



West Ham Church School

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Upper Key Stage Two

Weekly News Page

Spring 2, Week 5

Friday 25th March 2022



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

Today we held our first **Parent Forum** - it was really good to meet with parents face to face in the comfort of our staffroom to discuss parent perceptions on what's going well and areas that we will look into to improve.

Strengths: communication (through texts, news pages and emails); home learning (amount, organisation); quality of teaching and learning; children are mostly happy in school; parents are happy with how well the school coped during the pandemic.

Areas parents would like to see improved: use of devices at home (parents would like help to know how to log on); congestion and puddles at playground gate; focus on pen and paper maths for younger children; workshops on methods in maths, how to assist children with their home learning including ICT skills for parents.

We also discussed systems to report first aid and accidents in school and I was able to share a new online system that we will be introducing. Staff have been training on it recently. First aid notifications will be sent by text rather than paper slips when we introduce this new system after the Easter holidays. Please don't be alarmed if you receive a text - if it is a serious incident we would always call you directly.

Thank you to the parents who attended; it was my pleasure to get to know you better. I hope more parents will be able to join us next time as well.

Upper Key Stage 2 Staff

Teachers

Miss Shaw - Phase Leader
Miss Pandya - Year 5 Wolves
Miss Shaw & Mr. Forster - Year 5&6 Kingfishers
Miss Thurman - Year 6 Eagles

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Siyani, Mrs. Mekuria,
Miss Sperger

Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at
All Saints Church*

Father God,

We thank you that you love and care for all people.

Thank you for the special women you put in our lives who love and care for us.

Thank you for the sacrifices that they make for us; please bless them and encourage them in all that they do.

May this Mothering Sunday be a truly special day for each and every one.

Amen

Values

Our school value this term is

TRUST



Collective Worship

This week, Simon from West Ham Church visited us and spoke to us about how to show compassion and forgive others, using a story from Luke, chapter 15. We also learnt about Good Friday and what it means to Christians with Miss Qureshi. The children discussed the sacrifices that are made to help others. We also enjoyed celebrating everyone's achievements on Friday.



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Parents' Evening

Parent and teacher meetings will be happening in school next week. Please ensure that you are on time for your appointment so that there is plenty of time to discuss your child and their progress.

After-School Clubs

Please note that there will be no after school clubs, or wrap-around care, on Thursday 31st March due to staff training. All children must be collected at 1:30pm.



Assessments

In UKS2, the children have been working hard on their assessments. Next week, they will be completing assessments in writing, where they will be writing a retelling of the Easter story from different perspectives.

Easter Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Easter at West Ham Church School. On Thursday, the children are going to attend our Easter service in the church to watch LKS2's performance, and we will have fun Easter activities to do on return to school!

Please note that the school day finishes at 1:30 on Thursday 31st March.



French Phrase of the Week

We have been set a challenge by our French teacher, Madame Zucconi. Each week, we learn a new phrase to use as much as possible and gather points.

Next week's phrase is:
J'adore les vacances!
I love the holidays!



World Maths Day

This week, we have been taking note of how much maths we actually do in our daily lives - it took us by surprise! The children enjoyed creating and playing board games to show off their maths learning and test their friends.



Reading for Pleasure

We are taking part in "World of Stories", a project about reading for pleasure, and would love your input. Please complete the survey that was shared with you earlier this week.



You can also access it by scanning this QR code with a smartphone:





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English

- Retelling the Easter story using talk for writing
- Planning and independently writing our own version of the Easter story
- Editing and publishing our work

Focus Text



1. What different perspectives of the story might there be?
2. How might other religions versions of the story differ?

Maths

Year 5

- Adding and subtracting decimals

Year 6

- Using a protractor
- Working out angles in a triangle

Foundation Subjects

Geography: creating a sustainable tour guide to Antarctica

Science: investigating how humans have evolved

Computing: equations for formulae

RSHE: how can drugs affect your body?

Year 6 Hoodies

If you would like to purchase a hoodie for your child, please complete the form and return to school by **Thursday 31st March 2022.**



Year 5 Spellings

amplify
solidify
signify
falsify
glorify
notify
testify
purify
intensify
classify



Year 6 Spellings

signature
assign
design
designate
significant
resignation
resign
insignificant
assignment
signal

Useful Links

English

1. Read an e-book
<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com>
2. Bedrock
vocabulary:<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

Maths:

1. Education City:
<https://www.educationcity.com/>
2. SATs Companion
<https://app.satscompanion.com/login>
3. Mathletics

Home Learning

Home learning will be posted on Google classroom on a Friday afternoon and will be due on a Tuesday.

Year 6s have daily homework in CGP test books, please ensure that this is completed as they will have to make up for any sections that are missed.



Mathletics

Mathletics Certificates

Bronze - 1000 points

Ahana
 Aaron
 Emmanuel
 Cagrihan
 Jamal
 Faizan
 Fatema

Silver - 5 Bronze certificates

Emmanuel
 Cagrihan

Gold - 5 Silver certificates

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 last week was...

Wolves

Congratulations!



Maria for showing compassion and harmony to everyone around her.



Wolves: Isabella, for writing a thoughtful and compassionate poem about animal rights in R.E.

Kingfishers: Nikolas, for working hard to write a powerful speech

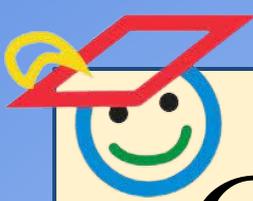
Eagles: Nadia, for fantastic historical role play

Our Work

We wrote and performed speeches about animal rights



In RE we made footprints and wrote poetry about what we want for the world.



Children's University

We are taking part in a research project called 'Children's University' which investigates the impact that extra-curricular activities can have on a child's development and progress. The children are asked to log the hours that they spend taking part in activities to develop a range of skills from art and creativity, to sports and life skills. To support this, please take a look at some of the ideas below:

After School Clubs - Year 5

The below clubs will now be **free** to year 5 children. Please call the office to book a space.

Art - Wednesday 3:30-4:30

Multisports - Thursday 3:30-4:30

ArcelorMittal in the Olympic park

Visit the ArcelorMittal structure in the Olympic park. Climb to the top to see the amazing views of London and then slide down!



Get Baking!

Make these delicious Spring brownies:

<https://www.cookingwithmykids.co.uk/spring-chocolate-brownies/>



Get Outside!

Get outside in the beautiful Spring sunshine.

What nature can you see?

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/our-top-spring-nature-walks>



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WHCS Song Sheet

Not Afraid

If You say I'm an overcomer
I will overcome the monster
I may be small, but I'm a fighter
'Cause You are strong and fear's a liar.

*I'm not afraid of the dark,
The dark's afraid of me.
I'm not afraid 'cause Your heart
Is shining bright in me.
Be bold, be strong,
Be brave, hold on,
I'm not afraid anymore.
Your love glows in the dark.*

Today I put on heaven's armour,
Your sword and shield
Cannot be conquered.
I'll raise a shout 'cause I'm a warrior
Your battle cry will lead me onward.

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The dark's afraid of me.
I'm not afraid 'cause Your heart
Is shining bright in me.
Be bold, be strong,
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Sing it out loud, sing it out strong.
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*Thank you to the team from All Saints Church
who are helping us to learn this new song!*