

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022



Half term holiday 24th -28th October

Pupils return to school on Monday 31st October



We were so pleased to have the opportunity to talk to you about your child at Parents' evenings this week – thank you for attending. We value your support in your child's education.

As we are now deep into Autumn, I wanted to share a photo of our fabulous pumpkins – many children have been looking at them and Miss Jiggins has shared a soup recipe that you could try at home.

The PTA firework event will take place on the first week back. There will be a raffle run by some of the year 6 students and the first prize will be to press the button to set off the fireworks, with. This year the PTA have chosen a local fireworks company this year to reduce their carbon footprint and to support the school in their goal to become more eco-friendly. Tickets will be on sale in the mornings from 31st October. Please do sign up to help run this wonderful community event.

Thank you to the whole school community for their hard work this half term – pupils, staff and parents. Have a wonderful half term, Miss Kondo



*Spanish Corner— this is taught to Year 3, 4, 5 6 and we have a club for younger pupils.
Please ask your child to teach you what they have learnt this term.*

¿De dónde eres tu? Soy de Inglaterra o Soy inglesa.

Where are you from? I am from England or I am English.

¿Qué idiomas hablas? Hablo arabe y un poco de japonés.

What languages do you speak? I speak Arabic and a little Japanese.



So top 5 Bug Club reading classes for Week 6.....

1st 78% - Ivy Class

2nd 48% - Holly Class

3rd 47% - Rowan Class

4th 43% - Birch Class

5th 41% - Katsura Class

.....and top 5 Bug Club readers across the school for Week 6.....

1st Aoi (Katsura Class) 29 books and quizzes completed

Joint 2nd Abdulrahman (Lime Class) and Shuma (Tamarind Class) 20 books and quizzes completed

4th Keigo (Ivy Class) 17 books and quizzes completed

5th Shamfa (Juniper Class) 16 books and quizzes completed

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

24th - 28th
October 2022
7.45am-6pm



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Building confidence
and broadening
experience™



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Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £148

DAY SESSIONS

Short day - £38 Long day - £45
Childcare vouchers accepted

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HORSENDEN, MOUNT CARMEL,
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SOUTHFIELD, WEST ACTON**



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Let's Get Out and About!

October holiday activity newsletter 2022

Welcome to the October Half Term '22 edition of Let's Get Out and About! In this edition, you will find out more about what is on in your local area during the half term break. Please remember to check the websites of venues before visiting as in some cases advance booking may be required.

You can celebrate Black History Month by exploring activities at your local libraries, have fun with nature with some autumn themed activities. You can get excited by the upcoming fireworks festivities and learn more about the historical events and traditions that influence today's celebrations, and you can embrace your spooky side with some creative Halloween ideas.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Finding Diwali at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Experience the festival of lights **free** at the **National Maritime Museum** on **Saturday 22 October 10am-8.30pm**. Experience the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the Festival of Light, and enjoy an incredible range of free live music, workshops, art displays and more. All events on the day are free. You can book Museum tickets in advance to guarantee entry, or simply turn up on the day and join the celebrations.



How to get there - London Underground: Docklands Light Railway (DLR) will take you direct to Cutty Sark station. The DLR connects with Underground lines at Bank (**Central** Line)

[Diwali 2022 London | Event at the National Maritime Museum \(nmm.co.uk\)](#) for all details.

Design a mask inspired by objects from ancient Egypt in this **free**, drop-in event at **The British Museum**, Great Russell Street, WC1B. Discover headpieces from ancient Egypt, then use tablets to create your own striking design, using different colours to convey your family's personality. You can then print your finished mask to take home and wear. When? This event runs between **10am -4pm** on the following days:

Saturday 22 October , Saturday 29 October , Saturday 10 December

[Making masks: ancient Egypt | British Museum](#) to book a free ticket and how to get there.

Gunnersbury Park & Museum

From **Free** Family Trails to [Make and Take: Diwali Fairy Lights Garland](#) (**Free** - no need to book. Suggested donation of £2) Halloween Pumpkin Carving to Design an Alien Day (both chargeable) there is something for everyone on offer at Gunnersbury during October half term. Find out about dates and times. Acton Town Tube Station (Piccadilly and District lines) or South Ealing Tube Station (Piccadilly line) then 10 mins walk either route. Buses E3 and 65. [Children & Families | Gunnersbury](#) [\[visitgunnersbury.org\]](#)



What's on at the local libraries?

Come and join us at Hanwell Community Library for our children's **Halloween craft** morning on **Saturday 22nd October 10:30am - 12pm**. To sign up email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk. Please note: parents are asked to remain present.

Diwali - Making Rangoli patterns Dominion Centre Library, Southall on **Saturday 22 October, 2-3pm**. Ages: 4-11yrs Celebrate Diwali by making your Rangoli patterns! No booking required.

Brought to you by WAPPY [Black History Month - Ancient Kingdom of Benin - Exploring Afrikan History](#) Ealing Central Library, Tuesday 25 October, 3.30-5.30 pm **This free family session includes a quiz, spoken word and 'Q & A'. You can create trading objects as sculptures from tin foil. All welcome - No booking required.**

Black History Month: Meet a Roman Centurion this Half-Term! Marcus is a retired centurion and has settled in Londinium. He talks about the city and also something of his army life. He has some old equipment from his time in the army and he might even get you marching! Suitable for ages 7 years upwards.

- Acton Library, **Tuesday 25 October, 11am**
- Ealing Central Library, **Tuesday 25 October, 1.30pm**
- Northolt Library, **Wednesday 26 October, 11am**
- Dominion Centre Library, Southall, **Wednesday 26 October, 1.30pm**



Acton Library, Wednesday 26 October, All day Join us for craft and activities including, board games, colouring, and making your own Diwali Lantern Craft

Halloween Crafts: 'Spooktacular' Skeletons! **Dominion Centre Library, Southall**. Thursday 27 October, 2pm **Ages: 4-11yrs Create a scary skeleton in this fun Halloween craft session.**

Awesome Autumn holiday day camp at Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery

For children aged 7-11 **Awesome Autumn**, a day of creative, outdoor activities inspired by nature for young people aged 7-11. Session with artist

and arts educator Emily Hopkins, exploring the change in the seasons, flora and fauna of Walpole Park and Pitzhanger gardens. Come dressed for the weather and be ready to have fun! on **Thursday, 27 October at 10am to 3pm** with a morning and an afternoon session and a lunch break from 12-1pm. Please bring a packed lunch and get dressed for mess! If you have any questions, contact learning@pitzhanger.org.uk

Pitzhanger are committed to providing accessible programming to Ealing families. Therefore, we offer special discounts for qualifying families.

£15 full price / £5 for families with household income below £30,000 per year

FREE for low-income families in receipt of Free School Meals, Universal Credit, and/or Jobseeker's Allowance [Pitzhanger » Awesome Autumn Holiday Day Camp](#) to book and find out more.

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MANOR & GALLERY

Battle of Britain Bunker, Wren Avenue, Uxbridge, UB10 0BE Monday 24 to Sunday 30 October,



10am to 4pm Drop in and join us for craft activities and story sessions throughout October half-term. Cost: Included in admission fee to the bunker/ visitor centre. Free for under-16s Find out more: www.battleofbritainbunker.co.uk Admission is free for under 16s Adults start at £5 for visitor centre only or £9 including a bunker tour.

This newsletter was compiled by the School Partnerships and Enrichment Team, Ealing Council. All information was correct at the time of compilation but please use the weblinks provided to check dates and times before joining an activity. Contact Sarah by email at sthompson@ealing.gov.uk for any suggestions or feedback.





Year 5 had a fantastic time at Chiswick Pier. We explored the river, understanding its geographical features and even tested the water to see if it was clean for wildlife. We learned about the tides and ecosystem of the River Thames. A great day of learning!





Well done Faith! Best improved at Trampoline at her competition last week end.

Thank you for sharing – we are very proud of you!

Class Assemblies 2022- 2023

We hope that parents/carers can join us at 9.00am in the Jubilee Hall.
Woodlands ARP pupils will join their main stream classes.

Autumn Term 2022

Class	Date
Quince	Friday 11 th November
Elder	Friday 18 th November
Willow	Friday 25 th November



We were so lucky to have Bri from Ealing Foodbank come back again this year and present our assembly this week – it was for our Harvest Festival foodbank collection.

Bri taught us a song with actions and did a fun science experiment where we learned the key message: if everyone gives a little or something small we can achieve a lot!

Children were told that in Ealing the foodbank currently helps over 800 people, they learnt that asking for and accepting help when we need it is really important and we can help or give when we can.



Christmas Shows – coming up!

After half term classes will start to prepare their Christmas shows –

please contact admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

if you have any questions or concerns or speak to the class teacher. Full details and dates will be given in due course. Reception and Year 1 tell the traditional Christian nativity story of Jesus' birth whilst other year groups sing seasonal songs and tell stories with themes of kindness and sharing for example.

West Acton Primary School Pumpkin, Carrot and Potato Soup.



Pumpkin soup - using pumpkins grown at West Acton Primary School!

Prepare your pumpkin using a knife, spoon and peeler.



Peel the outside of your pumpkin using the peeler.



Carefully cut the pumpkin in half and remove the stalk.



Scoop the inside seeds and stringy flesh out using the spoon.



Add 1 chopped onion, 4 sliced garlic cloves, 6 small peeled and chopped potatoes and 3 peeled and diced carrots.



Add 1.5l vegetable stock, 3 teaspoons butter, pinch salt and pepper.



Cover and cook until all the vegetables have softened.



Use a blender for a smoother soup or a potato masher for a chunkier one.



Your delicious pumpkin soup is ready to enjoy!



Message from Mrs Ahmad- West Acton- Educational Psychotherapist and School Therapist

'A joke isn't a joke unless both people are laughing' – and words do hurt.

There are different types of jokes or types of 'banter.'

There are adult jokes and there are children's jokes.

It is very difficult for us to protect our children from what they hear in the outside world. Often children can hear inappropriate language and words just when walking down the street or in a shopping centre. It is important that your child/children understand which comments are okay to say and which are not and may cause harm if they were to say them to another child and cause them to get into trouble when they repeat these 'jokes' or comments, when they are not with you.

How can parents/carers help?

Firstly, you are your child's role model. Your child will copy and repeat everything you do and everything you say. Being careful, in thinking about the phrases we use when our children are present, is very important.

Secondly, if you are with your child on a bus or a train and you hear, and you know your child has heard something someone has said, that is not a nice way of speaking to someone, rather than shy away and say nothing to your child -have a short conversation with your child.

For example 'I'm sorry that you have just heard somebody swear or say a bad word. That is not a word that we use or that you should use.' Explain to your child why these words or jokes are not okay. Remember to ask your child to think about how these words might make someone feel? Getting them to think will help with their understanding.

This way your child may not feel the need to repeat phrases, as they are no longer curious about what they have heard, because Mum and Dad and family members have told them about it already.

Preparing your child for the outside world in this way, helps them to be able to have their own understanding of what is okay and not okay to say, making them less likely to go on to use unkind words or phrases, that others might use around them.



We make our own sunshine at West Acton! On Monday 10th October lots of pupils and staff wore yellow in aid of world mental health day. We also read a book at 10.00am for 10 minutes – on the 10th day of the 10th month!



WEST ACTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL PTA

FABULOUS FIREWORKS

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022
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

**BRING YOUR WELLIES AND TORCH
NO SPARKLERS/OWN FIREWORKS
ALLOWED!**



West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards



w/c 3 rd October 2022	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Ayotade	Adrian	Elizabeth
Olive	Abrianna	Kaede	Mariam
Fir	tbc	tbc	tbc
Banyan	Haytham	Roya	Khyani
Ash	Karen	Itsuki	Sumaya
Guava	Hajar	Roaa	Darcie
Katsura	Neyson	Maria	Anyia
Chestnut	Halla	Zain	Bandar
Damson	Arber	Kaius	Aoba
Juniper	Khalil	Mila	Jahnaye
Holly	tbc	tbc	Tbc
Ivy	Eita	Anaya M	Soma
Rowan	Raeyon	Stavros	Mei
Mulberry	Maruya	Ritsu	Wessam
Pine	tbc	tbs	tbc
Sycamore	Rimas	Hassan	Aoi
Elder	Ruba	Misk	Joshua
Quince	Mira	Persia	Abigail
Willow	Yusuf	Rayyan	Fatima
Lime	Abed	Arshida	Kazuki
Tamarind	Adam	Miguel	Miki
Zaytouna	Andrei	Nada	Zubaidah
Woodlands	Jessie	Oliver M	Akram

West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 10 th October 2022	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Aiden	Kaede	Emi
Olive	Mia	Aaron	Masato
Fir	Takuto	Albert	Sama
Banyan	Majed	Azaiah	Luna
Ash	Afonso	Amin	Adam
Guava	Darcie	Ladan	Tommy
Katsura	Adam	Khayria	Keita
Chestnut	Ayesha	Shunta	Lilian
Damson	Mohamed B	Alexzander	Nico
Juniper	Yuri	Lena	Jay
Holly	Hana Nanase	Ali T	Hameed
Ivy	Komachi	Elena	Zenji
Rowan	Sumaya	Stavros	Mei
Mulberry	Helena	Nico	Andrei
Pine	Asawir	Felix	Sham
Sycamore	Karishma	Elyas	Nami
Elder	Zakaria	Salahuddin	Kotomi
Quince	Amelia	Moska	Haru
Willow	Nanami	Yan	Riley
Lime	Aisha	Kazuki	Abed
Tamarind	Balques	Antonina	Parsa
Zaytouna	Ahmed	Emiho	Saya
Woodlands	Adam	Jessie	Adrian