

# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN & THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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# Welcome to *Week 5*...

Welcome to Week 5..... What beautiful weather over the weekend. For a short week, Week 4 was a very busy week at The White House. The children were busy preparing for Open Morning and the classrooms are looking wonderful.

For Open Morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 children are expected to arrive for 9am in preparation for the French Play which will take place in the music room at 9.30am. Year 5 children and past pupils are asked to arrive promptly for 9.30am ready to offer parents guided tours around the school. All parents and pupils are invited to attend from 9.30am. Please remember children are not allowed to play ball games in the garden and they should be accompanied by an adult if not participating in tours.

This week will see the majority of pupils taking part in the end of year examinations.

We also look forward to our younger instrumental children performing in our Musical Afternoon on Tuesday. Year 5 are attending The Laurels and Royal Russell School this week to take part in maths challenges and a spelling bee. Our U11 Girls will be competing in their first rounders match of the term and Friday we finish with a staggered end to the day to allow parents and pupils the opportunity to visit our Book Fair in the Early Years creative room. Please note collection times later in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday morning at the Open Morning.

Have a great week.

Daniel Cummings, Headmaster



#### **Day Nursery**

Foxes and Bunnies this week enjoyed the sunny weather, spending time in the garden and doing some lovely spring activities.

Bunnies focused on sensory play, getting messy with shaving foam and painting with the hands.

Foxes have been painting leaves that they collected from the garden. They poured a range of spring coloured paints into trays, and placed the collected leaves into the middle of the table. The children can then choose their leaves and paint one side of the leaf in their chosen colour.

Foxes also made cocoons, the sun and the moon by using papier-mâché for display.

We would like to invite you to our Open Day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, between 9:30-11:30am.



"True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life, ourselves, and the world around us."

#### **Socrates**

#### **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 5



## **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 5/6 Drama

The Year 5 and 6 children proudly presented their performance of 'The Tempest' on Friday morning. They performed on the playground in the glorious sunshine and did a superb job of impressing the audience. Their line fluency and articulation was excellent, their actions inspiring and the performance was a real treat for everyone involved. The children had a fantastic time showing what they have worked so hard on - thank you Claire and well done Year 5 and 6.



# **Free Cycling Training**

This half term, Lambeth Council are offering free cycle training courses not only for children aged 9 and over but also for complete beginners and less confident children from 5 years upwards.

### Free Cycle Training for children from age 5 years upwards over May half term.

Lambeth Council are offering the following free cycle training courses this May half term in Brockwell Park, Myatt's Fields Park and Clapham Common:

Complete Beginner Training (age 5+) over 2 mornings (31/5/16 and 1/6/16) Level 1 Bikeability (age 5+) over 2 mornings (2/6/16 and 3/6/16)

Level 1&2 Bikeability (age 9+ - including on road training) over 4 afternoons (31/5/16 - 3/6/16) Training is in small groups and on a first-come-firstserved basis so book places on these courses now at

http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lambeth

### LAMDA

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.

### **New Signing**

Congratulations to Oliver Stephens who signed for Crystal Palace Football Club this week. I look forward to see him playing in the Premiership in the future.



#### **Active Kids**

We are still 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.



LOST PROPERTY

All found items are kept in the tub near the entrance. Please check for missing items.

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

#### William Shakespeare

#### 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.



Accredited Member

## Dates & Fixtures

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May Bikeability for Year 5 Mon to Fri pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May Musical Afternoon at 2pm for Rec, Yrs 1, 2&3 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May Karate Year 5 Spelling Bee at The Laurels am Athletics for Yrs 1 – 6 at TBAT collect at 4pm from track Athletics Club collect at 4.30pm from track Yr 5 Maths Challenge Royal Russell Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May U11 Girls Rounders vs Old Palace (home) 4.30pm Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May Yr 5 Maths Challenge at The Laurels am Drama club pm **Book Fair Staggered finish** Kindergarten & Pre Reception - 12pm -12:30pm Reception & Year 1 - 2.15pm Year 2 - 2.30pm Years 3&4 - 2.45pm Years 5&6 - 2.55pm

### Island Projects Yr 6

Year 6 were given the challenge of designing an Island from scratch for tourists to visit. They were given a budget by David Cameron, and a list of tasks to complete along with a display board to fill! The children took huge pride in the work they produced and loved the opportunity to share what they put together with the school. They created a 'holiday travel agents' who invited the children from the rest of the school to vote.

The results were as follows: 1st Place - Lucy Fradin (Piggy Island) 2nd Place - Tabitha Grievson (Zooami Island)

3rd place - Samuel Tagg (Athletica Island). Madeleine Wharton (Star Sky Island)

#### **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 17<sup>th</sup> May** Sports Day Practice – Rec – Yr 6

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May U11 Girls Rounders vs Eaton House (away)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May** LAMDA exams U8 Boys Cricket vs Rosemead (away)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May** Sports Day 1 – 4pm at Tooting Bec Athletics Track

#### Rec – Yr 6 Athletics

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/lei sure centres and facilities/399/tooting b ec athletics track and gym

**Reception** class will join Classes from Year 1-6 at Tooting Athletics Track on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** as a final practice before Sports Day. All children are to be collected from the track at 4pm. There will be no clubs that evening other than Homework club.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May Athletics** will take place at Agnes Riley. Athletics club will take place at Agnes Riley. Children are to be collected from school at 4pm unless they are staying for athletics club where they will be collected at 4.30pm from Agnes Riley.

Children 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. 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.

**GOSH Sponsorship** Sam and Lucy F Yr 6, Leonie Yr 6, Rafi D Yr 5 and Isabella Yr2 and Agatha Rec will be taking part in the 'Gosh 5K Race for Life' next Sunday. The children would greatly appreciate sponsorship using the link below. http://events.gosh.org/goto/whitehouseprep aratoryschool.