



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

STEFAN BRICKELL DAVIES

Happy 2nd Birthday

ZACHARY WILLIAMS
Congratulations on turning 2

HENRY DALGLEISH
Happy 4th Birthday

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: OSCAR FORD
YEAR 1: GEORGE YARKER
YEAR 2: AUGUSTIN GANCZ
YEAR 3: JESSICA YARKER
YEAR 4: LUCAS CHATTERJEE
YEAR 5: ASHER STARK
YEAR 6: ALEX GRIEVSON

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 4...

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It was lovely to see the children attend school in their Winter Uniform this morning in preparation for photos on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Please ensure your children have Guernseys for both these days and for the Harvest Assembly which takes place next week at St Thomas' Church, Telford Ave. Thank you to Francesca Nicholson, Kate Morrison, Collette Hipwell and Yumna Zain for giving up their time to sort through nearly new uniform and hosting the sale on Thursday. Week 3 was jammed pack with exciting trips and fixtures and Week 4 promises more of the same. Reception Class are off to Wimbledon Windmill museum, Photographs for all children on Wednesday and Thursday and Netball and Football fixtures help to make this week another inspiring week for the children.

Unfortunately Claire Leonard has been taken ill with an appendicitis and therefore drama club will not go ahead this Friday. I wish her all the best with her recovery from surgery.

On a serious note I would like to remind parents of the collection procedures at school. If your child is going to be picked up by someone different or you have arranged for a playdate then you must notify the office and the class teacher or club teacher if they are attending an afterschool activity. If we are not notified the children will not be released to the adult and a phone call will be made to check. Children will not be released to adults under the age of 16.

As I am sure you agree it is very important children go home safely at the end of the day and I appreciate your support with this.

Best wishes,
Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

This week's topic has been Harvest, celebrating the food grown on the land. Foxes have been investigating and learning all about Harvest. This week we have been exploring fruits and vegetables.

We explored orange colour through different sensory activities by smelling, touching and feeling real oranges.

We also enjoyed going on a Harvest hunt in the garden. We would like to invite all the children to dress up as a Farmer on Friday 30th September, wearing wellie boots and hats.

Bunnies have been exploring sensory baskets with leaves.

They had fun in the garden by mixing sand and water and building castles with mega blocks.

On Wednesday 28th September "Pret a portrait School Photography" will be coming in to take our School and Nursery photos of individual children, siblings and classes.

If your children do not normally attend Wednesdays, but you would like them to have their photo taken, please do bring them to the Nursery on Wednesday 28th September at 8:30am. You will have to remain with your children until they have had the photos and you will take them back for their normal day.



“We know what we are,
but know not what we
may be.”

William Shakespeare

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Harvest Assembly will
take place at
**St Thomas' Church at
9am on 6th October
2016.**

Children will be escorted
back to school after the
performance by their
teachers.

**Directions to the
church:**

<http://stwss.org.uk/directions-st-thomas>

‘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.

Scientist of the Week

The first week of the competition was met with huge excitement and interest and over half the school entered! Children from Reception to Year 6 completed the challenge and it was wonderful to have such a scientific buzz.

The winners for week 1 were Eliot Kretzschmar and Joseph Green, both avid scientists, in Year 5 who completed the challenge within only a few hours of it being launched!

Children are asked to see Helen for Task 2- it is based outdoors and promises to be fun!

Year 6 First Aid

The British Red Cross came to The White House to talk to the Year 6 children about First Aid. We had a brilliant morning and children were fascinated by what they learnt.

'I really enjoyed the First Aid workshop and I learnt lots of new things including CPR. I found out that you have to continue with CPR even if you break a rib!' (Flossy)

'The First Aid workshop was extremely fun and interesting. I learnt loads of new facts. I found out what to do if someone is having a seizure...' (Amelie)



Pre-Rec News

The Pre-Reception children have been enjoying the wonderful weather last week experimenting, exploring and creating in the garden. Henry and Sloane decided to make a big birthday cake.



Year 3 Library Visit

On a crisp Monday morning Year 3 went to visit Balham Library.

They learnt about the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction books and where to find them in different sections. Our favourite parts of the morning were going on a treasure hunt and taking out our own books and audio books. The staff were very kind and the class are looking forward to going back in 6 weeks time to take out even more books!



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.

Please make sure your child has the full and correct sports kit, Guernsey and a hairbrush.

Well Done

Congratulations to Flynn Knight who has been selected to represent the ISA southern Regional team U11's.

It is worth noting that Flynn should actually be playing in the Under 10 age group so this is doubly impressive.

The teams' first match was against Croydon District U11's, which the ISA won 3-1. Well done Flynn.



Musical Magic Dates

This year's dates:

October Half term 2016:
24th – 28th October

February Half term 2017:
20th – 24th February

Easter 2017: 3rd – 7th April

May half term 2017:
30th May – 2nd June

Summer 2017:
17th -21st July
31st July – 4th August

Bookings now being
taken through the
office



“As knowledge
increases, wonder
deepens.”

Charles Morgan

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE
BOX BY THE MAIN
ENTRANCE FOR LOST
PROPERTY. .

ISA
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 26th Sept

Winter Uniform to be worn.

*Tues 27th Sept

Reception outing to Wimbledon Windmill Museum

*Wed 28th Sept

School Photographs and Day Nursery
U11 Girls Netball vs Oliver House (away)
2.15pm

*Thurs 29th September *

School photographs

*Fri 30th September *

U11 Boys Football vs
Dolphin School (away) 1.30pm return to
school for 3pm

Netball

On Friday 23rd September the White House Prep Netball Squad played their first matches of the season.

It was a beautiful afternoon and the conditions were perfect to put our training sessions into action! The A team worked really well as a team, showing great ball handling and dodging skills. It was a very close game but the final score was 7-6 to White House! All of the girls played exceptionally well, especially Amelie (Year 6) whose defensive skills prevented many goals being conceded. The B team showed a great deal of perseverance against an older team – displaying endurance and the ability to use a variety of passes. The end result however, was a win for Dolphin school – with both Sofia (Year 4) and Elizabeth (Year 3) illustrating great play. I am very proud of the squad for their team spirit and their skills, despite both teams playing against older children, well done to all!



U9 Football Fixture

The White House played a tricky Under 9 fixture on Tuesday last week against a very strong and physical team from Oakfield.

There was plenty endeavour on show from the boys with a performance of note from Matthew Zwi who played through the pain barrier to help his team. Goals scored from Olly Stephens and Lucas Chatterjee helped the A team and a strong performance was justifiably capped off in the second match with a goal from Wilbur Knight, whom with many others was playing a year above his year group.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended for their support. I hope to keep the enthusiasm going from both sides of the pitch as we look forward to the winter months.



Upcoming

Tues 4th October

Harvest Festival Rehearsal at school am
U9 Boys Football Tournament organized by
Dolphin School (away) 1.15 – 4pm

Thurs 6th October

9am Harvest Festival at St Thomas' Church
U9 Boys Football vs. Oliver House (home)
2.30 – 3.30pm

Fri 7th October

WAPS meeting 8.30am
U11 Boys Football tournament organized by
Dolphin School (away) 1.15 – 4pm

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

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