



# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN  
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Week 10, Autumn Term 2016 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

**MAISY COOCH**

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**THOMAS COOCH**

Congratulations on turning 7

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR BADGES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO...

REC: LEILA DAVENPORT  
YEAR 1: YAIR KARIV  
YEAR 2: DYLAN PATEL  
YEAR 3: HUGO HIPWELL  
YEAR 4: CAMILLO DAVENPORT  
YEAR 5: JOE GREEN  
YEAR 6: YAQUB DIN

• WELL DONE •



## Welcome to Week 10...

**Week 10 started with an excellent and comprehensive assembly supporting Anti-Bullying month. Nationally the anti-bullying theme is designed to be a 'Power for Good' and our children rose to the challenge showing excellent work from class and making very considered comments throughout the assembly.**

Week 9 was a very exciting week with netball fixtures, an outing to The Barbican theatre and a super visit from Dulwich College students who demonstrated some very exciting science experiments to our Year 5 and 6 classes.

Week 10 will see our Year 3-6 children visit The South London Synagogue in Streatham.

As the nights are getting darker I would like to remind parents to take extra care

with children when walking to and from school. Particularly if you are riding bikes. High visibility clothing is very important.

Football club will now finish at 4.30pm on Tuesday evenings. Adults are asked to continue picking up from Agnes Riley.

Children are enjoying preparing for Open Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and I would like to thank parents for avoiding going into classrooms to keep their hard work a surprise.

Rotary Christmas shoe boxes are now available at the front door where you will also find this year's Poppy Appeal collection.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,  
**Daniel Cummings,**

## Netball Fixture

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, The White House U11 Netball team played Eaton House in two consecutive matches.**

In the first match The Eaton House girls used quick passes and had a strong attack, however we intercepted a lot of their passes and despite losing remained positive right up until the final whistle blew.

The second match we won 5-0! The White House displayed strong attacking play with lots of outstanding dodging. Also, our fitness really showed and made a difference. Scarlett (Year 5) was chosen as the *woman of the match* for both games as she showed fantastic versatility when playing a variety of positions and her defensive skills in particular, prevented the opposition scoring many goals.

Go White House!

**Amelie Zwi – U11 Netball Captain**



## Day Nursery

**This week the children at Woodentops Day Nursery explored a Halloween theme.**

Throughout the week, the children in Bunnies and Foxes have had the opportunity to wear their favourite costumes and to partake in role playing and dressing up. Any child that did not wear a costume into nursery was given the option to create their own Halloween mask for playing with their friends. During circle time, the children discussed what they dressed up as for Halloween night and how to stay safe whilst out trick or treating.

The children took great pleasure in assisting us to decorate the classroom for our Halloween theme: they carved out pumpkins and transformed simple water bottles into scary ghouls and monsters. The transfigured water bottles doubled-up as bowling pins for an exciting monster bowling game. The older children hammered golf tees into the pumpkins and graded pumpkins in terms of size. For the duration of Halloween week, children used torches and told spooky stories to each other with the lights out. The children's favourite spooky story of Halloween week was "The Hairy Toe" by Daniel Postgate.



“Always do your best.

What you plant now, you  
will harvest late.”

**Og Mandino**

## Scientist of the Week

Another amazing week of science at The White House including a visit from Dulwich College which was simply amazing! The scientists of the week were Oliver Stephens, Sophia Moreno and Freddie Pickles who all produced some super work on fireworks! Come to Helen for the next challenge...

## HOUSE POINTS WEEK 9

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Drummond  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Balmora   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Stirling  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cambridge |

## Year 1 & 2 Outing

On Wednesday 2nd November Year One and Two were privileged to embark on a trip to the Barbican Centre, this involved listening to the London Symphony Orchestra's production of *Click, Clack, Moo*.

The children really enjoyed the production especially as it centred around a live orchestra performance which kept the children riveted throughout. The level of interaction was also very entertaining with a particular highlight being when Kit Nelson was invited to come onto the stage to help the orchestra perform one of their songs. Overall it was a very enjoyable experience and I know the children had a fun, educational and entertaining outing.



## Musical Magic

**This Half Term's Musical Magic was a huge success, and I don't hesitate in saying that it was the best one yet!**

The children's production of "Singing' In the Rain" was full of comedy, and some stand out performances. Congratulations to all involved, you really did "Make 'Em Laugh"! Our next Musical Magic will be "Annie" in the February half term. However, students won't have to wait that long, as Claire will be running a Christmas Workshop at St Thomas' Church on the 22nd & 23rd December. This is an optional one day (£25) or two day (£45) event; perfect for that last minute Christmas Shopping! For more details or to enrol please Email Claire at [claire@aquariusperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:claire@aquariusperformingarts.co.uk)

## Book Fair

**Our Book Fair will be held in the Foundation Dept. on the lower floor of the school. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This is only a book sale and not a dress up day!**

The school receives a commission in books on the total amount sold on the day. We use this money to enlarge the range of reading and library books for the children and also the reference library for the staff. Books will be available for sale in the Foundation Years Dept. - Lower Ground floor at the following times:  
**Kindergarten & Pre Reception - 11:30am - 12:30pm**

(N.B. Children from Kindergarten who do not normally attend on a Friday are invited to come in at this time.)

The remainder of the school will have **staggered going home times** to allow time for choosing books with their parents:

**Reception & Year 1 - 2pm**  
**Year 2 - 2.15pm**  
**Years 3&4 - 2.30pm**  
**Years 5&6 - 2.45pm**

**DRAMA CLUB will take place as usual.**

## Open Morning

**Parents are asked politely not to enter classrooms after Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**November. Staff are preparing their rooms ready for Open Morning and the children like it to be a surprise for their parents. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please email or request for them to come out and see you. Reception to Year 6 children are expected to attend in school uniform.**

Year 2 and Year 1 parents are invited to attend an introduction to the Preparatory Department and Scholarship meeting at 9am before the Open Morning begins. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the teachers from these classes and to ask questions regarding scholarship options

**We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am.**

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

**Annual Christmas Shoe Boxes are in!**

The boxes are provided by The Rotary Club of Balham, who are very happy to receive donations for needy children across Eastern Europe.

The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody somewhere cares.

The boxes are available next to the front door and should be filled, decorated, a £2 coin attached to the front of the box and returned to school before the **end of November.**

## Musical Magic Dates

This year's dates:

**February Half term 2017:**  
20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Easter 2017:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April

**May half term 2017:**  
30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Summer 2017:**  
17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> July  
31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August

Bookings now being taken through the office



“Good, better, best.

Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best.”

**St Jerome**

## LOST PROPERTY

ON FRIDAY A PAIR OF SMALL BLUE GLASSES WERE LOST. IF YOU FIND THEM PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE .



INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOLS  
ASSOCIATION

Accredited Member

## Dates & Fixtures

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Anti Bullying Assembly  
Poppies on sale

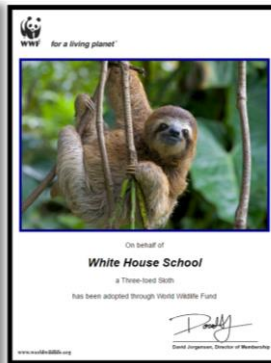
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Yrs 3-6 Visit to South London Synagogue

## Sloth Appeal

**Congratulations to Oliver Stephens who raised £28.40 to help save the Three-toed Sloth**

After researching sloths for his Amazon Rainforest project Ollie very proactively decided to raise money with a biscuit sale to save them.

As a result he has arranged for The White House School to adopt our very own Three-toed sloth.



## Inter House Football

**In a change to our regular house football tournament that usually takes place after Open Morning we shall be holding a House Football Tournament for Year's 1-6 children during school time.**

The 7 a side tournament will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November during school sports lessons and parents are invited to attend and watch from outside the caged area at Agnes Riley.

**Years 1, 2 and 3 will play from 1.30pm**  
and  
**Years 4, 5 and 6 will play from 2.30pm.**

All children will take part and will represent their houses in what should be a fun tournament displaying their footballing skills.

The children will be escorted back to school after their session and will finish the day as per usual.

## Pre-Reception Children

**'We would like to remind you that from January 2017, children in Pre Reception attend 7 sessions per week and the two afternoons will be Tuesday and Wednesday.**

## Dulwich Science Visit

**On Tuesday 1st November Dulwich College presented a Science afternoon to the Year 5 and 6 children.**

They bought snakes, tarantula's and chameleons for the children to hold and demonstrated a range of unbelievably exciting experiments. We are hoping to build the link with the Science department at Dulwich in the future and organise more activities for the children to take part in!



## Upcoming

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Remembrance Assembly  
Year 3 outing to Balham Library

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**

House Football Tournament at Agnes Riley

Yrs 1 – 3 1.30 – 2.30pm

Yrs 4 – 6 2.30 – 3.30-pm

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**

U11 Girls Netball vs Oliver House  
2.30pm (away)

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Yr 4 outing to Kew Gardens

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Book Fair

## Poppy Appeal

**Poppies are now available to purchase in the entrance hall. Thank you in advance for your donations.**

