

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th February 2023



We were delighted to welcome a team of OFSTED inspectors this week and for them to see the wonderful learning that takes place at West Acton, the community we have created and moreover all of the improvements made since the last inspection in January 2020. Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to speak to inspectors and/or complete the online survey, all of our staff who work relentlessly and our very special pupils. We know there are many different schools in Acton, but you have chosen to send your child here to West Acton: thank you for your support and commitment to making it the very best it can be. We will have the report to share with you after the spring holidays in April.

Due to the inspection we were sorry to have to move parents' evening from yesterday to next Tuesday 28th February. Please come at the same time you were given for Thursday, on Tuesday 28th. Thank you for your understanding.

We cannot wait to see the children in their World Book Day costumes on Friday 3rd March – please see some ideas. Thank you for your generosity on Tuesday, we raised £967.42 which we will donate to UNICEF aid of the tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Have a restful weekend, Miss Kondo

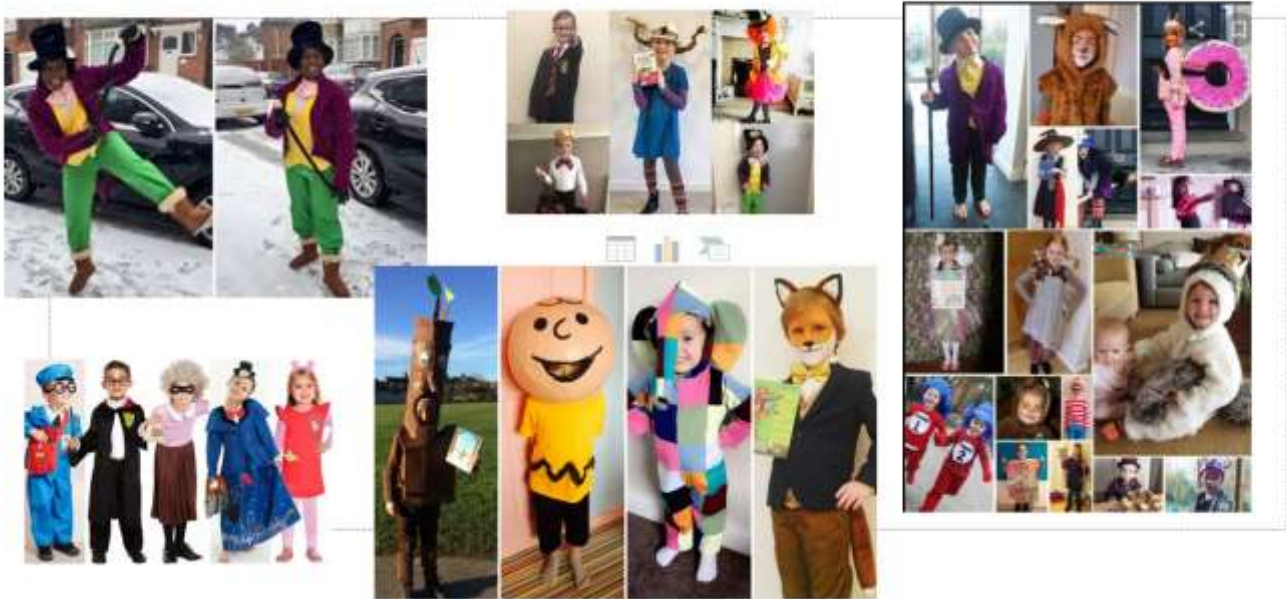
Damson class had a great forest school lesson on Monday. For their plant topic they went on a plant hunt, created rubbings using bark and leaves and identified the different parts of a flower.



Last term the Nursery children have been learning about 'People who help us'. Last week we challenged the children to make their own emergency services vehicle out of recycled materials. They started by choosing a box to use and then painting it. A few days later when it was dry they then decorated it with wheels, windows and sirens to make it look like an emergency services vehicle. They made some wonderful work!



Dress up as your favourite book character...



Or maybe as a Non Fiction Book Character who has inspired you.

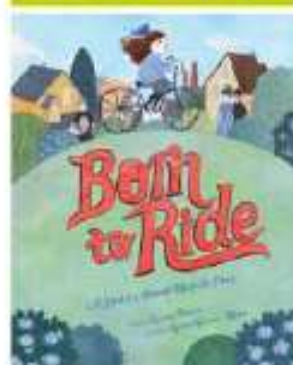
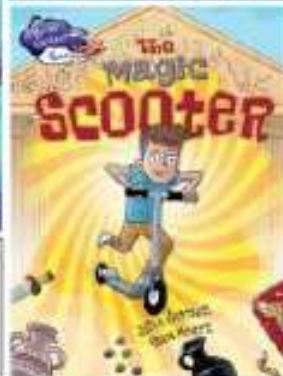


World Book Day 3rd March 2023

Why don't you dress up as a character who travels actively wherever they go?



Walk, cycle or scoot to school on World Book Day to show off your amazing costume!



'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. Children's brains are like sponges and soak up everything they see and hear around them. What we don't want is for them to repeat these 'jokes' or comments, when they are not with you and get themselves in trouble. 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.

How can parents 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 and those in their environment.

Secondly, if you are with your child on a bus or a train and you hear something unkind or inappropriate, and you know your child has heard it too, someone, -have a chat with your child, let them know that you they heard it and use it as an opportunity to have a conversation about how our words can hurt and affect others.

For example 'I'm sorry that you have just heard somebody say a bad word or something unkind. That is not a word/sentence 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 their trusted 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.

join us for
**WORLD
BOOK
DAY**

3rd of March 2023

THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE SANDWICH

Fish Finger Butty

or

BFG

Cheese & Tomato Spaghetti

MAGIC FINGERS – *Chips*

THE RUNAWAY PEAS

TOO MANY CARROTS

SCRUMPTIOUS Chocolate Brownie



Explore new worlds full of imagination



w/c 6 th February 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Zaki A	Akari	Petrus
Olive	Akari	Jude	Yazn
Fir	Moussa	Shahd	Safiya
Banyan	Yousif	Yasmine	Tsukasa
Ash	Esra	Sumaya	Karen
Guava	Menrot Hijraan	Nao	Adea
Katsura	tbc	tbc	tbc
Chestnut	Leyla	Eloise	Mohamed
Damson	Rosa	Sahar	Kaius
Juniper	Kevin	Jay	Sulayman
Holly	Inas	Eri	Vivian
Ivy	Anaya E	Hamza	Rosie
Rowan	Salome	Rumaysah	Misha
Mulberry	Ritsu	Hammasa	Maha
Pine	Eden	Zara	Julen
Sycamore	Faith	Kohei	Wassim
Elder	Haya	Danya	Ryuonusuke
Quince	Persia	Hanae	Moska
Willow	Iris	Patrick	Ali
Lime	tbc	tbc	tbc
Tamarind	Yuito	Antonia	Sam
Zaytouna	Max	Ahmed	Hussein
Woodlands	Oliver D	Akram	Adam