



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

SEBASTIAN FARRELL-SCHMIERER

Congratulations on turning 3

GEORGE YARKER

Happy 6th Birthday

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

**GOOD BEHAVIOUR
BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...**

REC: ARYA NAIR
YEAR 1: SAANVI TIBREWAL
YEAR 2: TEMI IDOWU
YEAR 3: ELIZABETH GODWIN-
BONFIELD
YEAR 4: ALEXIA PINTO-URRA
YEAR 5: EDWARD WATSON
YEAR 6: JUDE KEYWORTH

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 13...

Thank you to all the parents and children that attended our Open Morning on Saturday. It was a very successful morning and I received many very positive comments from current parents and prospective parents alike.

In assembly this morning we discussed the importance of 'Advent' to Christians and how giving as well as receiving gifts at Christmas can be equally rewarding.

Thank you to all the parents that donated clothes for 'Bags2School'. A total of £46 was raised for MSF.

Our Year 2 children enjoyed their trip to the Canal Museum last week. The Years 3-6 children greatly enjoyed the Roald Dahl special performance by the London Symphony Orchestra at The Barbican on Tuesday and we were very pleased to welcome Dulwich College's science department who presented a super workshop to our Years 3 and 4.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sophie Zarod-Hall for organising the Girls' U10 netball tournament on Thursday.

This week I look forward to the 'Year 4,5 and 6 Musical Evening' that will be taking place at school on Thursday. The performance is for the parents of children that are playing an instrument, performing in the choir or orchestra. Jazz will be leading a gymnastics display for parents of children who take part in gymnastics club on Tuesday before pick at 4.45pm. Drama club's end of term Christmas performance will take place this week, Friday 2nd December at 4pm. Good Luck to Lauren Leatherland, Kit and Florence Nelson, Tom and Maisy Cooch, Dylan Patel and Amelie Zwi who take part in the 5k Santa Dash on Clapham Common Sunday 4th December in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. If anyone would like to sponsor them the fundraising link is:

http://events.gosh.org/site/TR/SantaDash/SantaDash?team_id=21284&pg=team&fr_id=1170

Finally, a reminder that all clubs (with the exception of Homework club) will finish on Friday 2nd December for the Christmas break. Have a great week.

Best wishes,

**Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster**



Day Nursery

Last week the nursery children continued to focus their learning around the story 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

Fox class have taken part in matching mother and baby jungle animals to support their understanding of the world. To develop their maths skills and understanding they have been counting one-to-one correspondence and sorting animals by size and habitat including farm and jungle animals. Additionally they have also been mark making, creating jungle animals foot prints and trails in paint.

The children in Bunny have engaged in jungle sensory play activities, jungle Lego and animal water play. They have also participated in moving in a range of ways around an obstacle course and learning the names of different jungle animals. This week we will be beginning our Christmas activities and learning and enjoying the lunch and tea menu B.



“However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.”

Stephen Hawking

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 12

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

LSO Years 3-6

On Tuesday 22nd November Years 3-6 went to the Barbican to hear the LSO celebrating Roald Dahl's centenary and re-living the magical stories through music, alongside classical music that Dahl loved.

The children had the opportunity to sing a Requiem accompanied by the orchestra and the orchestra performed Paul Patterson's virtuosic setting of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Wolf' – one of Dahl's truly 'Revoltin' Rhymes'. Great fun was had by the whole group and the children were impeccably behaved.



Netball Tournament

On Thursday 24th November the U10 White House Netball team hosted and took part in a tournament for local prep schools.

With fantastic team spirit, skilled play and imaginative tactics the girls took on a variety of teams and proudly reached the semi-finals. Playing against the winners last year, White House played defensively and stayed tight on their opponents. It was a nail biter to say the least as Old Palace won by only 2 goals and they then went on to win the tournament. I am immensely proud of the girls, their skills and endurance having improved greatly really showed in all of their games. The player of the tournament went to Sofia Moreno who was outstanding in defence, preventing many goals being conceded. Well done to all who took part.



Musical Evening

We would like to invite parents of children attending Peripatetic Lessons in Years 4-6 to our Musical Evening on Thursday 1st December 7pm – 8pm.

The Choir and Orchestra will also be performing during the evening. Parents of these children are invited come and enjoy watching an evening showcasing their musical development.

Yr 2 Canal Museum

Last Tuesday, 22nd November Year Two visited the London Canal Museum for an extremely enjoyable class trip.

The children were very excited to travel on a real canal boat and were also fortunate to have a knowledgeable tour guide who explained all about the history of the canal network and why it was so important. The children had a fantastic time, with one commenting, her favourite part was dressing up and pretending to have worked on the canal, with another expressing a love of water transport.



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



“Education is not
preparation for life;
education is life itself.”

John Dewey

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK AT
HOME FOR EXTRA
CAPS OR
GUERNSEYS WE
SEEM TO HAVE A
NUMBER THAT HAVE
BEEN MISPLACED



Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 28 Nov
9am Assembly

Tues 29 Nov
Gym club display for parents
4.45pm

Wed 30 Nov
Last Karate

Thurs 1 Dec
Musical Evening 7 pm
Yrs. 4 – 6

Fri 2 Dec
WAPS Meeting 8 am

Clubs finish until January.

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.

Kindergarten Children

Kindergarten will attend 4 morning sessions per week (Monday – Thursday) with an option of 3 afternoons until 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Science Workshop

On Tuesday Years 3 and 4 greatly enjoyed a visit from Dulwich science students.

As part of our continued work with destination Senior Schools the children were able to take part and observe some interesting science experiments. The children particularly enjoyed holding the tarantulas and snakes.



End of Term Events

Please take note of End of Term arrangements.

Carols on the Drive – Thurs 8 Dec at 4pm

Christmas Tree/Wreath collection – Sat 10 Dec - am, time tbc or Mon 12 Dec at morning drop off

School Christmas Lunch – Mon 12 Dec

PreReception & Kindergarten Christmas Party – Wed 14 Dec - am

Rec, Yrs 1 & 2 - Partytime production of 'Dick Whittington' – Thurs 15 Dec - 10am at school

Christmas outings – Yrs 3 – 6 theatre trip to Polka Theatre – Wed 14 Dec

Nativity Details – 16th December

The Nativity performance will be once again, taking place at

**All Saints Church Tooting
Brudenell Road, Tooting, London
SW17.**

We ask that children in Rec – Year 6 arrive at 8am and the children in PreReception & Kindergarten arrive at 9.15am for a 9.30am service start.

There is pay and display parking available.

After the service the WAPs representatives will be serving refreshments which will be sold to raise funds for our charity MSF

All children will be dismissed to parents straight after the performance. There are no options to return to school.