

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th January 2023



Thank you Juniper class, who warmed us all up this morning with their bright smiles and confidence during their class assembly today. They shared with us what they have been learning in school in Year 2.

We are so impressed to see that most of our children are doing their daily reading and their reading record planner is being signed. Thank you for supporting your child with this – it is vital to their progress. Pupils will be having their mid-year assessments in the next few weeks and teachers will be able to share the results with you at parents' evening after half term.

I wish you all a warm and safe week end, Miss Kondo

Teachers' Strike Action

You will have heard in the news that many teachers across the country will be staging strike action on 1st February, 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March.

It is very likely that classes at West Acton will be affected.

I will write to you with more details next week as information unfolds.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Dear friends,

We hope you are all well during this very cold snap!

As mentioned in our email last week, the Friends of West Acton Primary School PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Friday 10th February 2023 at 10am**. The meeting will be on MS Teams, and the link and agenda will be sent nearer the time.

We would like to inform you that the current committee- comprising of the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer- will be standing down due to changes in our family and work life. The legal requirement is for at least two people to be on the committee, but we recommend that all the current positions be filled. There is no maximum limit to the number of committee members, so of course, there can be more than three.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate for one of the positions or have any questions, please email us at fowap2014@gmail.com. The deadline for informing us that you would like to nominate yourself as a candidate is Friday 27th January 2023.

The new committee will be elected at the AGM. This link provides more information about the main roles:

<https://www.pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/managing-a-pta/pta-committee-roles-and-responsibilities/>

If there are no candidates or not enough, the PTA ***will not be able to continue***. This means that there will be no more fundraising events like the Fabulous Fireworks, seasonal fairs, bake sales and 2nd hand uniform sales.

This is a chance for a new committee to make their own mark on the PTA and continue to bring the school community together and raise money to make our children's time at school even more enjoyable! We have also really enjoyed our time getting to know other parents and learning new skills.

Funds in the past have supported the Year 1 seaside trip, Year 6 Leavers' souvenirs and events, educational magazines for the library, waste paper recycling bins and mini-globes for each class, skipping rope workshops and picture frames to display the children's work around the school- to name but a few!

It has been an honour to be a part of the PTA, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Kondo and all school staff, previous PTA members and all the volunteers for their invaluable support.

Very best wishes,

Diana, Pete & Rasha

PS Remember you can still help the PTA raise money for school while shopping online:

Sign up to [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) and you can raise money for the school from all your favourite websites at no cost to yourself.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowestacton/>

Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1167118-0>, and Amazon donates to Friends Of West Acton Primary School (Pta), at no cost to you.

When children see or hear arguments between caregivers

Conflict is part of every human relationship, which means that arguments between adults may sometimes come up in front of children. Stress levels were increased a great deal for people during the lockdown, when we had to spend many hours indoors, and naturally emotions were very high. Having some information about the effects on children when they see and hear conflict, may help us to stop and think when we ourselves are triggered by those closest to us.

When children hear angry yelling, studies have shown that their stress hormones shoot up and can take some time to diminish. Naturally, since a child's parent is their source of security, they feel scared when they seem out of control. Their fear can often turn into anxiety or misbehaviour and some children may think that yelling is the grown-up way of resolving conflict.

How can parents/carers help?

It is great to see healthy and respectful disagreements between adults. Therefore we try to model listening to the other person's needs without making them feel they are wrong. What is even healthier is for our children to see you repair and reconnect quickly. It is a good idea to come up with a code word or signal with your partner in advance, so that when one of you starts to feel particularly triggered, you know to take a pause and continue later, away from the children.



Cut Your Carbon



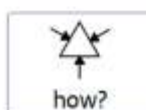
what?

Cut Your Carbon is a national Campaign that Inspires young people to take action



when?

Cut Your Carbon will be take place from the 6th to the 10th of February 2023



how?

West Acton Primary school will aim to *Cut Our Carbon* by completing some of the action that will help to stop the impact of Climate Change.



why?

Clothes in drawers and bulbs in ceilings all Create greenhouse gases throughout their lifeCycles. It is difficult to think of an area of our everyday lives that doesn't contribute to our Carbon Footprint in one way or another.

Unfortunately the greenhouse gases we produce in our everyday lives speed up Climate Change, causing a variety of issues that have a devastating impact on our planet.

12th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 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.

Spring Term 2023

Class	Date
Damson	Friday 13 th January
Juniper	Friday 20 th January
Chestnut	Friday 27 th January
Guava	Friday 3 rd February
Ash	Friday 10 th February
Katsura	Friday 10 th March
Mulberry	Friday 17 th March



Digi-Skipping Rope Challenge

Winners w/e:20/01/23:



Year 1 Ash – Itsuki (46 skips)
 Year 1 Katsura – Inori (128 skips)
 Year 1 Guava – Tala (74 skips)
 Year 2 Damson – Teddy (146 skips)
 Year 3 Ivy – Komachi (115 skips)
 Year 4 Pine – Madina (218 skips)
 Year 4 Mulberry – Ritsu (232 skips)
 Year 5 Elder – Haya (250 skips)
 Year 6 Zaytouna – Marua (193 skips)
 Year 6 Tamarind – Zahta (120 skips)



Please remember to hold the rope in your right hand and press the black reset button. The reading should never usually be higher than around 200.



Well done!!



So top 5 Bug Club reading classes for Spring 1 Week 2.....

Joint 1 st 63% - Rowan Class and Willow Class
3 rd 62% - Lime Class
4 th 61% - Quince Class
5 th 60% - Tamarind Class



...and top 5 Bug Club quizzes across the school for Spring 1 Week 2.....

1 st Safa (Holly Class) 150 quizzes completed
2 nd Etta (Ivy Class) 118 quizzes completed
3 rd Jay (Juniper Class) 88 quizzes completed
4 th Angelin (Ivy Class) 95 quizzes completed
5 th Gena (Sycamore Class) 86 quizzes completed



...and top 5 Bug Club readers across the school for Spring 1 Week 2.....

1 st Etta (Ivy Class) 19 books completed
Joint 2 nd Safa (Holly Class) and Annabelle (Ivy Class) 17 books completed
4 th Rio (Ivy Class) 16 books completed
5 th Angelin (Ivy Class) 14 books completed



West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 9 th January 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Adrian	Adam	Lujain
Olive	Khason	Rumaysa	Abrianna
Fir	Sota	Amy	Moussa
Banyan	Khyani	Royal - Reign	Khason
Ash	Sohaib	Lolade	Kozue
Guava	Menrot	Khalees	Isabela
Katsura	Neyson	Aoi	Aaliyah
Chestnut	Bandar	Mira	Cassandra
Damson	Alexzander	Boris	Mohamed B
Juniper	Shamfa	Jahnaye	Abdulrahman
Holly	Rose	Hameed	Fatima
Ivy	Keigo	Annabelle	Isabella
Rowan	Philip	Sumaya	Raeyon, Stavros
Mulberry	Karen	Shuya	Ava
Pine	Sham	Kiko	Meshal
Sycamore	Hassan	Rayan	Livia
Elder	Mikail	Rayan	Zeinab
Quince	Nadia	Danar	Raya
Willow	Siearna	Ali	Callie
Lime	Gabree	Aisha	Abdullah
Tamarind	Hiroki	Sam	Khadijah
Zaytouna	Muhammed	Vidoun	Santiro
Woodlands	Oliver D	Saad	Adrian

Last Friday Year 5 visited the Science museum. They had an amazing time exploring different stations in the Wonderlab, experimenting with electricity, friction, sound and more! They also participated in a fun workshop learning all about their Science topic 'Forces'.

