

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st March 2023



We have had some very special events and celebrations this week at West Acton – which made our days so much brighter during this dismal weather. Hopefully all of the showers will be out of the way before April this year!

Thank you to all of our wonderful children and families and our staff and Governors who have made our Spring Term such a success. We have said good-bye to Miss Leonard our ARP Leader today, thank you, we will miss you.

I wish you all a wonderful two week holiday with special times this Spring, Easter and Ramadan. I look forward to welcoming you all back for the Summer term on Monday 17th April and all the exciting times that lie ahead.

Miss Kondo

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term I wanted to thank you for your support of the school and our wonderful staff. They all work very hard to ensure that your children are safe and happy at school and continue to learn. I am sure you will join me in thanking Ms. Kondo and all of her team.

I would also like to thank the PTA for their unwavering support for the school and the wonderful fund raising activities that they organise, including of course the fireworks evening. It is with great sadness therefore that I have to report that the current PTA are ceasing to exist so these activities will no longer take place. I would ask that if there are any parents who would like to volunteer to re-constitute the PTA the Governing Board would be very grateful and I would ask you to approach Ma. Kondo. The PTA in any school perform a vital function and I hope that we will be able to start the new academic year with a newly formed one.

It only remains for me to wish you Ramadan Mubarak and a Happy Easter if you are celebrating. Please ensure that you and your children have a relaxing holiday so that you are well prepared for next term's activities and of course exams.

Yours sincerely,

William Rollason
Chair of Governors

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Children must be a resident of Ealing or attend an Ealing school to be eligible.

The Junior HAF programme is for children in Reception to Year 6 (Youth programme for Years 7-11 also available)



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For more information, to speak to someone or if you do not have access to the internet to book please contact:

Ealing's HAF Team
HAF@ealing.gov.uk or call 020 8825 6331
(lines open 9am - 1pm)

Visit our website for more activities and family support services information.

www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk



Visit our Local Offer for advice and information for children and families with Special Educational Needs and / or a Disability (SEND).

www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk

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Free Spring 2023 Junior Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



Fun activities - get creative, make new friends, and learn new things.

Children & Families



Ealing's Spring HAF programme brings you a range of free inclusive activities and a healthy meal daily.

Eligible children can attend for a maximum of four days over the Easter School holiday – you can attend multiple HAF provisions.

Activities may include:

- Arts and crafts
- Sports
- Outdoor activities
- Film making
- Drama and music
- Inclusive or specialist SEND provision
- And much more ...



Ealing's Spring HAF programme runs
3rd - 6th April 2023
11th - 14th April 2023



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This is your opportunity to:

- Be more active
- Have fun
- Get out and about and meet new people or connect with friends.
- Understand nutrition better
- Find out about local services and how they can help you.

Visit our website to find:

- More activity ideas and resources
- Information on healthy eating, cooking and maintaining a healthy weight.
- Details of key services i.e. employment, financial advice, family support.
- Services for families with children or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and access to Ealing's Local Offer.

To book your place or to find out what is available please visit www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk. You will need your school code from the front of this leaflet to book your place.

Spaces are limited so if you are unable to attend a session, please cancel or amend your booking to enable another family the opportunity to book a place.

MESSAGE from Mrs Ahmad, School Therapist

Strengthening your children's relationships with each other....

If your children are squabbling a lot of the time and having a hard time being together, it's only natural that you try to help them resolve things peacefully – this can feel very exhausting for you.....and perhaps you might worry that they will never get along. The advice on studies shows that couples need five to seven positive interactions to counter-balance one negative interaction. Now this may feel like an impossible task when you are finding that your children argue more than six times a day! So what about if we change the goal to helping your children have as many positive interactions as they can?

How can parents/carers help?

Start small and remember that a smile counts as a positive – so they don't all need to be big interactions for them to count as positive.

Try to notice and encourage the activities that get your children playing together and try to avoid interrupting happy play.

You can start using 'special time' between your children, a time where they can spend just ten minutes doing something that makes them laugh, create or around together.

Finally, how about creating a family kindness journal to record acts of kindness with each other and reflect on them at the end of each week?

Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter to you all.

Take good care.

First day of the new
SUMMER TERM
Monday 17th April.
See you then!

Fantastic Faith!

We are super proud of Faith in Year 4 who has competed in her first professional regional championships!



West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 13 th March 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Mitsuki M	Emilia	Ibrahim
Olive	Tala	Ibrahim	Leen
Fir	Lina	Shota	Rosanna
Banyan	Derek	Emily	Robsan
Ash	Ayman	Itsuki	Amin
Guava	Leo	Olivia	Adea
Katsura	Asma	Bahaa	Kaichi
Chestnut	Ilyas	Saeed	Cassandra
Damson	tbc	tbc	tbc
Juniper	Emilie	Danny	Seiji
Holly	Sham	Younes	Mila
Ivy	Zenji	Miko	Angelin
Rowan	Maho	Anica	Miuro
Mulberry	Jimmy	Ritsu	Akshaya
Pine	Yuma	Jayden	Sham
Sycamore	Layla	Lucca	Gene
Elder	Keion	Simeon	Ruba
Quince	Jackson	Maha	Emilio
Willow	Mustafa	Rhana	Siarna
Lime	Easa	So	Elizabeth
Tamarind	Liseni	Shuma	Sam
Zaytouna	Simone	Nada	Zubaidah
Woodlands	tbc	tbc	tbc



So top 5 Bug Club reading classes for Spring 2 Weeks 5 and 6

1st 90% - Sycamore Class
2nd 78% - Mulberry Class
3rd 75% - Elder Class
4th 67% - Ivy Class
5th 64% - Holly Class



.....and top 5 Bug Club readers across the school for Spring 2 Weeks 5 and 6

1st Nina (Willow Class) 32 books completed
2nd Eita (Ivy Class) 28 books completed
3rd Takuto (Ivy Class) 27 books completed
Joint 4th Annabelle (Ivy Class) and Hiro (Nursery) 22 books completed



.....and top 5 Bug Club quizzers across the school for Spring 2 Weeks 5 and 6

1st Gene (Sycamore Class) 152 quizzes completed
2nd Safa (Holly Class) 147 quizzes completed
3rd Anaya (Ivy Class) 96 quizzes completed
4th Sulayman (Juniper Class) 88 quizzes completed
5th Hanano (Rowan Class) 77 quizzes completed

Year 2 had a lot of fun last week on our trip to the Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve. We went pond dipping in search for newts and freshwater shrimps and took part in a minibeast hunt! A big thankyou to @WildLondon for protecting this our green spaces.



OLD school uniform donations required – ages 7 to 9 years
would be great for our Second Hand Uniform shop.



Spring Term 2023

House Winners Behaviour Treat

CONGRATULATIONS SYON HOUSE

Syon 5755 House points

Chiswick 5744 House points

Pitzhanger 5718 House points

Osterley 5638 House points

Thankyou to all those who came to school in their favourite pair of shoes on Tuesday to celebrate SHOESDAY! We hope you had fun and reflected on how to stay safe when walking, cycling or scooting to school.



Year 4 had a great trip to Neasden temple to consolidate their learning of the RE faith they studied this half term, Hinduism. They saw the beauty of the temple and learned about how it was constructed 27 years ago.



West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 20 th March 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Liyanna	Yuiki	Kaede
Olive	Aaron	Lynn	Kaede
Fir	Safiya	Summer	Larin
Banyan	Jaylah	Noel	Royal-Reign
Ash	Majid	Haruchika	Paddy
Guava	Khalees	Tommy	Anu
Katsura	Aaliyah	Maria	Neyson
Chestnut	Leyla	Hadi	Bandar
Damson	Nico	Amber	Boris
Juniper	Akito	Mariam	Kiko
Holly	Prajay	Musawer	Sham
Ivy	Komachi	Leyna	Kheelan
Rowan	Michael	Lena	Salome
Mulberry	Andrei	Hammasa	Yousseuf
Pine	Miyu	Eden	Imani
Sycamore	Elza	Hassan	Amaan
Elder	Joshua	Khadijah	Yuta
Quince	Danar	Nadia	Reem
Willow	So	Callie	Joud
Lime	Sami	Jun	Rouaa
Tamarind	Leya	Liza	Miguel
Zaytouna	Yuina	Arnet	Mariam
Woodlands	Akram	Oliver D	Yusuf

World Book Week

Our children really are enthusiastic readers, taking on Roald Dahl's famous saying: "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books," and our children at West Acton Primary surely do! We celebrated World Book Day over two weeks at school, where the children took part in a host of fantastic activities! This included learning about famous authors, such as Richard O'Neil (from the Romany traveller community) and Andrew Fusek Peters (inspired by Aboriginal oral story-telling and his Czech heritage). Pupils loved visiting the Reading Café, where they had 'a taste' of the vast selection of enchanting books we are lucky enough to have in our very own school library. A real highlight of the fortnight was Buddy Reading, where older year groups buddied up with a younger class and read to them, embodying our school values of consideration and collaboration. Teachers visited their buddy classes and shared a love of reading. Pupils worked hard on recommending their favourite books by creating book reviews which now decorate each classroom doorway, encouraging their peers to try a new book! It was fantastic to see the imaginative costumes of pupils and staff on World Book Day! Thank you for all the creative efforts and charity donations. Pupils also went to a lot of effort by creating dioramas and stories in jars. Here are some quotes from some excited Year 3 pupils:

"I really enjoyed that we got to come into the library at lunch-time and have some quiet time to read with teachers." (Rumaysah)

"On World Book Day we saw lots of children and staff dressed up in fun costumes. Miss Kondo was Paddington! We also loved buddy reading with a Nursery class – it was so fun." (Rumaysah and Mohamed O)

We continue to encourage a love of reading here at West Acton Primary School. Thank you for your continued support with reading.

