



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS
WEEK

GOOD
BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR
BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: JOSHUA KESSLER
YEAR 1: LILY TRAYNOR
YEAR 2: RAZA BAIG
YEAR 3: STANLEY POTTER
YEAR 4: ISABELLA NEWTON
YEAR 5: OSCAR PAUWELS
YEAR 6: UMAR SYED

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 11...

Welcome to the Week 11 newsletter. On Friday our children took part in 2 minutes silence of Remembrance to mark Armistice Day. As a follow on from Friday and to acknowledge Remembrance Sunday I led an assembly reflecting on the sacrifices past and present of those soldiers that have fought around the world.

This week we continue our support of 'Anti-Bullying' month and look forward to lots activities and trips. This morning Year 3 visited Balham library, their love for reading continues to grow.

On Tuesday parents are invited to venture down to Agnes Riley to watch the House Football competition (details follow later in the newsletter). Wednesday sees our children taking part in Dodge Ball activities during their lessons to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Please return your sponsorship forms with monies this

week please. Year 4 will be visiting Kew Gardens as part of their Amazon class topic on Thursday and on Friday we will look forward to this term's book fair which will take place in the Early Years department downstairs. Please note the staggered finish to the day on Friday, this is to allow parents to visit the book fair with their children and make a purchase if they wish.

I would like to congratulate Flynn Knight, Edward Watson, Matthew Zwi, Amelie Zwi, Anahi Moreno and Imogen Morrisson who received badges to mark their appointment as Under 11, Under 10 and Under 9 Football and Netball Captains respectively.

Best wishes,
Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

With the cold months just beginning, Woodentops Day Nursery have decided to explore a Jungle theme. We have turned our classrooms into a tropical paradise and our creative room is already looking brighter with green leaves and tall tropical trees. The children in 'Bunnies' and 'Foxes' made lions, giraffes and snakes to live in our rainforest.

This week during circle time the children have been learning about animals from the tropical rainforests in Africa, Asia, and South America. They have been reading "Rumble in the Jungle" by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz to enhance their knowledge of the different animals we have been discussing. For mathematics, we have been focusing on matching different patterns (spots and stripes) with the Bunnies and Foxes. The older children have had a chance to further develop their mathematics skills whilst counting animals from the rainforest and working with animal matching cards.

We are pleased to say that our topic links in with Year Four's topic on the rainforest and we will have a visit from the children within Year Four next week.



“Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success. .”

Swami Sivananda

Musical Magic

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

HOUSE POINTS WEEK 9

1 st	Drummond
2 nd	Balmora
3 rd	Stirling
4 th	Edinburgh

Diwali Celebration

As part of our Diwali celebrations Nabhi from the Shree Shree Radha Krishna Cultural Centre South London led a brilliant workshop with the children acting out the story of the festival of light.

The children enjoyed dressing up in traditional dress and learning more about Sita and Rama.



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 15th 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

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 usual.

Open Morning

Parents are asked politely not to enter classrooms after Friday 11th

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 26th November from 9.30am.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be held in the Foundation Dept. on the lower floor of the school on Friday 18th 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.

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:
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



"No act of kindness, no
matter how small, is
ever wasted."

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LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE
BOX AT THE FRONT
DOOR FOR CURRENT
LOST PROPERTY



INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 14 Nov

Remembrance Assembly
Yr 3 outing to Balham Library am

Tues 15 Nov

House Football Tournament
at Agnes Riley
Yrs 1, 2 & 3 - 1.30pm
Yrs 4, 5 & 6 - 2.30pm

Wed 16 Nov

Dodge Ball charity event: Sport lessons
Bags 2 School drop off 8.30am

Thurs 17 Nov

Yr 4 outing to Kew Gardens

Fri 18 Nov

Book Fair
Staggered finish

Scientist of the Week

Another fantastic week of Science at The White House and this week's crystal challenge was won by Imogen Morrison and Jasper Salisbury Jones who brought in amazing crystals (one of them glows in the dark!).

SCIENCE CHALLENGE/COMPETITION FOR THE FINAL WEEKS OF TERM!

This Christmas, John Lewis is partnering with **The Wildlife Trusts** to help protect and restore our nation's wildlife and natural habitats. The Wildlife Trusts believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience the joy of wildlife and get closer to nature. From protecting green spaces in towns and cities; to ensuring native woodland creatures, like those featured in our advert, have the right environments in which to flourish, we think both protecting our wildlife and giving more children the chance to enjoy nature is vital and we'd love your help too.

Design your dream pet

Using inspiration from the advert plus any other animals, we'd like children to create a **collage, drawing or digital image** of their dream pet and share it with us.

Can they label their creation to tell us what characteristics and features it has and why?

Prizes

Every entry received will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 30 hedgehog plush toys.

Pre-Reception Children

'We would like to remind you that from January 2017, children in Pre Reception attend 7 sessions per week and the 3 afternoons will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.'

Synagogue Visit

On Tuesday 8th November our classes from Years 3 - 6 visited the South London Synagogue in Streatham.

The children were amazed by the spectacular space that hides behind the doors. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Jewish community and the traditions of the Jewish religion.



Upcoming

Tues 22nd Nov

Yr 2 outing to the London Canal Museum
Yrs 3 – 6 outing to the LSO Discovery concert at the Barbican

Thurs 24th Nov

Yr 4 Girls Netball Tournament (away)

Tues 29th Nov

4.45pm Gym club display for parents

Thurs 1st Dec

Musical Evening for Yrs 4 – 6
7 – 8 pm