

West Acton Primary School Newsletter



Friday 22nd October



Thank you to our whole West Acton community of staff, children, parents and governors who have worked so hard this term. It is been a busy time with lots of progress, great learning and fun had by all.

In this newsletter, you will find lots of activities which you could do this half term, some books reviews, an update on RE and PSHE and much more.

Teachers were delighted to see so many of you at parents' meetings this week and share how your child has settled and is working. Thank you to all who joined the meetings.

I wish you all a safe and happy half term – please do follow COVID-19 guidance and procedures during this week too.

Miss Kondo

Thank you for donating food for our Harvest collection for Ealing Foodbank. We enjoyed special assemblies from Bri, a volunteer from the Food bank, who taught us about the power of sharing.



Book Reviews by Miss Kondo



LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET - CJ begins his weekly bus journey around the city with disappointment and dissatisfaction, wondering why he and his family can't drive a car like his friends. Through energy and encouragement, CJ's nana helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine. The key is the way Nana looks at the world and sees the beauty and humanity in it. Children understand by the end there are different forms of richness. This beautifully illustrated, emotive picture book explores urban life with honesty, interest and gratitude – it shares a fantastic message for all our children.

IT'S A NO - MONEY DAY - Mum works really hard, but today there is no money left and no food in the cupboards. Forced to visit the local foodbank, Mum feels ashamed that they have to rely on the kindness of others, but her young daughter can still see all the good in her day like reading and drawing, and even the foodbank. Maybe one day things will be different but for now together they brighten up even the darkest of days. A moving insight into the sad rise and necessity of foodbanks from the perspective of society's most vulnerable, and an essential book to help develop empathy.

Eco –School meeting

Our newly elected Eco Committee were hard at work today analysing our Environmental Review. They have decided on three actions to focus on this year to make West Acton school more sustainable.



In Autumn 2021
the clocks will
go back on **31**
October at
2am.

Sporting Staff - Well done Miss Murhy and Mrs Harvey



Miss Murhy's team won their big match on Saturday!



Did you know Mrs Harvey has run two marathons this term?

Thames Path Ultra Challenge is a multi-stage race. I chose to run the one day Ultra, which was 50 kms (the furthest I have ever run before!) along the Thames River from Putney Bridge to Runnymede. I trained for this run for 6 months! Ealing Half Marathon was a great community event which is 21.1 kms long – it was the first road race I have been able to do in about 2 years so it was very exciting! This was a distance I used to find very daunting, but now is something I can do often.

"I choose to challenge myself with things that I **know** will be hard, but that are within my reach if I put in the time and commitment into it. Distances I used to find hard are now runs I do regularly - these small steps towards a larger goal helps it all become more manageable and achievable!"

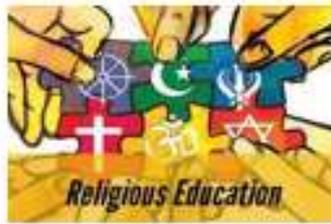
Celebrate Black History Month

Local organisations Descendants, WAPPY and Oshun Education are providing a number of **workshops and activities for children, young people and families during Black History Month**. Find out more about what happened to the Jamaican men who arrived on the Windrush, learn about the Ancient Kingdom of Benin or join a whole day of fun activities. See below for details of the different workshops and activities, including whether they are being delivered in person or online.

Please note there is a small charge for some of the activities so please check the flyers for more details.

Title	Date and Time	Venue	Organisation	Participants	Booking	Flyer
The Jamaican Men on the Empire Windrush - What Happened Next?	Wednesday 20th October 6.00pm -7.00pm	Online session via ZOOM	Oshun Education	Children, young people and families	Email trainingsupport@ealing.gov.uk stating name and the name of the early years setting, school or community organisation	 An Introduction to Black History - Windr
Descendants 27th AGM Hope from Heritage... Footprint on the Land	Thursday 21 st October 7.00pm	Online session via ZOOM	Descendants	Parents / carers	See flyer for ZOOM link	 Descendants AGM 21 Oct.pdf
Ancient Kingdom of Benin- Exploring Afrikan History	Tuesday 26 th October 4.45pm – 6.45pm	Online session via ZOOM	WAPPY	Children, young people and families	Email Grace Quansah at wappy@live.com to register	https://www.wappy.org.uk/post/ancient-kingdom-of-benin-exploring-afrikan-history

Writing & Akuba Telling Tales from Africa & the Caribbean	Wednesday 27 th October 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Acton Library	WAPPY	Children, young people and families	Email Grace Quansah at wappy@live.com to register	 Writing & Akuba Telling Tales from Afr
Descendants Celebrating our Heritage through the Arts Fun Day	Wednesday 27 th October 12 midday – 5.00pm	Acton Gardens Community Centre W3 8UU	Descendants	Children	Email descendantscharity@gmail.com or call 07818 251 138	 Descendants Fun Day PDF.pdf
Passing the Time Through Rhythm & Rhyme on the Windrush	Saturday 30 th October 2.00pm – 4.00pm	W3 Gallery, Acton, W3 9DJ	WAPPY	Children, young people and families	Email Grace Quansah at wappy@live.com to register	 PASSING THE TIME FLYER 30 Oct 2021- A
Importance of the Ancient Kingdom of Benin	Saturday 6 th November 2.00pm – 4.00pm	W3 Gallery, Acton, W3 9DJ	WAPPY	Children, young people and families	Email Grace Quansah at wappy@live.com to register	 ANCIENT BENIN KINGDOM FLYER 6 N
The Legacy Series	Every Friday from 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Acton Gardens Community Centre W3 8UU and online	Descendants	Children and young people aged 4 – 16 years	Email descendantscharity@gmail.com or call 07818 251 138	 Descendants Legacy Series every Friday.pn



At West Acton, the Religious Education syllabus, 'Religion and World Views: Believing, Behaving, Belonging' is now well



embedded in our school curriculum. The children have embraced their learning of different faiths, worldviews and beliefs with enthusiasm. Religious Education is a statutory requirement for local authority schools and links to our **British Values**, school values and the Equality Act 2010. Respecting others, developing their own spirituality, morality and asking important questions about who they are and how they contribute to the world is part of a child's personal growth. Making people feel welcome is a big part of our growing community and it is vital that children welcomed and welcome others. The children are able to reflect deeply on what they have learnt about RE and from RE.

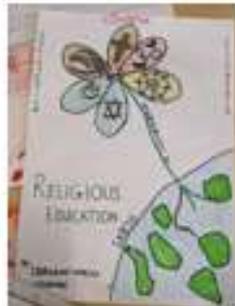
As with last year, during this term, the children in each year group designed a cover for their RE class book cover and they all looked amazing! Well done all those children (and parents) who worked hard at home to design posters.



Congratulations to Rosie (Year 1), Miiro (Year 2), Shia (Year 3), Ibrahim (Year 4) Liseni (Year 5) and Mohammed A (Year 6). Their designs are on the year group, RE class book cover and they each received a wristband for their creative and inclusive designs.

In Year 5, the children explored 'Buddhism.' They showed great fascination during a lesson on the

Buddhist celebration of Wezak. (Celebrated in May) The children had some interesting discussions and produced some informative



mind maps. Buddhism, was also taught in Year 2 this term. Throughout the different year groups, the children have explored, sacred text, Christianity, Islam, **What did your class learn in RE this autumn? What did you learn from your RE topic? What will you learn next term?**



Parents, we know that you are the first educator of your child in learning about faith and worldviews. In West Acton, we are always grateful for parents who are willing to share their beliefs, faith or worldviews to further develop our children's understanding in RE. Please contact Ms James via the school admin email below if you would like to contribute in anyway. admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

Information on the Religious Education syllabus can be found on the school website and on Ealing Grid for learning website.

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

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/elp-services/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/religious-education/re-3>



THIS IS ENGLAND

SATURDAY 6 – SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021



Under 18s,
Ealing residents
+ Members Go
FREE

Official portraits of the
Euro 2020 squad by Matt Small

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MANOR & GALLERY

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ARTification presents



BLACK STORY COMMUNITY EVENT @ OUR ART & PLANT MARKET

Celebrate Black History with us!

ARTification, Tipa Audio, Steelpan, Ms Naye, WAPPY workshop, RC Consultancy & Windrush, Art, Plant & Info

Saturday 23rd October 11 am -2 pm
North Acton Pavilion, W3 0JF



In PSHE, Children have been learning about their health and wellbeing. Children have learnt how to keep themselves healthy, both in body and mind. PSHE here at West Acton is embedded into our whole school ethos and vision statement. It links to our British and school values.

During this term the children designed a front cover for their PSHE book. Congratulations to those children who now have their very own design on the front cover of their year groups PSHE scrapbook!



After half term we start school on
Monday 1st November at 8.45 am.

You can book half term child care with Aktiva here:

<https://mailchi.mp/aktivacamps.com/aktiva-holiday-camps-your-childcare-this-half-term-all-sorted-13640610>

Children's Multi-Activity **AUTUMN** Holiday Camps

25th - 29th
October 2021
+ HARVINGTON
25th OCT - 5th NOV
7.45am-6pm



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HAMMERSMITH • UXBRIDGE



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HALF TERM CAMPS AT:
BRACKENBURY, BELMONT
HARVINGTON, HORSENDEN
JOHN LOCKE ACADEMY
MOUNT CARMEL, SOUTHFIELD
WEST ACTON



FULL WEEK SESSIONS
Full day: 7.45am to 6pm - £159
Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £135

DAY SESSIONS
Short day - £35 Long day - £45
Childcare vouchers accepted

OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Create bubbling potions • Learn to be a magician
- Create a rabbit in a hat • Spider hunt
- Junk Art - Design a magical creature
- Dance workshop based on Magic
- Team Sports - Football, Netball, Tennis, Badminton, Hockey and much more

Easy Online Booking:

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WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FABULOUS FIREWORKS

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2021 ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

GATES OPEN AT 5PM.
FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL START AT 6:30PM.

BURGER VAN, HOT DRINKS, SNACKS,
TOYS FOR SALE, FREE CRAFT ACTIVITY AND MORE!

School Community Advance Ticket Price:

£3 Individual (Adult/Child)

£10 Family (Up to 4 People)

or at the Gate Ticket Price:

£5 Individual (Adult/Child)

£15 Family (Up to 4 People)

Children 3 and under go FREE

PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS
BRING YOUR WELLIES AND TORCH
NO SPARKLERS/OWN FIREWORKS ALLOWED!

