

West Acton Primary School Newsletter



Friday 14th May 2021



School Jotter

Our app—available on the app store

MESSAGE FROM MISS KONDO

We really have four seasons in one day sometimes! At the start of the week, we were enjoying the sunshine and getting the children used to new routines on the field then we have had heavy rain!

Despite these changes we can see great improvements in the children's behaviour and engagement at lunchtime. Naturally though, some children are missing their friends in other classes after this long period of social distancing.

Monday is the last day for ordering and paying for the PTA tea towel – we need 50 towels ordered per year group and we are nearly there! The PTA will let us know when they will arrive. We do expect parents/carers to continue to wear face masks on site and one person per family. Have a lovely weekend and do familiarise yourself with new government guidelines from Monday to ensure we all continue to stay safe.

Miss Kondo

Mental Health Awareness

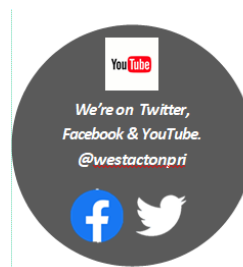
This week we have been thinking about how to connect with nature in order to have.



We were so glad to be out on the field for lunchtimes this week – we have been teaching the children new games and have new resources for them to use too.

Happy Eid to our families and friends who have been celebrating this week.





Mobile Phone use by Parents/Carers on site

Please refrain from using your mobile phone whilst dropping off and collecting your child.

ROAD SAFETY

We expect all of our community to feel safe around our school in the morning and at afternoon collection time. Sadly, some of our parents have been driving disrespectfully or illegally. This was reported in the Autumn, by local residents and other parents since January.

This is unacceptable – please do not put people at risk.

Breakfast Club – spaces still available

Book here:

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/parents/breakfastclub>

Please do consider using and booking breakfast club so that we can continue to be able to offer this service at the competitive rate into the future.

WEST ACTON - STOP EYES on ME!

Listen to our new school chant of Our values and rules.

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/keyinformation/behaviour-1>

IMPORTANT COVID – 19

If your child or anyone in your household has a positive COVID -19 test result during half term please email the school

admin@westacton.ealing.sch.uk

It is very important that you keep your child at home if ANYONE in the house has symptoms or a positive test result, especially siblings.

It is also important to know the symptoms of COVID-19 (new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste)

Please test anyone who has symptoms

Please note the first day of symptoms.

EYE TESTS

Please do consider getting your child's eyes tested. We cannot get opticians onsite but I have called Specsavers, Vision Express and Eyes on the Common –they have appointments available.

HERE to HEAR and HELP!

Please do get in contact if you feel that your child or you need support during this time we are apart. Our school wellbeing team is continues to be very active and available for YOU.

House point totals for week ending 7th May

Chiswick	1311
Osterley	1323
Pitzhanger	1248
Syon	1461

Returning Laptops and Devices

We hope that it was useful borrowing the devices during the partial closure.

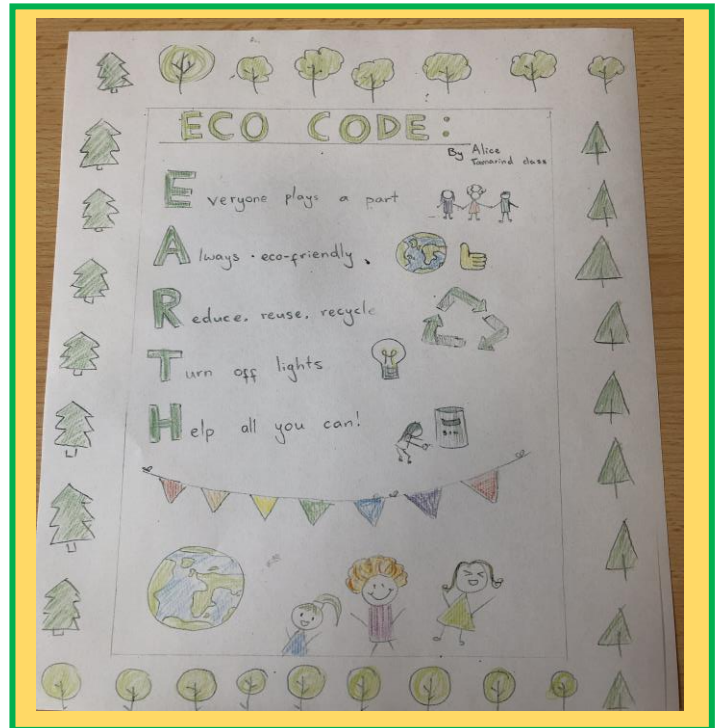
We now need them back in. Each device will be checked for damage and have online safety checks.

Please ensure that you hand the laptop to the office or a member of staff and that your child's name is in with the device too.

Thank you.

ECO Code Winner

Well done to Alice,
Tamarind Class for her
winning Eco Code entry.
Alice's Eco Code reflects
the actions that West
Acton have taken to
become a greener school.



Top tip from the School Counsellor – Louise

Parent Coffee Morning online

Covid Overwhelm – Wednesday 19th May 10 – 11:30am

It has been a different year for all of us and difficult in lots of ways, Covid, financial difficulties, loss of loved ones, social impacts, life itself and all that it brings. Sometimes it can be helpful to have a space to share that with others and just realise how much has happened and how it may have affected you and your children.

I will be running a short workshop to look at and discuss the ways in which we can support ourselves, our children and managing the overwhelm from the past year.

Join me on the above date for this time to reflect, discuss and interact on how to look after our own and our children's wellbeing, helping them to learn and be happier at home and school.

If you would like to know more about it and to book on, then please contact me on any of the contact details below and I shall send the zoom link out to you.

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet **Louise** for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Wednesdays 9-10am. You can call/text **Louise** on 07582310756 or email her at lalltimes.307@lgflmail.org

Be SUGAR SMART!

Miss Ferreira is working on achieving Sugar Smart status for West Acton! Our lunch time champions will restart again next week – you may recall they give out tokens to children following our lunch box policy. See our packed lunch policy here:

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/keyinformation/policies>



A reminder again- Birthday Treats!

It is a very kind gesture when you and your child want to celebrate events with their classmates.

Please remember:

Cake and treats cannot be cut or served or given out by staff

Cake and treats cannot be eaten in school time

You and your treat must hand out edible treats to other children yourselves - this is for dietary reasons.

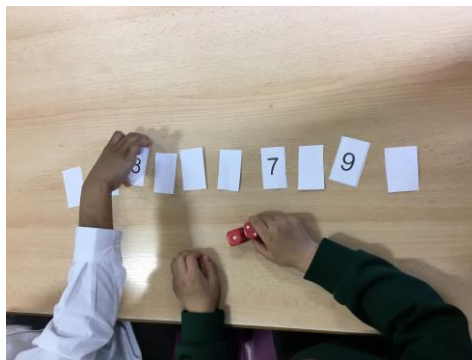
However, we are asking now for treats NOT TO BE FOOD – this is due in part to COVID but also we are moving to sugar smart status. We suggest small items of stationary or even a book for the class book corner.

Please get into the habit of not sending in sweet treats – thank you for your support.

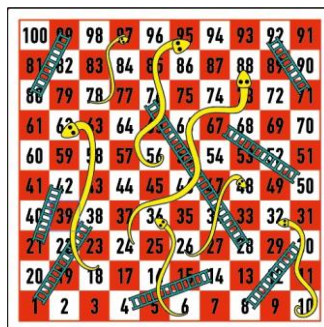


NSPCC Number Day 2021

Thank you to everyone who took part in Number Day last week, raising over £275 for the NSPCC! Each year group learned and played a classic game, which involves using a different mathematical skill. We also had lots of fantastic costumes!



EYFS	Hop Scotch
Year 1	Snakes and Ladders
Year 2	Shut the Box
Year 3	Monopoly
Year 4	Battleships
Year 5	Sudoku
Year 6	Card Games





Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership

Supporting children, families and schools

The Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership is working to improve the emotional wellbeing of children, parents and staff by working with the whole school community.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

PARENT WORKSHOP

From the **10th - 16th of May** is Mental Health Awareness Week. In that week we will have an assembly for the children using a fun animation to learn more about how to look after our wellbeing in school.

The following week, on **Wednesday 19th of May from 10 -11:30 a.m.** there will be a space for parents to reflect about this as well and an opportunity to join me in a workshop.

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