



# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN  
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Week 10, Summer Term 2016 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

**NICO ROWLAND**

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**JOSHUA MORAN**

Congratulations on turning 2

**ANNABELLE KNIBBS**

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

**CHLOE LEISERACH**

Congratulations on turning 3

**JOE GREEN**

Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## GOOD BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR  
BADGES HAVE BEEN  
AWARDED TO...

REC: OSCAR MORRISON  
YEAR 1: GRACELYN KAO  
YEAR 2: BOBBY JENKINS  
YEAR 3: IMOGEN MORRISON  
YEAR 4: OSCAR PAUWELS  
YEAR 5: REUBEN KELLY  
YEAR 6: MADDIE WHARTON

• WELL DONE •



## Welcome to *Week 10*...

**Welcome to Week 10. Unfortunately the weather put pay to a number of sporting events and clubs last week, I hope this will be much improved this week. Friday saw a super Golf competition which you can read about later in the newsletter and a very enjoyable Summer Ball. Thank you to the WAPS committee who have worked tirelessly to ensure the Summer Ball was a huge success once again. Lots of money was raised for our charity Great Ormond Street Hospital. Thank you to all the parents that gave so generously, including those that could not attend the evening and still supported GOSH by donating and purchasing auction and raffle lots.**

This morning I invited Alex from Balham Library to speak to the children regarding the forthcoming Summer Reading Challenge. The children were very excited to hear about the many prizes on offer for reading and logging their book titles at any London library

over the summer.

Year 6 children also presented in assembly this morning explaining the format and rules to this year's Talent Show. Children are invited to sign up before 1pm Tuesday, they will be asked to display their talent to the year 6 judges over the next two weeks. Year 6 will choose the finalists and notify them if they are taking part in the 2016 final.

Our Under 8 girls and Under 11 girls have rounders fixtures this week. Please also note the details of The White House Pottery Exhibition which has now been confirmed as **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**.

Thank you once again to the WAPS, not only for the hard work that went into organising the Summer Ball but also for their support and diligence throughout the year, including the nearly new sale that took place on Friday morning run by Yumna Zain and Kate Morrison . Have a great week.

**Daniel Cummings,**  
Headmaster



## Day Nursery

**Our new focus for learning with Bunnies and Foxes is about people who help us. The children have been talking about all the different people who help us at home and in our daily lives.**

We have identified and explored different roles through flash cards and dressing up in costumes and uniforms.

Foxes this week have been focusing on police officers and firefighters making hats and a fire engine. Foxes have also had a lovely time in the garden doing "Show and Tell".

Bunnies have been focusing on doctors and they have been dressing up as doctors and caring for the dolls. They also enjoyed the lovely weather in the garden when the rain had stopped.

If any parents feel that they would like to come in to the Nursery to talk about their jobs and give the children an insight into how they help us, we would be very grateful.





“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 RESULTS WEEK 10

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

## Activity Week

Our Activity week 'Out and About' has been confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> July. The cost has been kept at £25 per day, There will be EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 outings every day. Please notify the office if you would like to be signed up.

## U10 Cricket Fixture

On Thursday 9th June the Under 9 Boys' cricket teams travelled to Wandsworth Common to take on Dolphin School.

The 'B' team played two matches throughout the afternoon, losing the first match against the Dolphin by four runs. However, they avenged that defeat by beating the Dolphin 'B' team by 12 runs, thanks to some excellent shots from Oliver Stephens and Matthew Zwi.

In the 'A' team match, The White House batted first and scored a respectable total of 60 runs, aided by chief run scorer Flynn Knight on 11. However, they also lost 7 wickets which reduced their total to 39. Bowling second, the White House kept Dolphin to 62 runs and managed 5 wickets through Rhys Read-Beche (x2), Asher Stark, Diego Lardy-Barrios, and Flynn Knight, to reduce the Dolphin total to 47, 8 short of the total needed for a draw.

Well done to all the boys for their performances, and thanks again to all the parents that came along to offer their support.



## Musical Magic

Confirmed dates for our Summer workshops this year. As last year, we will be running 2 workshops over the summer holidays. the dates for your diaries are.

**Summer 1: 18th -22nd July**

**Summer 2: 1st- 5th August**

Please note that Claire has already accepted provisional bookings for August, so spaces are going very quickly.

## Year 3 Library Visit

On Monday Year Three visited Balham library. The session began with with an introduction from Alex the librarian, a tour of the library and a challenge to find a selection of books to develop the children's understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts.

The children then had some free time to read and choose two books of their choice to take away to read. The children really enjoyed exploring the large selection of non-fiction, fiction and audio books stocked at the library. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm grow for books and reading and the class and very keen to visit again soon.



## The White House Golf

Thank you to the parents that attended the White House Golf Day 2016. Steve and I really enjoyed the competition.

Once again Dulwich and Sydenham Golf Course was superbly prepared and the weather held out for us .

This year we were able to field two teams of four who were pitched against each other in a stableford points format and a very close competition ensued.

Prizes were handed out later that evening at The WAPS Summer Ball.

The team prize was won by Steve's team consisting of Simon Leatherland, Simon Davis, Steve McCahery and Tim Sanger. Longest drive went to Simon Leatherland and nearest the pin was claimed by Alasdair Grievson.

The overall points winner for the day went to Alasdair Grievson.



**LOST PROPERTY**

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



“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.”

**Muhammed Ali**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The White House  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Adult Celebration  
1<sup>st</sup> July  
Picnic and film in the  
Garden  
7.30pm to 10.30pm**

**Invitation Only  
All Parents Invited  
Champagne on  
arrival bring your  
own Picnic Hamper  
and drinks  
No charge for tickets.**



**INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOLS  
ASSOCIATION**

Accredited Member

**Dates & Fixtures****Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Reading Challenge Assembly  
Reception 2016 meeting 2pm  
Perry Uniform bookings 2 – 4.30pm

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Reception 2017 assessments am  
U9 Girls Rounders v Eaton House

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Karate

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June**

U11 Girls Rounders vs Dolphin School  
(home) 2pm

**Woodentops Fun Day**

**On Wednesday 22nd June from 9:00am we welcome you to join us for our Fun Day in the playground with activities from 9.30am - 11.30am.**

**All parents of children in Woodentops Day Nursery, Kindergarten and Pre-Reception are invited.**

The Abbeville and White House Day Nursery, Kindergarten and Pre-Reception will enjoy taking part in lots of fun races and will entertain us with a mini performance. The morning will finish with certificates for progress and achievement and the presentation of The Woodentops Cup. We look forward to welcoming all parents to join us and cheer on your little ones, where we will all have lots of fun!

**Academic Year 2016-17**

**Classes for the academic year 2016-17 will be as follows:**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	- Mrs Juliette Watson
<b>Pre-Reception</b>	- Ms Johanna Clark
<b>Reception</b>	- Charlotte Bryers
<b>Year 1</b>	- Lucy McEwen
<b>Year 2</b>	- Mr Barnaby Halliday
<b>Year 3</b>	- Sophie Zarod-Hall
<b>Year 4</b>	- Sarah Douglas
<b>Year 5</b>	- Mrs Shan Simpson
<b>Year 6</b>	- Mrs Helen Loach

*A full Staff list is attached to the email.*

**Goodbye...**

We say goodbye to Richard Wilson who will be moving away from London and will be relocating to Derbyshire.

Emily Cleveland is also leaving to teach in West London and we wish her all the best. Deonie de Witt is relocating to Chichester and will be leaving at the end of the term.

Finally we say goodbye to Joya Logan who will be leaving to pursue her professional singing interests and music tuition.

The White House would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and contribution to school life.

**Pottery Exhibition**

**Parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to join us for an Exhibition of Pottery and refreshments in the garden on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

All White House children have been working very hard to produce amazing individual pieces of pottery for you to admire and if you so choose... to purchase.

Timings for the exhibition are as follows:

**Kindergarten & Pre –Reception** parents are invited to visit the exhibition at **12pm**. Or after school as this section of the exhibition will stay open all afternoon.

**Reception Class to Year 6** parents will be able to visit the exhibition **3pm to 6pm**.

The pieces are priced at  
**£15 for one child's piece**  
**£20 for two children's pieces**  
**£30 for three children's pieces.**

Shan will be collating orders in the garden. Please indicate to her if you would like to purchase your child's/children's piece(s) and this will be bubble wrapped and sent home at a later date.

As pottery can be very fragile it is very important that children are encouraged to walk around the exhibition with parents. Children will not be permitted to play in the garden whilst the exhibition is on.

**Hello...**

Every year brings exciting changes and this year I am pleased to welcome Charlotte Bryers who joins us with ten years' experience teaching at both Thomas' Clapham and Eaton Square School Pimlico. We are also delighted to welcome Sarah Douglas who joins us from Griffin Primary Wandsworth where she held the position of Maths Leader and Year 6 class teacher. Sophie Zarod-Hall joins us from Dulwich College South Korea having previously taught Year 3 at Dulwich College, London. I am also delighted to welcome Lucy McEwen as Year 1 teacher. Lucy is currently teaching year 1 at Pembridge Hall School. Finally I am pleased to introduce Sarah Nesling who will be teaching music across the school, she is an accomplished pianist and violinist and is leaving her role as Head Music for Ewell Castle Prep School after five years.

We welcome our new teaching staff to The White House and I look forward to the enthusiasm and new ideas that will undoubtedly accompany them.