

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd June 2023



I have been so impressed by Olive and Fir class assemblies these past two weeks. The children have performed with courage and pride. The singing has been a particular highlight – well done and thank you.

We have had assemblies about Refugee week and Windrush this week which has encouraged a lot of talk, writing and empathy from our pupils. Special congratulations go to Faith who won a poetry contest held across all Ealing schools!

There are lots of exciting summer clubs starting to take bookings – I have included some on here. A new drama camp will be held here at WAPS.

Finally, just to say thank you to all parents, new and old, who have joined us this week for sports days and welcome meetings for Reception and Nursery. The atmosphere has been wonderful, full of energy and real community feel. The children looked so vibrant in their international clothes today too. Thank you to my talented staff for making each event so special.

Have a wonderful weekend Miss Kondo

Reception Assemblies – on THURSDAYS in

June 29th Banyan

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MESSAGE from Mrs Ahmad, School Therapist

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Parent/carer Coffee Morning. It was lovely to sit with you and think together about what it means for us and our children to make a transition.

Transitions and changes...

A transition is a change, a move from one state to another.

Changes and endings can be very difficult to process.

Change brings feelings of loss, of things 'not staying the same' and of new beginnings.

We may have had painful experiences of change and transition in our lives.

Parents/carers never want their child to experience sadness, anger or disappointment and so sometimes it feels easier to tell children that they will 'be fine' and it will all 'be okay'.

Research shows that what helps children is to allow them to feel their feelings.

How can parents/carers help?

As we come closer to the holidays, it may bring some of those past experiences of endings, up to the surface. Children will pick up on our anxieties about the move so try your best to find ways to manage how you are feeling.

Help your child to prepare for the change by talking about it, the earlier we can do this the better, so that when the change finally comes, it won't feel so much of a shock to them.

Children need to know that sharing their worries, fears or excitement is okay and that what they have to say will be listened to.

Help them to separate any mixed feelings that they may have. You could try drawing/writing down their feelings first of all.

Help them to reflect and think back to their favourite moments from the year.

Prepare with them; calendars are helpful ways of showing the children how much time they have left of school, marking off each day together.

Finally, wherever possible help them to have a goodbye with adults that have been important to them.

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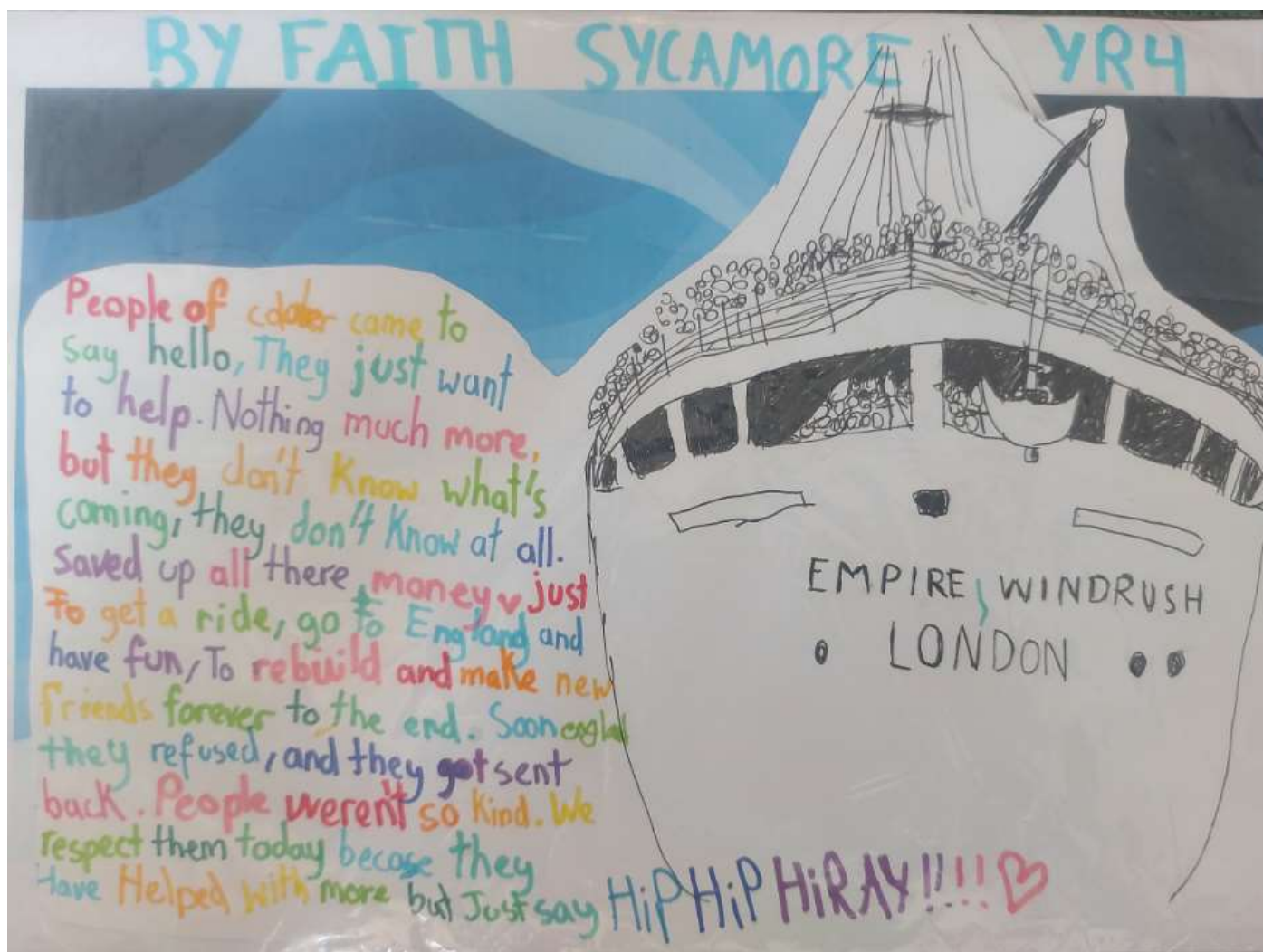
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"Honoured to have watched some West Acton Primary Year 6 students perform their interpretation of Windrush 75. An excellent production that gave a well-researched historical background of the racial inequities existing pre-WW2 around the commonwealth & in the UK before the arrival of the Empire Windrush. Showcasing the significant contributions the Windrush pioneers and their descendants made to Britain, plus the hardships faced and the Windrush Scandal, it also acknowledged importantly the African presence in Britain since Tudor times. The poetic voice of unsung figures like 'Valerie Johnson' (Business Change Manager with TfL) was beautifully read by a Year 6 students. I was delighted to reunite with some students who participated in last year's Building Bridges After-School run by WAPPY, including Faith who won first prize amongst Ealing schools for her Y4 Windrush poem and artwork entry! I left feeling incredibly refreshed & inspired. Well done and Thank You West Acton Primary!"



Last Week, on Friday 16th June, our boys' football team took part in the annual Ealing APNA tournament. On a boiling hot day, both teams did brilliantly finishing 2nd in their groups before losing narrowly in the second round. Special praise for David (top goal scorer) and Sami for scoring the goal of the tournament. Also, excellent goals and assists from Miki and Shuma. Both goalkeepers – Hamed and Parsa – made vital contributions as well! Well done to the whole squad – we will be back next year!



West Acton celebrated Autism Awareness Week 6-8th June. The children enjoyed the daily teaching, learning more about autism and how we can better understand pupils with autism. Speaking with pupils during the week, it was obvious how accepting West Acton pupils are.

Pupils also learnt that autism can also be called *neurodiversity* which means people who think in a different way and interact with the world around them in a different way.

On Friday we named our autism poster winners (pictured above) and we had a parent coffee morning with Dawn Clegg from Springhallow. Thanks to the parents who attended and gave such positive feedback.

I look forward to next year's celebration!

Ms Lucas

This week the Nursery children have been reading the book 'Naughty Bus' and it inspired us to make our own version of the story. The children had to think of some mischief for the Naughty Bus to get in to at school and then we put the photos and the children's words together to make our own version of the story. We had fun exploring the school rules and expectations and the children also did a fantastic job of tidying up every time the Naughty Bus made a mess. It was a great opportunity for them to use language inspired by the book and have fun exploring the story.





In half term I was invited to talk to a Community group for seniors, in Southall, of people from different countries about education today. They were so impressed with what children learn now and the work they produce. They also enjoyed recalling their own childhood school memories – such as writing on banana leaves instead of paper.



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Year 1 children were so excited to be out of the classroom and to enjoy the beautiful weather at Littlehampton beach. First the children had a special talk by some helpful lifeguards about keeping safe. They then had a picnic on the beach. The children were so happy to be eating outside in the fresh air, they chatted and laughed as they ate their food. Next, they enjoyed paddling in the sea, laughing and splashing as the waves came in. They loved feeling the cool water on their feet. The children then worked collaboratively to build amazing sandcastles. It was amazing to see all the creative ideas the children came up with. What a wonderful day it was for Year 1 at the beach!

West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 12 th June 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Tougo	Iman	Aaron
Olive	Isabelle	Haruki	Sana K
Fir	Takuto	Shea	Kavell
Banyan	Derek	Yasmine	Khaled
Ash	Itsuki	Layan J	Minori
Guava	Ayaha	Nao	Adam B
Katsura	Adam	Ania	Kaichi
Chestnut	Eloise	Bandar	Leyla
Damson	Tala	Kaius	Ryosuke
Juniper	Jay	Abdulrahmen	Kevin
Holly	Ayoub	Fatima	Prajay
Ivy	Leyna	Antonia	Annabelle
Rowan	Maho	Adam	Reggie
Mulberry	Rio T	Jimmy	Ritsu
Pine	Felix	Asawir	Eden
Sycamore	Elza	Elyas	Sam
Elder	Zainab	Misk	Tomoki
Quince			
Willow	Patrick	Yusuf	Leo
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Tamarind			
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