



# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN  
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

**NINA YOUNG**

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

**KIT NELSON**

Congratulations on turning 6

**SOPHIE GANCZ**

Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**ALEXIA PINTO-URRA**

Congratulations on turning 8

**RAFI DAVIS**

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## GOOD BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR  
BADGES HAVE BEEN  
AWARDED TO...

REC: YAIR KARIV

YEAR 1: GAEL LARDY-BARRIOS

YEAR 2: ELIZABETH GODWIN-  
BONFIELD

YEAR 3: TBC

YEAR 4: SCARLETT SUTHERLAND

YEAR 5: FLORENCE NELSON

YEAR 6: LUCY FRADIN

• WELL DONE •



## Welcome to Week 3...

**Welcome to Week 3.....Thank you to the Dads that joined me for breakfast on Friday morning, a super way to finish the week. And a fantastic week it was; Year 5 started the week by visiting Churchill's War rooms, Years 3-6 visited Wimbledon Mosque and Thursday saw a wonderfully entertaining Inter-House music final. Well done to all who took part and congratulations also to the poetry winners and runners up that provided our Poetry interlude.**

Week 3 will see the Children in Years 1-6 return to Tooting Bec Athletics Track for lessons on Wednesday afternoon. Please remember to pick up from the track at promptly at 4pm and 4.30pm for those children who are attending Athletics club. Big Pedal continues this week, thank you to those children and parents that have been riding to school. 'Every journey matters' as TfL remind us, so please

continue cycling or scooting this week.

This morning Year 3 set off for Grosvenor Hall activity centre in Kent and I have just received word that the children are participating in archery as I write. The children are anticipated to return to school at 6.15pm.

As I am sure you are aware there is currently a petition against the proposed development of 22/22a Thornton Road. Please add your signature to the petition if you haven't done so already. Please follow the link below.

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/against-22-22a-thornton-road-development>

I have also received confirmation from Kentwell that our Year 3-6 children can visit on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please add this date to your diaries as we anticipate an early start and a late return.

Have a great week.  
**Daniel Cummings,**  
Headmaster

## Day Nursery

**This week Foxes and Bunnies have been celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with lots of activities.**

Foxes have made her birthday cards and have been busy planning her birthday party. They have been looking at how many candles there are on the cake and how many invitations they will need.

Bunnies enjoyed dressing up as Kings and Queens and they were holding a party at nursery. Foxes enjoyed making a cocoon to stay in the garden based on role-play activities and the topic of the month "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

We would like to remind you that the nursery will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We hope you all have a great long weekend!!!





"Enthusiasm moves  
the world."

Arthur Balfour

### 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 RESULTS WEEK 3

1<sup>st</sup> Drummond  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edinburgh  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stirling  
4<sup>th</sup> Balmoral

## Well Done!

**Congratulations to Samuel Tagg for completing the Grade 2 piano exam with a merit.**

## 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.

## The Laurels Open Day

Parents are warmly invited to attend The Laurels School Open Event this coming Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10-12pm & 6-8pm. RSVPs are encouraged but not required.

## Years 3-6 Mosque Visit

**On Tuesday 19th April the KS2 team went on a trip to Wimbledon Mosque.**

Imam Shoaib was a fabulous guide and taught the children a vast amount about the Islamic faith. The children were fascinated to learn about the mosque, and were immersed in Muslim culture which was an amazing experience for all involved. The Year 3 children wore Islamic head dresses provided by Nabeel's family and all the children enjoyed the generous refreshments the mosque gave them. A thoroughly informative trip with some superb follow up work done at school - this will be on display at open day.



## LAMDA

THE LONDON  
ACADEMY OF  
MUSIC AND  
DRAMATIC ART

**For all this year's entrants, of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, your examination poems and prose have been given out.** Parents please ensure that children learn their respective poems 'off by heart' and practise their recital frequently prior to the exam on **19<sup>th</sup> May**. Claire will be rehearsing with children at school, so children will need to bring their items to talk about. Year 4-6 will require a neatly typed copy of their pieces to hand to the examiner.

## Year 5 Outing

**On Monday 18th April, Year 5 visited the Churchill War Rooms in central London.**

The children explored this fascinating collection of underground rooms with the help of an extremely informative audio guide. The class also explored the absorbing Winston Churchill exhibition, which I know was a highlight for many. The exhibition included a vast array of artefacts, factual information and interactive displays which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The trip proved to be a captivating day with many of the class expressing an urge to learn more about Winston Churchill.



## GOSH!

**Well done Mr Grote (Emily's father) on completing the London Marathon in aid of GOSH our school charity.**

He raised over **£13500**. He finished the marathon beating his time of last year! An amazing effort.

Lots of our families sponsored him from the school and he would like to thank them for their support.



**LOST PROPERTY**

Tom Cooch is missing his School Cap please check at home.



“Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over.”

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**GATHERING OF THE GOBLINS YEAR 5/6**

Will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Big Pedal Continues  
Yr 3 Kingswood Day Trip

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Pre-Reception outing to the London Transport Museum

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Karate

Athletics for Yrs 1 – 6 at TBAT collect at 4pm from track

Athletics Club collect at 4.30pm from track

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April**

U9 Boys Cricket vs Oliver House (home) 2.30-3.30pm

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April**

WAPS meeting AM

Year 2 Drama Assembly for parents – 9am

**Year 1-6 Athletics (Weds)**

**Preparation for Sports Day 20<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – 4pm. 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>

Please note that due to the track being booked the session on **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Events**

**A reminder to Woodentops Day Nursery and The White House School to save the date for this year's WAPS Summer Ball that will again be taking place at Dulwich Golf Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June in support of our school charity GOSH.**

Last year was a most enjoyable evening. The White House Golf Afternoon open to all players (mums and dads) who hold a current handicap will take place before the WAPS summer ball. If you are interested please email the office.

**Upcoming Events****Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Musical Afternoon for Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 – 2pm

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 5 Spelling Bee at The Laurels

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May**

U 11 Girls Rounders vs Old Palace (home) 4 – 5pm

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 5 Maths challenge at The Laurels

**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 Final**

**On Thursday the children attended St Thomas' Church for the House Music Competition Finals.**

It was a thoroughly entertaining evening with children from Reception to Year 6 performing House songs and the finalists playing their prepared pieces superbly. After some excellent performances and very difficult decisions made by our guest adjudicator Peter Gritton, Director of Music at JAGS the winners were chosen.

In the Year 1 to 3 individual category the winner was **Jessica Yarker**. The winner of the Year 4 to 6 individual category was **Caspar Burman**. The House song was won by **Stirling** with the excellent "Food Glorious Food".

Finally **Drummond** were awarded the House Music Cup as the overall winners. Well done to all the children that took part from the preliminary heats to the finals and thank you to all the parents and friends that attended a lovely evening. Thank you also to Joya, Helen and all the staff who helped organise this event.



**Balmoral House: 'Singing in the Rain'.**