



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

CORA SANGER

Happy 3rd Birthday

JAYNA PATEL

Congratulations on turning 5

Welcome to Week 2...

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This morning we were lucky enough to welcome Dom Fulford as a representative of Downs South London and Zach Fulford who has developed greatly as a result of the care offered from this excellent local charity. Dom thanked the children for their fundraising efforts and explained some of the benefits that Zach had experienced.

Week 2 sees the beginning of most clubs with the exception of gymnastics, running and choir clubs. These will begin next week. This morning Year 5 were very excited to be visiting Churchill's War Rooms as part of their History topic. Tomorrow Years 3 – 6 will visit the Wimbledon Mosque. On Wednesday the first Athletics club of the term begins. This will be held at Agnes Riley and children attending the club are to be collected at 4.30pm at Agnes Riley. As Athletics lessons this week are taking place at Agnes Riley all other children from Years 1 – 6 will be picked up from the school at 4pm. Next week will

see our first session at Tooting Bec Athletics Track when all children will be collected from the track.

On Thursday we would like to remind all parents from Reception – Year 6 that they are invited to attend the House Music Final which will take place at St Thomas' Church at 5pm, children to arrive at 4.45pm. Homework club children will be escorted to the church for 4.45pm and there will be no other clubs taking place on Thursday evening.

I would also like to remind Dads that I am hosting a Dads' Breakfast at 7.30am on Friday 22nd April. If you would like to attend, please contact the office.

Finally, today saw the start of this year's Big Pedal. Please can I encourage parents and children to cycle or scoot to school for the next two weeks.

Have a great week.

Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: OSKAR JONES
YEAR 1: CHLOE READ-BECHE
YEAR 2: HUGO HIPWELL
YEAR 3: MATTHEW ZWI
YEAR 4: JOE GREEN
YEAR 5: MAX NICHOLSON
YEAR 6: TABITHA GRIEVSON

• WELL DONE •



Day Nursery

We have had a lovely week this week doing lots of activities which have been based outside.

Foxes and Bunnies this week focused on the well-loved children's classic book "The very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. We discussed healthy eating and we reinforced basic numeracy skills. They enjoyed making headbands and moving like caterpillars in the garden.

Bunnies have been watering plants in the garden and Foxes have been making patterns on sensory leaf writing tray, by using natural leaves as letter formation, name writing, numeral copying and sight word learning.

We would like to welcome James in Bunnies and Jessica in Foxes.

A big Happy Birthday to Cora who is turning three.

We would like also to invite Woodentops dads to join Dad's Breakfast" at White House School on Friday 22nd April at 7:30 am.





“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

John F Kennedy

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 Balmoral
2nd Edinburgh
3rd Drummond
4th Stirling

Well Done!

Congratulations to Flynn Knight who has been awarded a pass with merit in his Grade 3 Piano exam.

Well done to Lucy Fradin who was awarded a distinction in her Grade 1 Violin exam and also to Sam Fradin who was awarded his Grade 5 in Oboe. An excellent effort from all three children.



Summer Availability

Marion Griffon the Reception Class Teaching Assistant would like to offer her services for child care over the Summer break. She is available from 10th of July until the 31st of August, to work 5 days a week full time as a nanny or babysitter if required. In the Clapham/Balham/Streatham Hill area. Please contact the office for Marion's contact details.

Year 4 Outing

Year 4 visited Kew Gardens on Friday 15th April. They took part in an immersive experience, exploring the sights and smells of the rainforest plants located in Kew's historic Palm House.

They worked scientifically in the rainforest challenge, observing, investigating and analyzing rainforest products and artefacts, discussing the importance of the rainforest in our everyday life and raising questions about the choices we make. Despite the miserable weather, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Musical Magic

"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" was a huge success, and although Jackie and I say it every time, we think it was the best Musical Magic performance yet!

I was extremely proud of them on Friday, and I am not ashamed to say that I welled up a couple of times (I think "Hushabye Mountain" is a song that just seems to have that effect on everyone.) It was lovely to have so many new students take part, from both the White House and outside of the school. I received some lovely feedback from parents, and the children are very excited for our next workshop.

Our next workshop is scheduled for the May half term. With the bank holiday Monday at the start of the week, Musical Magic will run from **Tuesday 31st May- Friday 3rd June, 10.00-15.00 (with the option of breakfast club from 09.00).** Due to this only being a 4 day workshop, we will be putting on a review show based on a theme, which this time around we are calling **"Muppet May Mayhem!"**

Reception Class Outing

On Thursday the Reception class visited Holly Lodge in Richmond Park.

The children took part in a Mini-beast safari, as part of this term's topic. The children were very interested to discover what they might find under logs and in dark places.

They used magnifying glass to look closely at the Mini-beats and found lots of slugs, worms, woodlice and beetles.



GOSH!

This Sunday 24th April Mr Grote will be running the London Marathon in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. You can give online

at www.justgiving.com/ashleymarathon2016

So far the total is £9562, he is hoping to get well over £10,000 by the weekend!

Also in aid of Great Ormond Street, there is a concert this Friday 22nd April at 7.30pm at St Mark's, Hamilton Terrace NW8 – a Battle of the Organs: favourite organ music played on not one but TWO organs, given by Ashley Grote and Tansy Castledine. Admission is free with retiring collection for Great Ormond Street and all are welcome! www.stmarks.london

LOST PROPERTY

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



“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”

Robin Williams

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
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION**

Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures**Monday 18th April**

Curriculum Meetings: Rec & Yr 6 8:30am
Year 5 outing to Churchill War Rooms
Clubs begin

Funky Moves club begins

Tuesday 19th April

Curriculum Meetings: Yr 2 8:30am
Yrs 3 – 6 outing to Wimbledon Mosque

Wednesday 20th April

Karate begins 7.30am
Athletics @ Agnes Riley - 4pm Yrs 1-6 Pick up at Agnes Riley.

Athletics Club Children pick up at 4.30pm

Thurs 21st April

Final of the House Music Competition Yrs R-6 arrival 4.45pm. 5pm Start St Thomas' Church

Fri 21nd April

Dads' Breakfast 7:30am
9am Reception Drama Performance
Drama Club begins

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/6444/leisure-centres-and-facilities/399/tooting-bee-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 today.

Upcoming Events**Fri 22nd April**

Dads' Breakfast 7.30am
Reception Drama Performance 9am

Mon 25th April

Year 3 outing to Kingswood
Big Pedal begins

Tues 26th April

Pre-Reception outing to London Transport Museum

Fri 29th April

Year 2 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.

**House Music Comp**

Joya would like to remind all Reception to Year 6 pupils that House song rehearsals will be taking place at 8.30am on 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.

<http://stwss.org.uk/directions-st-thomas>

Clubs will not take place on Thursday evening and Homework club pupils will be escorted to the church.