



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN & THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

THOMAS LAMB

Congratulations on turning 3

EMILY GROTE

Happy 6th Birthday

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: MARIA BALAKHNINA
YEAR 1: SAANVI TIBREWAL
YEAR 2: LAUREN LEATHERLAND
YEAR 3: OMAR HAQUE
YEAR 4: REBECCA YARKER
YEAR 5: OSCAR PAUWELS
YEAR 6: FLORENCE NELSON

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 3...

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to say thank you to all the parents, staff, ex-pupils and friends of The White House that joined the McCahery family and myself for a wonderful evening to celebrate 30 years of The White House on Friday. The weather held out and I greatly enjoyed catching up with so many of you. I was so pleased this morning to hear from so many parents that they had a great time. Week 2 saw our first football fixture of the term and unfortunately a rained off netball fixture that has been rearranged for this Friday. Year 6 children enjoyed taking part in first aid training and Year 1 visited Hampton court. The second biggest thing that happened on Friday was the return of Snackilicious!. Thank you to Rafi Davis and mum Debbie for organising this. This morning's assembly started week 3 with the school joining in with 'The world's largest Lesson'. An initiative set up by UNICEF to set Global Goals to improve sustainable development. I shared the 17 goals with the

children and they will discuss this further in class this week. Please ask them about it at home and maybe have a look at the website link below.

<http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/news-and-events/latest-events/world-largest-lesson/>

Week 3 will be busy as ever, with a free karate taster session Yr1-Yr6 on Wednesday morning football and netball fixtures, a visit to Balham Library for the Year 3 class and an outing to Brooklands Motor Museum for Year 2 on Friday.

Please remember that children will be expected to attend school in Winter Uniform on Monday 26th September ready for photos later in that week.

I look forward to seeing as many fathers as possible on Wednesday morning for Dad's breakfast at 7.30am.

Have a great week!

Best wishes,
Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

Bunnies this week have enjoyed lots of play with sounds including making different noises with instruments, moving along and practising the actions to nursery rhymes and exploring the different images and sounds on ICT toys.

We also enjoyed exploring mud and leaves and mark making with paint and cars.

Foxes are still exploring transport. This week we have enjoyed focusing transport of in the air. We made a flying helicopter from paper roll tube and lollipop sticks. We also enjoyed sensory aircraft activities exploring shaving foam, and using cotton wool as pretend cloud.

We made an Autumn collage, based on our favourite mode of transport.

For show and tell this week, we will be exploring different colours this week, we will start with orange.



“Care and diligence
bring luck. .”

Thomas Fuller

WAPs Meeting

The Autumn term
first WAPs meeting
will be held at 8
am on 7th October
2016

‘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.

School Charity

**We invite parents to nominate charities
for the School Charity.**

Each year, parents have the opportunity to nominate a charity to become the school charity. The nominations are then put to the vote, the top two of which are presented to the children during assembly. Please forward any nominations to Deborah Orrell <deborrell4@aol.com> by the end of this week Friday 23rd September.

Please include the name of the charity and a short summary (no more than one page) to circulate to parents for consideration.

Scientist of the Week

‘Science is a fascinating subject with many amazing things to learn and discover. Thankfully you’ve got a lot of time to research! The average human only sleeps for about 35% of the day compared to 80% for armadillos and sloths, now that’s lazy!’

A new feature to the newsletter is our weekly Science challenge and hope that lots of the children will be tempted to take part. Each week, there will be a task shared in the newsletter for the children to complete. It is not compulsory and they only have to take part if they are interested but the ‘Scientist of the week’ will be awarded a certificate and an awesome Science related prize!

TASK 1

Complete the Science word search challenge.

Ask Helen for a copy and hand it back to her once completed!



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. Please remember children are expected to wear Winter Uniform from Monday 26th September.

Football Fixtures

On Wednesday the 14th September, 16 boys from years 4, 5 and 6 played 5 matches against teams from Oliver House.

In the heat of the afternoon, the boys played admirably well with a man of the match performance from Max Nicholson in the older boys match and with Lucas and Olly scoring for fun in the second team the White House produced some scintillating football with some great goals. Everyone selected performed admirably and did themselves justice.

We won the majority of the games with excellent performances. A great way to start the season, let’s keep it up boys!



Free Karate Taster

**St Stephens Church
Hall on Weir Road
Wednesday 21st
September 7.35am.
Karate is available to all
children from Year 1 –
Year 6**



“The winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.”

Edward Gibbon

LOST PROPERTY

**HAS NOW BEEN
SORTED IN
PREPARATION FOR
THE NEARLY NEW
UNIFORM SALE ON
THURSDAY AT 8.30AM
IN THE SCHOOL
HALL.**



Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 19 Sept

Assembly 9am

Yr 3 outing to Balham Library

Tues 20 Sept

Yr 6 TFL workshop in school 9.15am

U9 Boys Football vs. Oakfield Prep

(Home) 2.15pm

Wed 21 Sept

Dad's Breakfast 7.30am - No children

Karate 'Try Session' 7.35am at St Stephens Church Hall, Weir Road

Thurs 22 Sept

Nearly New Sale school Hall – 8.30am

Art Choice Group outing to Tate Modern - PM

Fri 23 Sept

Yr 2 outing to Brooklands Motor Museum

U11 Girls Netball vs Dolphin School

(away) 2 – 3pm Ferndale Centre

Brixton.

Year 1 Outing

On Wednesday Year 1 went to Hampton Court Palace to learn about homes from the past.

A Tudor lady showed us the different household objects in the palace and we used our scientific knowledge on materials to identify what each object was made from. The class really enjoyed also learning a Tudor dance and made Tudor hats. Year 1 loved visiting the kitchens and different rooms within in the palace and we even got to cook some beef on the open fire!



September Clubs

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.

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. Karate is available to all children from Year 1 –Year 6. It is an excellent sport that fosters self-confidence, memory, discipline and fitness.

Upcoming

Mon 26 Sept

Winter uniform

Tues 27 Sept

Reception outing to Wimbledon Windmill

Wed 28 Sept

School photographs – Pret a portrait
U11 Girls Netball vs Oliver House tbc

Thurs 29 Sept

School photographs – Pret a portrait

Fri 30 Sept

U11 Boys Football vs. Dolphin School (away) 1.30pm

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.



The White House Preparatory School &

Woodentops Kindergarten

30th Anniversary 1985 -2015

