WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Friday 30th September 2022







This week has been super busy for West Acton Primary School! Several year groups have been out on school trips this week which is a brilliant way to bring the curriculum to life as well as getting more familiar with our local area and London.

As the weather has taken a turn and is now quite cold and rainy, I have been pleased to see many children wearing their coats and even hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure everything has their name on it.

Well done to our top Bug Club readers – please remember that we ask that your child reads five nights a week and you sign in the Reading Record planner.

Please remember that children can enter their classrooms at 8.45am for soft start and can start lining up from around 8.35am. It is so encouraging to see the children joining their lines so sensibly and getting straight into class.

We are still waiting for some pupil contact sheets to be returned – can you check your child's bag tonight and send it back on Monday please.

Have a safe weekend, Miss Kondo



So top 5 Bug Club reading classes for Week 3.....

lst 38% - Elder Class Joint 2nd 37% - Guava Class and Quince Class

4th 34% - Rowan Class

5th 29% - Ash Class

.....and top 5 Bug Club readers across the school for Week 3......

1st Nanami (Willow Class) 19 books and quizzes completed 2nd Hanae (Quince Class) 16 books and quizzes completed 3rd Zain (Guava Class) 13 books and quizzes completed 4th Hajar (Guava Class) 12 books and quizzes completed 5th Keigo (Ivy Class) 11 books and quizzes completed



Health and Safety

DO NOT CYCLE or SCOOT on the school path in the mornings on after school – please dismount before at the top of the road.

DO NOT play of the climbing frame after school – we have to check and maintain this for play and lunchtimes.

Thank you for keeping our school community safe.





Metropolitan Police Force



Christmas Tree Campaign - Poster Competition

Poster Competition Time! Metropolitan Police Service Christmas Tree Campaign

Calling all West Acton Primary School artists.....are you a great artist or designer? Can you create a Christmas Tree Poster to be entered into this prestigious competition?

Then, read on. This competition is for you.

What is it all about?

Every year the Metropolitan Police place a Christmas Tree outside each of their London Police Stations and ask people to donate a Christmas gift for a girl or boy (of a certain age) in London, who may not otherwise get any presents at Christmas time.

The poster will be used to tell Londoners about this campaign and encourage them to donate.



Metropolitan Police Force Christmas Tree Campaign – Poster Competition

What do I need to do?

Design a Christmas Themed poster - use an <u>A4 piece of paper</u> - create a design that would encourage people to give to those less fortunate at this special time of year.

You will need to write your full name, your gender, your class and our school name, West Acton Primary on the front of your poster.

What is it for?

The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police chooses a group of winning posters to be used by the Met Police Force during the build up to Christmas, in their Christmas Tree Campaign.

Is there a theme?

The theme is a Christmas Tree Poster - perhaps you could think about how the Christmas Tree Campaign and the work of the Metropolitan Police Force links to our school values; or you could capture the spirit of giving and sharing; or reflect on the amazing work the Police Force does to keep us safe; or how strong we are as a community when we come together. Then, ...get creative.

When and how to I enter?

Please bring your poster design in and give it to your teacher, no later than Wednesday 5th October 2022, to be entered into the competition.



Helping your child with bedtime fears.

How has you child/children been sleeping?

Settling children to go to bed is not an easy task. Some children may fall asleep straight away – exhausted from their busy days, others may find it a little bit more difficult to close their eyes and say goodnight to the world.

You may find that your child/children have been finding it difficult to go to bed and to fall asleep. Often children will say 'I'm scared of the dark' or scared of something in the room or outside the room. The children are really trying to say 'I'm worried and am not feeling very emotionally safe'. It can be really tempting to tell them that they are 'fine' but their 'worry brain' is telling them that there are things to be worried about and their fears feel very real to them.

How can parents/carer's help?

You can remind your children that although their worry brain is there to keep them safe, it can sometimes make them create stories whenever they don't know or understand something.

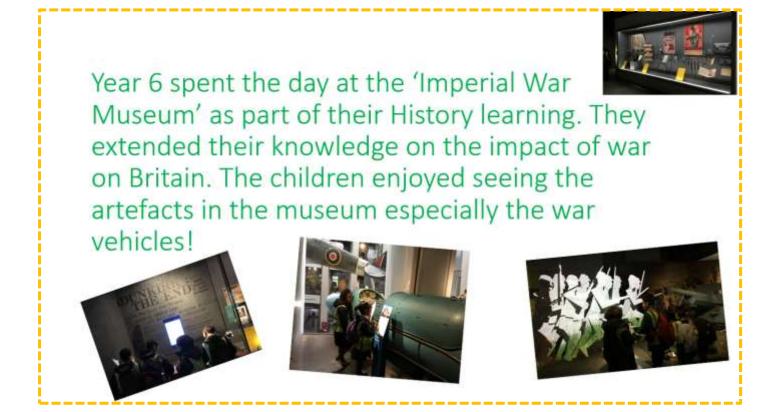
Remember what they are feeling is very real to them so empathise first 'I know you are feeling scared right now..." then give them time to talk and express anything they need to say. Allow them to tell you about their worry – 'What does your worry feel like? What does your worry look like?/What is it telling you? By being curious about the worry, your child feels heard and you, more able to understand your child's fears. Give them a chance to think about something different, something funny or special, a memory, a birthday, before they get into bed, ask them which special thought they want to go to sleep thinking about and then let them know, they can tell you all about it in the morning.

It can also be very helpful to children to give them time during the day to share any good dreams or bad dreams or any worries they may be holding, offering this space, means they will be less likely to want to tell you about it just before bedtime.

I look forward to meeting with some of you at the Parent Coffee Morning on Thursday 6th Oct from 9.00am -10.00am.



they had to move indoors due to the rain. They used their scientific skills to work out which bird belonged to what habitat and then dissected owl pellets to see if they could discover what creatures the owl had previously eaten.



Sharing their fantastic achievements outside of school – well done to Tate and Younes!





On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have Dr Bike in to mend and fix any bikes brought into school. He spent all day checking brakes, chains and pumping tires. We are grateful to Sustrans charity for helping to organise such a successful event. Students and parents enjoyed practising their cycling skills on the playground after school. Some children rode a bike without stabilisers for the very first time!

Well done everyone!





OTHER STEPS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

- 1. Reduce energy use
- 2. Switch to renewable energy
- 3. Eliminate food waste
- 4. Eat more plant-based meals
- 5. Support wildlife
- 6. Get gardening
- 7. Adopt pedal power
- 8. Work locally
- 9. Repair, share and recycle
- 10. Make clothes last longer



#ACTFOREALING

Our Eco Committee participated in a very insightful workshop about sustainable fashion. They discussed how clothing can have a negative impact on our environment when they are not recycled. They were also amazed at the amount of water that is used to make one cotton t-shirt. In the workshop they learned how to finger sew and created some lovely bracelets, necklaces and even stylish headbands- all from recycled clothing. Have a look at some steps you can take for a more sustainable community! #sustainablefashion #actforealing







House points for this week are –		
Chiswick	1038	
Osterley	1101	
Pitzhanger	977	
Syon	1135	



WESTACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA FABULOUS EVORKS THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022 ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

GATES OPEN AT 5PM FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL START AT 6:30PM BURGER VAN, HOT DRINKS, SNACKS, TOYS FOR SALE, FREE CRAFT ACTIVITY AND MORE!

School Community Advance Ticket Price:

£3 Individual (Adult/Child) £10 Family (Up to 4 People) or at the Gate Ticket Price: £5 Individual (Adult/Child) £15 Family (Up to 4 People) Children 3 and under go FREE

BRING YOUR WELLIES AND TORCH NO SPARKLERS/OWN FIREWORKS ALLOWED!





West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 19 th September 2022	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Aleesa	Ogirima	Kota
Olive	Sara	Lynn	Yazn
Fir	Lina	Kanoho	Safiya
Banyan	Pera	Noel	Royal- Reign
Ash	Sota N	Esra	Illyahna
Guava	Menrot	Roaa	Zain
Katsura	Aoi	Aaliyah	Victoria
Chestnut	Mira	Eyad	Mohamed
Damson	Tala	Sadahiro	Sahar
Juniper	Danny	Omar	Sabrina
Holly	Toshi	Mariam H	Mohamed
lvy	Caspian	Areej	Angelin
Rowan	Lena	Salome	Asiyah
Mulberry	Shuya	Aroush	SJ
Pine	Kiko	Madina	Мауа
Sycamore	Eleni	Bethany	Elyas
Elder	Chloe	Imad	Dawar
Quince	Persia	Hussain	Sosuke
Willow	Arlo	Adam	Callie
Lime	Abdullah	Aisha	Abdulrahman
Tamarind	Leya	Yuzuka	Hiroki
Zaytouna	Saya	Simone	Yuina
Woodlands	Adam	Akram	Oliver D