



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

21st November 2016, Week 12, Autumn Term 2016 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS

ZACK LADJEL

Congratulations on turning 6

LUCAS CHATTERJEE

Happy 9th Birthday

GOOD
BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR
BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: ROHAAB SYED
YEAR 1: OSCAR MORRIOSON
YEAR 2: JASPER SALISBURY - JONES
YEAR 3: GABY NICHOLSON
YEAR 4:
YEAR 5: XANDER LAWRIE
YEAR 6: ALEX GRIEVSON

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 12...

Welcome to our Week 12 newsletter. I am very excited to be able to announce that yesterday we were included in "**The Sunday Times Top 100 UK Prep Schools**". We were listed at number 10 in London and number 54 for the UK. This is an excellent achievement and very pleasing to have the hard work of our students and staff recognised in a National publication. As important as National recognition can be, I would like to add that this has confirmed what I see throughout the school every day and I am very proud to be part of such a wonderful school.

This week we look forward to our 'Open Morning' on Saturday. The children and staff have worked hard to prepare their classrooms and the school and we look forward to welcoming you all. Please remember children are asked not to play or run around in the garden as we do not have staff monitoring their safety. All scooters and bikes must be taken home on Friday.

Year 4 had an enjoyable visit to Kew Gardens last week and all our children enjoyed taking part in the Inter House football competition and charity dodgeball events.

This morning's assembly included a visit by Charlotte Morris who explained to the children what would happen to the money they were raising for 'Médecins sans Frontières', thank you to Kate Morrison for her help arranging this. Later this week our Netballers will be hosting our annual Netball tournament, Years 3-6 will be visiting the Barbican to listen to the London Symphony Orchestra's performance of a Roald Dahl Celebration and Year 2 will be making their way to the London Canal Museum.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,

Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

This week Foxes have enjoyed a variety of messy play with jungle animals and mud.

They made animal face masks and role-played with them in the garden. We have also been reading jungle stories. In communication and Language area we learnt new words related to our topic. Bunnies have enjoyed learning and recognizing Jungle animals by the noises and movements they make. Bunnies have also done lots of painting and sticking to create the animals. We have been learning about which animals are big and which are small.

We would like to invite you to our Open Day on Saturday 26th November from 9:30am until 11:30am.





“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.”

Vince Lombardi

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 11

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



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.

Year 3 Library Visit

On Monday 14th November Year 3 had a brilliant morning revisiting Balham Library.

They learnt how to return books that we had borrowed and we also had the opportunity to take out new books from their wide selection.

It is wonderful to have such an open and friendly relationship with the staff at Balham library and we look forward to visiting again in the New Year. Please visit the library with your children if you have the time.



Year 4 Outing

Last Thursday year 4 took part in a rainforest habitat workshop at Kew Gardens.

We were very lucky to be the only school group on site and had the entire Palm House to ourselves. The children had an opportunity to investigate and compare the moisture in the soil and the air, inside and outside the tropical Palm House. We learnt about how the humid climate shapes the way plants have evolved and also how they survive in the dark depths of the forest floor, where they receive a very small amount of light. The children explored food chains and marvelled at the weird and wonderful plants.

Inter House Football

Last Tuesday The White House children participated in their annual Football House Competition.

The tournament was split into two different competitions, the first involving Years 1, 2 and 3, whilst the latter involved Years 4, 5 and 6. Both competitions featured some excellent football, with a special mention to the girls who throughout both tournaments showed some superb football skills. As result of feedback from our girls we are considering including more football as a co-ed sport option.

The early tournament was won by Stirling who possessed the player of the Tournament, Wilbur Knight.

The later tournament was also won by Stirling, who showed an excellent team dynamic with lots of passing and moving to defeat the opposition.

Overall it was a very enjoyable competition to referee showcasing the talent of the children at The White House.



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



“The power of
imagination makes
us infinite.”

John Muir

LOST PROPERTY

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



INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 21 Nov

9am Assembly

Guest: Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Charlotte Morris
Year 1,2,3 - 9.15am Flu Vaccinations

Tues 22 Nov

Yr 2 outing to London Canal Museum

Yrs 3 – 6 outing to LSO

Discovery concert at the Barbican
Dulwich College Science workshop in school for Yrs 3 & 4

Thurs 24 Nov

Year 4 Girls Netball

Tournament (away) 1:30 pm

Sat 26 Nov

9am Year 1 and 2 KS2 Scholarship meeting

Open Morning 9.30am -11.30am

Scientist of the Week

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.

Charity Dodgeball

During sports lessons last week the children of The White House participated in a sponsored Dodge Ball Tournament.

The event was in the aid of the British Heart Foundation. The matches were played with great spirit and everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon. Once all the sponsorship money has been accounted for we let you know the total amount, but already we have raised a very large sum for a very worthy cause, so THANK YOU on their behalf. If you still have monies to collect and sponsorship forms at home please send them in as soon as possible.



Upcoming

Tues 29th Nov

4.45pm Gym club display for parents

Thurs 1st Dec

Musical Evening for Yrs 4 – 6
7 – 8 pm

Mon 5th Dec

Egyptian workshop in school for Year 6

Tues 6th Dec

U9 Girls Netball vs Oliver House 2.30pm
(away)

Wed 7th Dec

U11 Girls Netball vs Oliver House
2.30pm
(away)