

# WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Thank you Chestnut class, who performed their class assembly today. Whilst talking about their learning this year, they were so confident and proud of themselves! In my assembly this week we remembered it is the Holocaust Memorial Day today and also thought about the celebration of Chinese New Year.

I have been impressed by the children's enthusiasm to play outside and exercise during this cold weather! They are really enjoying the new activities and challenges at break and lunch time – one of them being the digi skipping rope challenge. Please ensure that your child has their reading record book and reading book in their book bag each day – they should be reading every night too. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend, Miss Kondo

### Teachers' Strike Action

Further to my notice in the newsletter last week regarding the news that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, I need to inform you that our school will be **closed for all pupils (Nursery to Year 6) on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over National Funding and Pay Campaign and the Anti-Trade Union Laws and not because of any issues at our school.

I have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the limited staff we have available.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

The NSPCC is encouraging schools across the UK to take part in their Number Day - a maths inspired fundraising day. On Friday 3rd February, we are asking children to wear number themed clothes - whether they dress up as a calculator, wear a football shirt with a number on the back – or even decorate an old t-shirt with lots of different calculations! We will be having inspirational speakers visiting year groups too to talk about the world of work.



We encourage donations between 50p - £1.00, with funds raised from Number Day going to help support vital NSPCC services such as Speak out. Stay Safe, which visits primary schools across the UK to teach children about the dangers of abuse and what they can do if they need help.



*On Thursday, our Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football team played John Perryn School in the Peal Shield competition. We built on our previous two matches with a more solid defensive display, but ran out of steam in the closing stages. A special mention to our goalkeepers, Parsa and Hamed, who made a number of breath-taking saves. Our man of the match was Keion who put in some tough tackles and played the ball out from the back very well despite being under constant pressure. Well done boys!*



## ***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](mailto: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.





## Cut Your Carbon



what?

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



when?

Cut Your Carbon will 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.

  
The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

# PITZHANGER

MANOR & GALLERY

## DESCENDANTS CREATIVE PROJECT

13-17 February 2023

Join us during half-term for creative project exploring themes of identity, heritage and what makes us who we are.

Taking place during half-term, children and young people will draw on their own reflections to create artworks and texts including:

- Textiles using traditional African methods
- Journals
- Self portraits

The project culminates in an exhibition of artworks, texts and images at Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery.

To find out more and to register your interest in the project, email [descendantscharity@gmail.com](mailto:descendantscharity@gmail.com)

Website: [www.descendants.org.uk](http://www.descendants.org.uk)  
Phone: 020 8075 5241





## Digi-Skipping Rope Challenge

Winners w/e:27/01/23:



Year 1 Ash – Karen (97 skips)  
Year 1 Katsura –Tinos (115 skips)  
Year 1 Guava – Hajar (76 skips)  
Year 2 Juniper –Yuri (114 skips)  
Year 4 Pine – Eliza (266 skips)  
Year 4 Mulberry – Shiya (235 skips)  
Year 5 Elder – Zainab (208 skips)  
Year 5 Willow – Kichi (265)  
Year 6 Tamarind – Shuma (197 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.

Write the new date of that week in your notebooks e.g. next week should begin 30.01.23.

Well done!!

## The Golden Spoon

At lunchtime our pupil lunchtime champions have been awarding points for the healthiest lunches. The winning classes this week w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 are:

Reception – Olive  
Year 1 – Guava  
Year 2 – Damson  
Year 3 – Holly  
Year 4 – Sycamore  
Year 5 – Quince  
Year 6 – Zaytouna



LTC's- remember to award a class in your year group one point on their whiteboard each day!

## West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
<b>Acorn</b>	Abdimalik	Sumaya	Asmaa
<b>Olive</b>	Linikshya	Dayana	Wataru
<b>Fir</b>	Stanley	Muhammad	Tsukiha
<b>Banyan</b>	Kaisei	Himari	Haruka
<b>Ash</b>	Haruchika	Ayman	Amin
<b>Guava</b>	Ren, Adam B	Hajar	Othman
<b>Katsura</b>	Hikari	Kaichi	Remy-Raye
<b>Chestnut</b>	Zain	Hadi	Suhaib
<b>Damson</b>	Mohamed M	Makia	Yaeqoub
<b>Juniper</b>	Kaichi	Kevin	Sha'nayea
<b>Holly</b>	Eri	Safa	Qais
<b>Ivy</b>	Takuto	Mya	Elena
<b>Rowan</b>	Reggie	Asiyah	Abdallah
<b>Mulberry</b>	Honoka	Maryam	Harutomo
<b>Pine</b>	Kiko	Nicole	Jayden
<b>Sycamore</b>	Muhammad	Elyas	Tate
<b>Elder</b>	Dawar	Akari	Tomoki
<b>Quince</b>	Farah	Sosuke	Tahir
<b>Willow</b>	Nina	Nanami	Sena
<b>Lime</b>	Dawid	Ayano	Ayoub
<b>Tamarind</b>	Rimas	Miguel	Hamed
<b>Zaytouna</b>	Nada	Saya	Mido
<b>Woodlands</b>	Mira	Oliver D	Yusuf