



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

12th September 2016, Week 2, Autumn Term 2016 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS

MAIYA SVALANDER

Congratulations on turning 3

DYLAN WWORTH

Happy 3rd Birthday

GOOD
BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: MATILDA HOLLYHOMES
YEAR 1: GRETTEL KNIGHT
YEAR 2: SOPHIE MACDONALD
YEAR 3: WILBUR KNIGHT
YEAR 4: SOPHIE GANCZ
YEAR 5: EDWARD WATSON
YEAR 6: MAX NICHOLSON

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 2...

Happy Eid to our families that are celebrating this week.

I hope you enjoyed the lovely weather yesterday. This week promises to continue to be very hot. Please make sure your children have a named water bottle, sun hat and sun cream applied before school.

Last week saw an excellent start to the term. Thank you to all the parents that attended curriculum meetings. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me in the office or via email.

Our first week back at school started very positively with an excellent learning atmosphere and very good learning attitudes from the children. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Kings Cross theatre where they watched The Railway Children.

Week 2 continues our positive start with swimming today for Reception class this morning and Year 2-5 this afternoon at Balham Pool. The children can be collected directly from the pool. Please see section under swimming. Clubs begin this week

please sign up children as soon as possible as we will close the lists on Friday.

Fixtures also return this week with football and netball fixtures taking place on Wednesday and Friday. Year 6 will be taking part in first aid training tomorrow and Year 1 are excited about their trip to Hampton court on Wednesday.

I am looking forward to seeing parents and friends at the 30th Anniversary Drinks party on Friday.

As we will be setting up in the garden all children will be dismissed from the main black door on Friday at 3pm. I would also ask all parents to ensure all children's bikes and scooters are collected and not left at school on Friday.

Have a great week!

Best wishes,
Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster

Day Nursery

Foxes have enjoyed exploring different modes of transportation. We made a petrol station and we have enjoyed role - playing at the petrol pump. We have also enjoyed building tunnels and rails for our cars and trains.

Day Nursery celebrated literacy day focussing on making a moving car, promoting good teamwork by taking turns to play with our new moving car.

Foxes spent time in the garden picking wooden sticks and leaves and they made an Autumn Tree.

Bunnies have been exploring transport, making marks with the cars in the shaving foam.

We have enjoyed painting with different objects to decorate cars. Bunnies have been moving to music, especially to our favourite song "Row-Row Your Boat".

Our 'Show and Tell Topic' is : Transport and Vehicles.





“Correction does much,
but encouragement does
more.”

**Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe**

LUNCH

Menus will be sent out this week via e-mail. All children are required to have the school meal provided. If your child has a registered medical dietary requirement, please contact the office and we will be happy to help with any queries.

‘Afternoon Homework Club’

Continues to run from 4 – 6pm. The cost for a booking will be £8.00 per hour. If you would like to sign up the black register book is kept on the hat stand by the main entrance.

WAPs

All parents including Day Nursery Parents are members of WAPs.

If you would like to attend and find out more about the important work the WAPs committee do for the school, please come along to the meetings. They are held at The White House twice termly. The first meeting of the new academic year will take place on **Friday 7th October** at 8.30am. Children are welcome to attend.

Parent Reps

If you are interested or would like to be considered as a parent representative please contact Jo Yarker.

Dads' Breakfast

Dads' Breakfast – Mr. Cummings invites all fathers to a 'Dads' Breakfast' on Wednesday 21st September from 7:30am.

The breakfasts have proven a great success and it is a good opportunity to have a sociable breakfast before work with friends. Come along and meet some of the staff and other Dads.

Please email the office to let us know if you would like to attend.

Parent Notices

On 28th and 29th September, 'Pret a Portrait' School Photography' will be coming in to take our school photos of: individual children, siblings, classes, Houses and Sports squads. Further information will follow nearer the date.

Mary McCahery cordially invites all parents of The White House School, Woodentops Kindergarten and Woodentops Day Nursery to the **30th Drinks Party on Friday 16th September, between 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM.** Please remember to RSVP if you have not done so already as we have to finalise numbers for the caterers.

Year 6 Outing

On Thursday 8th September Year 6 watched 'The Railway Children' at Kings Cross theatre.

The year 6 children greatly enjoyed the inspiring show that linked to their current class text.

It was an incredible performance and the acting was amazing. It even had a real steam train! If you have not been, then go! It is well worth the visit.



Well Done

Congratulations to Rafi Davis who achieved a high distinction (89%) in his Grade 3 London College of Music examinations - Music Theatre exam, assessed by and at the University of West London. For the exam he had to sing and act out three songs from Musical Theatre across various musical eras. He was then asked a series of questions by the examiner regarding the songs he had sung, the characters, the music composition etc. He's now working towards grade 4.

30th Anniversary Celebration

Friday 16th
September
7pm – 11pm

Please RSVP if
you haven't done
so already.



“Positive anything is
better than negative
nothing.”

Elbert Hubbard

LOST PROPERTY

OUR LOST PROPERTY
BOX IS STILL VERY
FULL FROM LAST
TERM. PLEASE
CHECK IF YOU LIKE
TO RECLAIM LOST
PROPERTY AS
ANYTHING LEFT IN
THE BOX WILL BE
DISPOSED OF THIS
WEEK.



INDEPENDENT
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ASSOCIATION

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Dates & Fixtures

Mon 12th Sept

Eid Assembly
Rec swim begins
Years 2 -5 swim begins
Clubs begin
Funky Moves club begins

*Tues 13th Sept

Yr 6 First Aid workshop In school

*Wed 14th Sept

Karate begins
Yr 1 outing to Hampton Court Palace
U11 Boys Football vs Oliver House
(home) 2.30pm

*Thurs 15th September *

Yr 1 swim

*Fri 16th September *

U11 Girls Netball vs Dolphin School
(away) 2 – 3pm
30th Anniversary Drinks 7pm

Swimming

Reception Class swimming takes place on
Monday mornings at Tooting pool.
Swimming for **Year 1** will take place on
Thursday afternoons, at Tooting Pool.
Year 2-5 will be swimming on Monday
afternoons at Balham Leisure Centre, starting
next Monday.

Elmfield Road, Balham, London, SW17 8AN

Please be aware parking can be tricky.

Unless you have been notified otherwise:

Year 2 and Year 3 can be picked up at the
pool from 3.45pm or back at school for
approx. 4pm depending on traffic.

Change

Year 4 children will be ready for 4.10pm pick
up at the pool or back at school at approx.
4.20pm.

Year 5 children will be ready for 4.40pm pick
up at the pool or back at school at
approx. 4.55pm.

**Please notify the office if you would like
your child to return to school on the
minibus.**

Music Lessons

If your child would like to take up a musical
instrument please contact our very
talented Peripatetic teachers who will be
willing to organise a taster lesson for your
child.

Sarah Nesling - Piano, Violin

Sarah.Nesling@whitehouseschool.com

Nick Williams –Trumpet, wind, piano

nickoboe@yahoo.com

Andrew Prosser – Guitar

andrewprosser05@aol.com

I am currently in the process of completing
recruitment checks for a new singing
teacher who comes highly recommended.
As soon as my checks are complete I will
share her contact details.

September Clubs

Please see attached the clubs list for
September 2016. This is also on the
noticeboard next to the entrance. Clubs
start today

Karate will begin Wednesday 14th
September at the normal time.

Please add your child's name to the sheet or
let the office know if your child would like to
join a club. Most clubs will have a set number
of places, so please ensure you sign up by
Friday. Paid clubs this term are:

- **Funky Moves** will continue on a
Monday 4pm - 5pm for Rec – Year 6.
- **Gym Club** will continue on Tuesdays
4pm – 5pm for Rec – Year 6
- **Drama Club** will continue on
Fridays 3pm – 4.45pm for Rec –
Year 6

Unfortunately I have had very little response
regarding a sewing club so a free puzzle and
board game club has been added to the
Tuesday list for Years 1-2, 4pm-4.30pm
delivered by Charlotte Bryers. Please sign
your children up if they would like to attend.
If your child is attending a club please feel free
to pack a snack for them to eat at the end of
the school day before their club.

Reception club will take place between
Monday – Thursday (3-4pm). A variety of
activities are available for the children
including: arts and crafts, sporting activities,
playing and cooking. For those parents
wishing for their child to attend, please supply
a snack.

**Gabriel our Karate teacher will be offering
a free taster session to all children who are
considering taking up Karate. This will take
place at St Stephens Church Hall on Weir
Road Wednesday 21st September 7.35am.**

Upcoming

Mon 19 Sept

Yr 3 outing to Balham Library

Tues 20 Sept

Yr 6 TtL workshop in school
U9 Boys Football vs Oakfield Prep School (home)
2.15pm

Wed 21 Sept

Karate 'Try Session' 7.35am at St Stephens
Church Hall, Weir Road.
Dads' Breakfast 7.30am

Thurs 22 Sept

Nearly New Sale 8.30am school hall

Fri 23 Sept

Yr 2 outing to Brooklands Motor Museum