



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter
Spring 1
Week 5



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

Congratulations to our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs. Rogers, and her husband, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl - today! Mother and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them soon.

Get well wishes to staff and children who have been poorly recently, including Ms. Qureshi, our SENCO, Ms. Nemeth, Foxes' class teacher, and several of our teaching assistants. The children have been very resilient having been taught or supported by different adults and this will continue next week. My thanks go to staff in school who have pulled together to help us cover these staff absences over the past two weeks. For the interim, if you have a query regarding Special Educational Needs, please consult with Mrs. Lord-Attivor, our Inclusion Manager, who oversees SEND provision.

We are very pleased that the children who came to see Matilda on Wednesday had such a good time. I would like to share an email with you that I received today:



Hello,

Just a quick note to complement your children on their excellent behaviour on their recent trip to the theatre.

I was there with my own child, 3 of her friends, and another parent. We were so impressed with the behaviour and how orderly they were.

They were quiet when they needed to be and I wouldn't have even known there was a school trip on if I hadn't seen their uniforms. They waited very well for the loos during the interval, they were very patient in quite a long queue. I spoke to some of them who were queuing next to us and they were so polite and confident.

They're a credit to you and represented their school well.

Year 5 & 6, we are super proud of you!

Warm regards, Mrs. James

School Vision

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony**, embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at
All Saints Church*

For all our new parents

Bless this baby, Lord, and bless their parents. Help them adjust to their new normal as they welcome a whole new person into their lives, hearts and home.

Give them even one whole night of sleep, and give them strength and energy when the nights are short. Blanket their home in peace, grace, and love.

Thank you Lord, for this new life. We praise and thank You for Your good and perfect creation.
Amen.

Values

Our school value this term is

Perseverance

Early Years Foundation Stage



This week:

Dragonflies class and Little Owls were excited to continue their author focus on Oliver Jeffers. We made predictions and shared thoughtful ideas of how we would catch our own star. In line with the whole school focus on maths, the Reception children will be working towards targets which will be shared on a maths passport. Little Owls have been going on special adventures to catch their own stars as well as playing pin the tail on the rabbit. In nursery, we are focusing on what makes a good friend and making pictures of our ideas.

Next week:

The children in Reception will be predicting what will happen at the end of "How to catch a star?" by Oliver Jeffers and sequence the story into the main events. Outside we will be going on a 2D shape hunt. Little Owls will be celebrating love and kindness in line with Saint Valentine's Day.

Reminders:

The children in early years will be receiving holiday homework packs to complete during the half term. In Little Owls, we are promoting the children's independence skills. To support your child's settling in period, please ensure you drop off your child promptly and ask for feedback at the end of the day. Thank you.

Key Stage 1

This week:

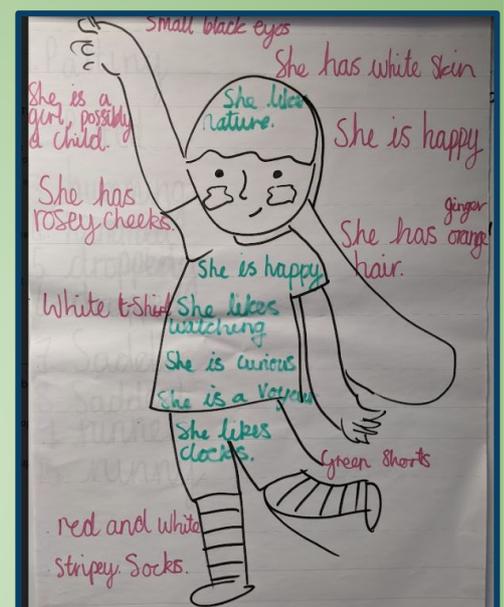
In year 2 this week, we have been looking at how to make different amounts using different combinations of coins and notes.

In Geography, we made rain gauges to measure how much rain fall we have over a given time. In English this week we have created a role on the wall; this is where we have been looking at the emotional and outer appearance of the character from our story 'Between Tick and Tock' by Louise Gregg. In Year 1, we have continued to learn about composition of numbers, with a focus on number 7 this week and enjoyed creating pieces of art depicting different emotions in our Art lessons.

Next week: We will be completing our final portrait in our art unit of work - please quiz your child about the vocabulary they have learnt such as: **portraiture, engrave and depict.**

Reminders:

Next week is assessment week, please ensure your child is rested and has breakfast to ensure they are working at their best. Early to bed really helps children to focus as well. Thank you for your support.





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KS2

Weekly News Page

Assistant Head: Miss Jukes

Lower Key Stage 2

This week:

For science this week, we have been looking at the structure of a plant. Using celery and food colouring, we were able to complete an experiment that shows how plants transport water using their leaves and vascular bundles. Children had an amazing time visiting the British Museum and learning more about Ancient Maya Civilisations.

Next week:

We will be learning about poetic devices using our class text, 'Stars With Flaming Tails' which is a collection of poems that children can read and explore the features of. Children will also get the opportunity to create some poems of their own.



Reminders:

Don't forget to come along to our parents maths day on Friday 10th February. We will send further information out early next week.

Upper Key Stage 2

This week:

The children have been extremely busy publishing their newspaper reports in English. In maths, they have started their new unit on ratio and have been using lots of ratio language.

Year 5 and 6 boys went to a tournament at West Ham and showed great teamwork and resilience playing alongside the other schools.

On Wednesday, the children visited the theatre to watch Matilda, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff and a standing ovation was led by the children. They really can't wait to begin to work on their own performances at the end of the year!



Next week: The children in year 5 will be going to the Globe theatre on Monday to support their work on Macbeth. Please ensure all letters are returned to school.

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Attendance

Congratulations! The class with the highest attendance across the school last week was...



Foxes



Celebration Page

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



Headteacher' Awards

Wonder: EYFS Fabeha, for sharing thoughtful ideas on our new topic story.

Harmony: KS1 Lilyana, for showing other children what it is like to be caring and considerate.

Compassion: LKS2 Maria, for being understanding with other children on the playground and supporting them.

Strength: UKS2 Daria, for showing great strength by trying her best in all lessons, whether struggling or not and then uses that new knowledge to help those around her.



Little Owls (Nursery): Areej, for her thoughtful acts of kindness.

Dragonflies (Reception): Ayana, for showing curiosity when learning about space.

Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Mahdiya, for setting an excellent example to others.

Butterflies (Y1): Ueisi, for her hard work in handwriting and maths and her excellent behaviour.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Reggie-Rae, for trying his best in all lessons.

Squirrels (Y2): Jude, for being kind and helpful to new members of the squirrel class.

Otters (Y3): Zain, for improving his concentration in class and applying himself to learning.

Badgers (Y3&4): Vishnu, for setting in really well to his new class.

Foxes (Y4): Joshua, for being helpful in the classroom.

Swallows (Y5): Karol, for exemplary behaviour and helping any child that needs it with their work or understanding a new language.

Eagles (Y5&6): Dunmi, for her creativity in writing her newspaper report. Well done!

Kingfishers (Y6): Nanija, for showing a positive attitude and good effort all week

Mathletics

Please encourage your children to go onto Mathletics at home to support their learning.

Gold:

Silver: Jude (Y2) Timeea (Y2) Jahaziel (Y2)

Ibrahim (Y3) Aysha (Y3)

Bronze: Rayansh (Y2) Cristiano (Y6) Jadon (Y4)

Jeremy (Y6)



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WHCS Song Sheet

Give a Little Smile

Give a little smile

1. Give a little smile,
Give a little smile,
And be kind, to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
It's easy just to bring
A little smile to everyone.

2. Bring a little love,
Bring a little love
And be good to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
It's easy just to bring
A little love to everyone.

3. Give a little help,
Give a little help
And be nice to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
It's easy just to bring
A little help to everyone.

4. Repeat verse 1

You can singalong with the song at home here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYedaETbsBI>