



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

EVELYN CHRISTENSEN
Happy 3rd Birthday

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC:
YEAR 1:
YEAR 2:
YEAR 3:
YEAR 4:
YEAR 5:
YEAR 6:

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 1...

Welcome to week 1 of the Summer term. Spring term finished with a very busy week with the return of happy but tired Year 4 and Year 5 classes after their adventures at Overstrand Hall in Cromer. Well done to all the children that participated in the Easter bonnet parade. There were some wonderful creations; it was a really fun way to finish a successful term.

Thank you to those parents that joined us for coffee this morning. It was lovely to see parents and hear about their Easter activities. The Easter break was very eventful at The White House. I would like to congratulate Steve and Mary McCahery on their 40th Wedding Anniversary and the birth of their new Grandson Thomas Randall. Laura and Thomas and doing very well.

After lots of work over the last few months I am looking forward to showing the children our brand new ICT suite. I am sure they will be as excited as I am to use the new chrome

PC's and 24inch screens. This new project doesn't stop at a new suite as part of a 21st Century approach to ICT WiFi coverage has been improved in all classrooms, internet security and E-safety have been improved with the introduction of Go Guardian and Google safe search on all computers. Children will have access to their Google education accounts at home which if accessed through a Chrome browser will provide the same security measures at home.

Most children looked very smart in their Summer uniform this morning however some children in the upper school will need to improve on this to meet the school expectation on uniform. Please ensure that all children have the correct uniform and that any old, tatty or ill-fitting uniform is replaced. Girl's dresses should touch the knee and white ankle socks only are to be worn. Caps and hats are compulsory.

Have a great week.

Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

We hope you have enjoyed your Easter break. Welcome back to all of our Day Nursery children, and a warm welcome to our new children and families who will be joining us this month.

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Randall (nee McCahery), Principal of Woodentops Day Nursery who gave birth to a baby boy.

A great big thank you to everyone for entering enthusiastically and fully into our project " Going Home Folders", folders that onwards we will keep the Day sheets and we will enrich them with useful documents and information.

Spring seems to be just around the corner. Foxes and Bunnies they have been having fun exploring mud and water while they were planting seeds in little pots. The weather has been little brighter last week so we enjoyed some garden time in the sun while we have been looking to find different kind of leaves, we talked about life cycles and how sunflowers begin.

Sainsbury's Active Kids: Thank you for all the vouchers which have been collected so far. If you have any more saved please pop them in our pink box in the reception area, as these vouchers can then be exchanged for Early Years resources.





“Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.”

Buddha

Nut Free School

Please remember that The White House is a nut free environment and under no circumstances should nuts be brought into the building. Nut allergies can cause very dangerous reactions and we strive to keep all pupils safe.

HOUSE POINT STANDINGS

- 1st Edinburgh
- 2nd Balmoral
- 3rd Drummond
- 4th Stirling

Easter Bonnet Parade

The children had a great time showing off their Easter Bonnets in their traditional end of Spring term parade. A fun and colourful way to end the term!



Kingswood Residential

On Monday 14th March Years 4 and 5 travelled to Overstrand Hall in Cromer to take part in the challenging, fun and exciting activities of the Kingswood centre.

The children had a great time challenging themselves and learning about skills they didn't know they had such as archery, orienteering and many high wire climbing activities. We are very proud of all the children that attended. Not only did they behave impeccably but they also showed great support and encouragement for each other and demonstrated to all what a fantastic group of children they are. This was also noted by many of the Kingswood staff. Well done Year 4 and 5.



Under 9's Girls Hockey

The Wednesday before the break saw the U7's play their first hockey fixture of the term. After lots of practise matches the girls showed how much progress they have made this term.

The girls faced Garden House and were ready for the challenge. The match was dominated by The White House with goals scored from Elizabeth, Jessie and Izzy with a final score of 6-0 to The White House. It was a superb effort from the whole team. A huge well done to all the girls that played and thank you to the parents that came to support. On the Thursday saw the U8's face Dolphin Schools A and B teams. The U8's are currently unbeaten and didn't want their super winning streak to end. The first match started very well with the girls taking control early on. The match finished 9-1, a brilliant win for The White House. The second match reflected the first match with a 9-0 final score to The White House. A brilliant end to the terms hockey lessons and fixtures.



WAPs Easter Egg Hunt

Last term's WAPS Easter Egg Hunt raised almost £300 for our chosen charity GOSH. With many thanks to Waitrose and Sainsbury's Balham who both donated a generous number of eggs and all of the parents and children that took part and help organise a super activity.

Roles and Responsibilities

Congratulations to our children who have been issued with new roles and responsibilities for the Summer Term.

Prefects

- Florence Nelson
- Max Nicholson
- Yaqub Din

Playground Monitors

- Rafi Davis
- Zoe Traynor

Senior Librarians

- Zoe Traynor
- Umar Syed
- Reuben Kelly
- Amelie Zwi

Junior Librarians

- Oliver Stephens
- Sophie Gancz

LOST PROPERTY

There are still some items in the lost property tub by the entrance.



“One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure.”

William Feather

GATHERING OF THE GOBLINS YEAR 5/6

Will take place on Sunday 10th July at Goodwood Race Track. This is a great event that the children really enjoy. If you and your children can commit to attending this event and the car club that will take place after half term please inform Mr Cummings. This is for Yrs 5 & 6 only.



**INDEPENDENT
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Dates & Fixtures**Tuesday 12th April**

Summer term begins
WAPS refreshments in the garden
Homework club begins

Thurs 14th April

8.30am Curriculum meetings for Kindergarten, Yrs 3 & 4
Reception outing to Holly Lodge

Fri 15th April

8.30am Curriculum meetings for PreReception, Yrs 1 & 5

Mon 18th April

8.30am Curriculum meetings for Reception, Yrs 2 & 6
Yr 5 outing to Churchill War Rooms

Year 1-6 Athletics (Weds)

Preparation for Sports Day 20th May 1pm – 4pm and athletics teaching this term, Wednesday sport will take place at Tooting Bec Athletics Track.

See link:

http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/644/leisure_centres_and_facilities/399/tooting_bec_athletics_track_and_gym

The first session will be on **Wed 27th April**. Please note that due to the track being booked the session on **Wed 18th May** will take place at Agnes Riley with the same arrangements.

Children will require an extra water bottle, sun cream and their coloured house PE shirt. All children will be walked down to the track after lunch. There will be no cycling. As Sports Day will only be track based this year, any parents who would like to watch the field events being practised and results recorded can attend the track from 2.30pm each week.

Children must be collected from the track at 4pm or if they are staying for athletics club 4.30pm (Please sign up). Any children not collected by 4.35pm will be included in homework club, returned to school and parents will be charged for the first hour of homework club.

Dads' Events

Calling all Dads and golf enthusiasts.

Next week I would like to invite White House school and Woodentops Dads to my termly breakfast. Croissants and coffee will be served 7.30am on Friday 22nd April.

This year's golf event will once again precede the Summer Ball on Friday 10th June 2016.

Please let me know if you would like to attend either event.

Summer Clubs

DRAMA and FUNKY MOVES will continue this term. As always these clubs are dependent upon numbers so please let the office know if you would like your child to attend.

Funky Moves will take place on Monday's 4pm-5pm and will be open to Rec - 6 children.

Drama Club will continue to take place on Fridays 3pm - 4.45pm All clubs will begin next week.

Upcoming Events**Tues 19th April**

Yrs 3 – 6 outing to Wimbledon Mosque

Thurs 21st April

Final of the House Music Competition
5pm at St Thomas' Church

Fri 22nd April

Dads' Breakfast 7.30am
Reception Drama Performance 9am

Active Kids

We shall be collecting 'Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers'.

Please send them in with your children as they are a fantastic way of supporting sport resources and play equipment. There is a box by the main school door and a tray downstairs in Kindergarten and Day Nursery.

**Castle Cup**

Congratulations to Drummond House who are the current leaders of the Castle Cup House competition. Closely followed by Stirling House.

With Sports Day, House Music competition and poetry competition there are still plenty of points to be awarded.

House Music Competition.

Joya would like to remind all Reception to Year 6 pupils that House song rehearsals will be taking place at 8.30am on Wednesday 13th April, Thursday 14th April, Tuesday 19th April and Wednesday 20th April, please be prompt for an 8.30am arrival to school to ensure a quality rehearsal.

The House Music Final will take place on at 5pm, Children to arrive by 4.45pm, 21st April at St Thomas's Church. Clubs will not take place that evening and Homework club pupils will be escorted to the church.