



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS

ROHAAB SYED

Happy 5th Birthday

FLYNN KNIGHT

Congratulations on turning
10

GOOD
BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: ANSELM LENZ
YEAR 1: ZACK LADJEL
YEAR 2: ARCHIE WILSON
YEAR 3: BOBBY JENKINS
YEAR 4: OSCAR KEYWORTH
YEAR 5: ELIOT KRETZCHMAR
YEAR 6: RAFI DAVIS

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 9...

The first half of term seems a long time ago. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term

At the end of last half term the children attended school in their house colours to celebrate 'The Gathering of the Houses' and support our second charity. Thank you to all the children that donated to 'Friends of Agnes Riley' - **We raised £147.80p** ! Week 9 is the start of anti-bullying month and children will be discussing this important topic in their classes in preparation for our anti-bullying assembly next week. This morning's assembly welcomed the children back to school and I shared the story of Rama and Sita, the origin of the Hindu festival of light 'Diwali'. I like to wish those families that are celebrating 'Happy Diwali'.

Tomorrow we welcome students from Dulwich College who will be coming in to work with our Year 5 and 6 children as part a collaborative science project.

Year 1 and 2 are looking forward to their outing to the Barbican for a performance by

the London Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday.

Just before half term the London Fire Brigade Education Officer visited our Year 2 and 5 to discuss fire safety. Very important considering the time of year.

The weather is starting to become more autumnal and I would like to remind you that all children should have the correct sports kit including a school sweatshirt, school tracksuit bottoms and a school cagoule. If children are going to wear hats and gloves to school they should be navy blue and named.

Please stay safe if you are 'Trick or Treating' this evening and please be careful on Bonfire Night if you are planning a fireworks party.

Best wishes,
Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

Over the half term the Bunnies and Foxes have continued their Outer Space theme. Foxes and Bunnies have been looking at pictures of the different planets in non-fiction books about space.

During circle time we discussed the planets in our solar system and how some of the planets are hot and some are cold. With the help of the Foxes we have created a papier-mache mobile of the solar system which can be seen hanging in the Foxes classroom. Additionally, the Bunnies and Foxes have had the opportunity to make their very own space rockets and aliens from outer space. As a nursery we have designed a large space rocket together which we have used for trips to and from the moon. We have also created an exciting outer space sensory bin which has been used for introducing the Bunnies to new vocabulary whilst they explored different textures.

The outer space themed book we have been reading with Bunnies and Foxes is "Goodnight Spaceman". It is a delightful book which tells the story of two children that dream of joining their father on his adventures in space. In addition to this, we have been singing songs such as "Zoom zoom zoom" and "Five little men in a flying saucer" to consolidate the children's counting skills.



“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”

Abraham Lincoln

Scientist of the Week

Designing and making kites was the challenge set ahead of the half term and a good number of children took part and shared contributions with Helen. Florence and Chloe were chosen as the ‘Scientist of the week’ with their amazing efforts and their kites are displayed in the Science rooms. This week’s challenge links to Bonfire night – ask Helen for details!

HOUSE POINTS WEEK 6

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

Football Fixtures

On Wednesday 12th October, the Under 11 Football Squad travelled to Oliver House for what turned out to be a tremendous afternoon.

The boys played four matches, winning three in a comfortable fashion. Special mention goes to Lucas Chatterjee who exemplified the teamwork in the squad when in one of the matches, he made a sacrificing run taking the last defender with him, this in turn allowed Olly Stephens to score a spectacular goal.

I was really impressed with the boys’ performances and it comes at the perfect time for the boys to take stock of their achievements this half-term and re-evaluate looking ahead to the second half of the Autumn Term.



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.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are currently awaiting delivery of our Annual Christmas Shoe Boxes.

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 will be 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.**

Book Fair

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

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



“Most folks are as
happy as they make up
their minds to be.”

Abraham Lincoln

LOST PROPERTY

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



Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 31 Oct
Divali Assembly
Poppies on sale

Tues 1st Nov
Dulwich science workshop Year 6 & Year
5 - 2-3.30pm

Wed 2nd Nov
Yrs 1 & 2 outing to LSO Discovery Concert
at the Barbican 11am depart



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
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.

Gathering of the Houses

The children thoroughly enjoyed our
annual 'Gathering of the Houses'
afternoon on the Friday before the half
term break.

All the children wore House colours and
Year 6 house captains planned team
building activities for their houses. They
enjoyed working together and designing
house shields.



Upcoming

Tues 8th Nov

Yrs 3 – 6 outing to South London
Synagogue

Mon 14th Nov

Year 3 outing to Balham Library

Tues 15th Nov

House Football Tournament at Agnes
Riley

Yrs 1 – 3 1.30 – 2.30pm

Yrs 4 – 6 2.30 – 3.30pm

Wed 16th Nov

U11 Girls Netball vs Oliver House
2.30pm (away)

Poppy Appeal

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

