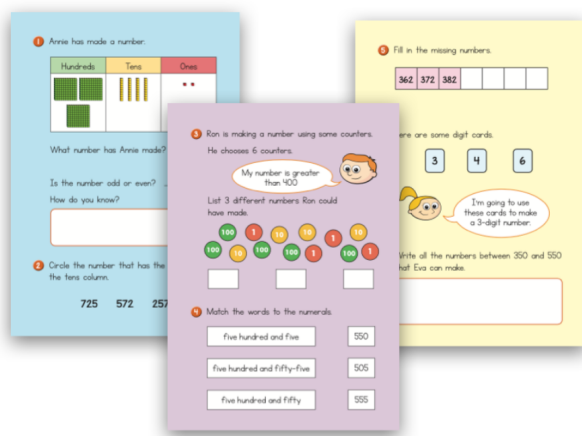
Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership



White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and FREE workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 2nd August onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.



Morrisons launched the Little Libraries in May, so your local store should have one. Look out for the green signage shown in the picture!

Nearest Morrisons in Acton: King St, London W3 9NX



# Sports Day

This week the children participated in Sports Day. They took part in a variety of events such as the egg and spoon race, domes and dishes, three-legged race, shot put, running races, and a sack race.

It was fantastic to see all the children show great sportsmanship and demonstrate our three school values: **courage, consideration and collaboration.**

Well done to everyone! Thank you so much to all the teachers who helped make the days a fantastic success!



### Year 6 Activity Week

Year 6 enjoyed a range of creative and physical activities at school this week, where they were visited by Bigfoot Drama Group on Wednesday and New Diorama Theatre on Thursday. They watched performances, discussed themes and acting techniques, as well as performing in groups. They had fun learning about the Olympic Games, past and present, before trying out some sporting events in house teams on the school field.



*"The visit from Bigfoot Drama Group was very useful because it showed you how to show your true self and be confident," (Soha)*

*"We had lots of fun in the sun, as we had the chance to do a lot of different types of sports." (Tara)*

*"I liked the drama show as it showed how everything changes in real life." (Riyanna)*

*"I really enjoyed playing in the Olympic Games. It was very encouraging. I learnt how many athletes work so hard in all the sports." (Lina)*

*"I liked the drama work with Adrian from Bigfoot because it made us feel confident and taught us how to act." (Aya R.)*

**School is open as usual for all pupils on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday we finish at 1.30pm.**

## Reading

**Love the library** – all the children have been enjoying visiting the library each week now it has re-opened. Although library activities carried on during Covid 19 arrangements, it was a little different.

We have so many new books and the children can't wait to check them out each week.

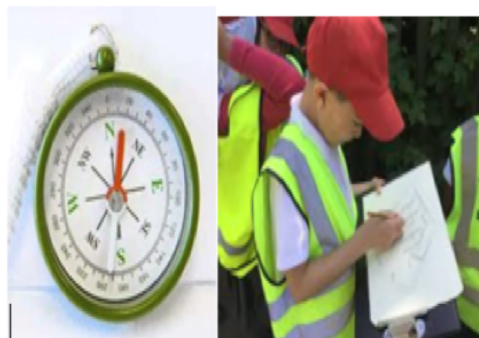
**Outdoor reading** - in the playground the children have spotted some 'book houses'. Inside these brightly decorated mini houses there are loads of books to read. Children can also choose to read at lunchtime from the trolley in the dining hall and from the book boxes on the field. It's lovely to see groups of children stretching out on large covers on the grass, relaxing with a book.



Year 3 children have once again enjoyed participating in the **Young Readers' project** which is organised by the National Literacy Trust and funded by the Ealing Broadway Shopping Centre. They have each received three free books of their choice and are due to enjoy a *booknic* in the last week of term.

## Humanities

We have a Geography project this term for children from Nursery to Y6. All the teachers have planned activities to develop fieldwork and mapping skills. We're making use of our wonderful school site for activities such as creating a map on the field, looking at tube maps, making our own compasses and even links with the Euros for one year group.





## **Get Going at the Old Vic - the grand finale of the theatre project with Y4**

Twenty five lucky children in Y4 were really fortunate to be involved in this innovative writing, singing and movement project which involved a total of 500 children all over London.

A final (virtual) event took place this week where West Acton linked up with the elderly residents of Bridgeside Lodge, a care home in Islington to sing together and ask a few questions. The children asked some tough questions covering topics from cars to pets and even beans!

Thank you to all the staff at The Old Vic who delivered the workshops and shared their expertise with us over the year.



## **The West End comes to West Acton**

**Two theatre companies – Rhum & Clay and New Diorama joined together to produce a new play called ‘Everything has Changed’**

Last week, they brought the play to us and performed for all the classes in KS2. It was a fast moving and musical adventure inspired by the strange events of the last year. It encouraged children to reflect that positive things can come from the strangest places and that we have the skills to deal with big changes in our lives. It was lots of fun as well and fantastic to have a (COVID friendly) live performance.

***You can buy tickets for £5 to see the show in August with your family. It's on at the New Diorama Theatre, NW1 3BF.***

<https://newdiorama.com/whats-on/everything-has-changed>

