

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd December 2022



We have two busy weeks of the Autumn term left – full details were sent on Monday and I have repeated some of the information below. We hope that you will be able to join us for these events.

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who attended the phonics workshops in the past two weeks – it will really make a difference to your child's learning, thank you also to staff for making it happen.

Yesterday, I sent some information about health signs and symptoms to be concerned about and it is below again in a message from Ealing. Any concern please call 111 – the NHS service.

I wanted to share with you that Mr Humble, our dedicated and fantastic Assistant Head Teacher will sadly be leaving us at the end of term. After eight years here supporting and working in so many places, especially in the EYFS and more recently improving the lunch time behaviour and experience, Mr Humble is going to be working closer to home with SEND pupils. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking Mr Humble; he will be greatly missed by the whole school community and we wish him the very best of luck for the future.

Stay warm and have a nice week end, Miss Kondo



A message from Ealing Public Health (2.12.2022 5.00pm)

You may have seen reported in the news today that there has been a tragic death of a child in Ealing from invasive Group A Streptococcal infection.

We send sincere condolences to the family and the school community. We have been working with the school to ensure children and staff are receiving support and the UKHSA have provided information which has been shared with all parents at the school.

As a precaution, we are sharing information on the signs and symptoms of Group A Streptococcal infections, and what to do if you think your child develops these. **The most common infections caused by Group A streptococcus are mild:** sore throats (strep throat), fever, scarlet fever and minor skin infections.

Further Information is also available at NHS Choices:

- [Sore throat - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If concerned, please contact NHS 111 or your GP practice. If appropriate, your GP can arrange for testing and treatment with antibiotics if necessary.

In **very rare cases**, this infection can be more serious and cause invasive disease. Although the risk is very small, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of invasive Group A streptococcal infection, which are detailed below:

- Very high fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle pain
- Unexplained diarrhoea or vomiting

If someone becomes ill with some of these symptoms, please seek urgent medical help by calling 111.

Monday 5 th December	<p>Book look afternoon and evening – come in and see all of your child’s hard work in their classroom 3.15 pm to 3.45pm and 6.00pm to 6.30pm.</p> <p>Parent forum afternoon and evening – please do speak to senior leader in the Victoria hall and hear about West Acton and share your views at 3.15pm to 3.45pm and 6.00pm to 6.30pm.</p> <p>Pantomime by Drama Studios of London – The Bees Knees for Reception and Year 1 and The Nutcracker for Year 6.</p>
Tuesday 6 th December	<p>Book look morning – come in and see all of your child’s hard work in their classroom 8.30am and 8.45am.</p> <p>Parent forum after and evening – please do speak to senior leader in the Victoria hall and hear about West Acton and share your views at 8.30am and 8.45am.</p> <p>Pantomime by Drama Studios of London – The Bees Knees for Reception Year 2.</p> <p>Glow Sale by the PTA after school – help needed to set up.</p>
Wednesday 7 th December	<p>Santa Stroll in the morning before school – active travel challenge walk, scoot or stride to school – leave the car behind.</p> <p>Wear Christmas Jumper or hat day!</p> <p>ISS School Christmas dinner – text form will be sent and menu is below.</p> <p>Pantomime by Drama Studios of London – Aladdin for Year 3, 4 and 5.</p> <p>School Choir attending Carol Service at St Barnabus in the evening.</p>
Monday 12 th December	<p>Morning Year 2 show at 9.15am</p> <p>Afternoon Year 3 show at 2.30pm</p>
Tuesday 13 th December	<p>Morning Year 1 show at 9.15am</p> <p>Afternoon Year 4 show at 2.30pm</p>
Wednesday 14 th December	<p>Morning Reception show at 9.15am</p> <p>Afternoon Year 5 and 6 Seasonal Sing at 2.30pm FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS/CARERS</p>
Thursday 15 th December	<p>Afternoon Year 5 and 6 Seasonal Sing at 2.30pm FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS</p>
Friday 16 th December	<p>Last day of term – school ends at 1.30pm</p> <p>No Aktiva provision</p>
<p>School Holidays – pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/newsanddates/termdates</p>	

West Acton's



Wednesday 7th December 2022



Join us for our Santa Stroll!

Can you walk/cycle/scooter to school in a Christmas themed outfit to celebrate active travel?



Look out for teachers on your route to school spreading the Christmas cheer and handing out stickers to those taking part.



Same day as your Christmas Lunch!

Christmas Jumper Day



Wednesday 7th December is also Christmas Jumper Day! We can't wait to see your outfits.



Four years ago, I started the tradition of inviting Drama Studios London students in to perform for WAPS – we can't wait to see their Pantomimes next week!



What is a Pantomime?

Pantomime is anything but a “mime” as the name may suggest. Instead, it’s a loud, fun, enjoyable musical comedy theatre production. It takes well-loved children’s classic tales like Cinderella, Snow White, Dick Whittington and Aladdin and turns them into a show full of giggles and laughs. Pantomime (or just “panto”) gets its roots from 15th and 16th-century traditions of Commedia dell Arte, an early form of Italian theatre.

Year 4 had a very successful trip to Ealing Broadway (a place in the UK), learning all about the human and physical geography. They identified the human and physical features in Ealing and how this would compare to a city in North America.

The children represented West Acton superbly with two members of the public commenting on how well behaved they were.



Children's Multi-Activity
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**19th - 23rd
December 2022**
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experience™



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Snowman Junk Modeling Stem Challenge Work Shop;
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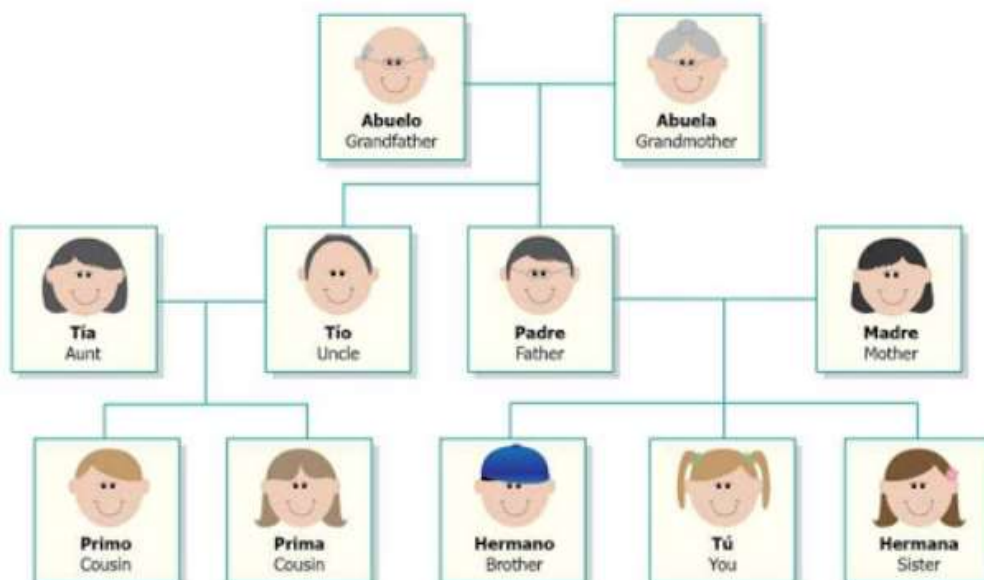
*Spanish Corner– this is taught to Year 3, 4, 5 6 and we have a club for younger pupils.
Please ask your child to teach you what they have learnt this term.*

Spanish numbers

11 = once	21 = veintiuno	31 = treinta y uno
12 = doce	22 = veintidós	32 = treinta y dos
13 = trece	23 = veintitrés	33 = treinta y tres
14 = catorce	24 = veinticuatro	34 = treinta y cuatro
15 = quince	25 = veinticinco	35 = treinta y cinco
16 = dieciséis	26 = veintiséis	36 = treinta y seis
17 = diecisiete	27 = veintisiete	37 = treinta y siete
18 = dieciocho	28 = veintiocho	38 = treinta y ocho
19 = diecinueve	29 = veintinueve	39 = treinta y nueve
20 = veinte	30 = treinta	40 = cuarenta

FAMILY MEMBERS

Miembros de la familia



WE ARE LEARNING CODING IN COMPUTING THIS TERM.

Have a look at these
websites to try at home!

<https://www.kodable.com/>

<https://www.codecombat.com/>

<https://www.tynker.com/>

<https://blockly-games.appspot.com/>

<https://www.kodugamelab.com/>

PTA Event – please help!

The PTA has a surplus stock of select glow toys (poster attached), so we have decided to run a stall on Tuesday 6th December at 3.15pm (in the Jubilee Hall) to sell as many as possible.

As ever, we need your help to run the stall! There are 3 slots;

2-3pm Help set up tables, stock and floats in the Jubilee Hall

3.15-3.45pm Sell Glow Toys

3.45-4.15pm Pack Up

We're using SignUp to organize our upcoming activity.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/zzmYNwr>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us and we can sign you up manually.





So top 5 Bug Club reading classes for Aut 2 Week 4.....

1st 86% - Damson Class
Joint 2nd 73% - Rowan Class and Ivy Class
4th 71% - Holly Class
5th 70% - Pine Class



.....and top 5 Bug Club readers across the school for Aut 2 Week 4.....

1st Arwa (Elder Class) 17 books completed
2nd Hikari (Katsura Class) 13 books completed
Joint 3rd Mizuka (Rowan Class) , Aridon (Katsura Class) and Tala (Damson Class) 12 books completed



.....and top 6 Bug Club quizzers across the school for Aut 2 Week 4.....

1st Arwa (Elder Class) 137 quizzes completed
2nd Anais (Ivy Class) 80 quizzes completed
3rd Hikari (Katsura Class) 78 quizzes completed
4th Arnet (Zaytouna Class) 72 quizzes completed
Joint 5th Keigo (Ivy Class) and Saeed (Chestnut Class) 71 quizzes completed

The Golden Spoon has arrived at WAPS! Our lunch time champions kicked off their role this week by encouraging their friends to eat healthy and choosing classes to win their golden spoon! Check out our newsletter weekly to see which classes have won the most golden spoons. The winning class at the end of each half-term will get an extra sports session!



How to pay: <https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/parents/schooollunches>
You will receive a form to complete.

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

Choose your battles....

All of us as human beings resist feeling controlled by someone else and our children are the same. The more they feel 'pushed or ordered around' the more they will rebel. That is a good thing! Training a child to be obedient means you'll always have to be there to give orders, and as they grow up, they may find it more difficult to stand up for themselves. Instead, teaching a child self-discipline raises a child who can think for themselves, stand up for what is right, and is not likely to be taken advantage of.

How can parents/carers help?

Make sure your child knows you're on his/her side and that they have some choices. When you feel they have some control, whilst you also continue to hold your boundaries. Coach your child rather than trying to control him/her.

As we start to come towards the holidays, be conscious of the way we are feeling ourselves and the way our children may be feeling.



Year 4 had a great time at The British museum. They learned about what it's like to be a modern day archaeologist and looked at ordering artefacts in the correct chronological order. The children explored the Ancient Egyptian area of the museum, seeing the Rosetta Stone and the mummies. Everyone had a great day!



West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 28 th November 2022	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Zakaria	Abdimalik	Mitsuki
Olive	Jad	Sara	Tala
Fir	Jin	Shota	Larin
Banyan	Maidah	Zohour	Tsukasa
Ash	Titan	Lolade	Omar
Guava	Adea	Olivia	Elysian
Katsura	Kassim	Neyson	Mikheal
Chestnut	Eloise	Safiya	Mason
Damson	Sahar	Aoba	Takuto
Juniper	Sadan	Kiko	Haroon
Holly	Inas	Ali T	Elsie
Ivy	Rio	Hari	Annabelle
Rowan	Misha	Stavros	Adam Abdullah
Mulberry	Jimmy	SJ	Isabel
Pine	Jayden	Shia	Meshal
Sycamore	Luca	Wassim	Aya
Elder	Zeinab	Rayan	Imad
Quince	Moska	Nadia	Maryam
Willow	Lily	Callie	Maida
Lime	Abed	Arshida	Isabella
Tamarind	Yazn	Parsa	Yasmin
Zaytouna	Hussein	Santino	Eisa
Woodlands	Oliver D	Saad	Mira

House points for this week are –

Chiswick	1205
Osterley	1362
Pitzhanger	1231
Syon	1196