



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

5th December 2016, Week 14, Autumn Term 2016 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

WILLIAM PACKARD

Congratulations on turning 2

AJIT NAIR

Happy 2nd Birthday

CHARLIE FINNEGAN

Congratulations on turning 3

FLORENCE GOODSON

CHRISTOFOROU

Happy 3rd Birthday

RHYS READ-BECHE

Congratulations on turning

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GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: MARGAUX BOUSSIER
YEAR 1: LILY TRAYNOR
YEAR 2: LILY DUGARD
YEAR 3: JAMES THWAITES
YEAR 4: REBECCA YARKER
YEAR 5: SCARLETT SUTHERLAND
YEAR 6: ZOE TRAYNOR

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 14...

Welcome to the week 14 newsletter. As ever it is remarkable how quickly the term has passed, with just one more week until the last week of term.

There was definitely a festive feel at The White House Preparatory School last week. I greatly enjoyed attending the Gymnastic display and Drama Club performance that both had a Christmas theme. As I sat in my office I heard the beautiful sound of Christmas carols as our children prepare for 'Carols on the drive' on Thursday and the Nativity service that will take place on 16th December at All Saints Church, Tooting. Our Year 4-6 Musical Evening on Thursday was a real treat and it was lovely to hear the progress the children have made with their musical lessons and clubs.

Despite the end of term preparations the children are still working very hard. This week will also see the final netball fixtures of the term. I ask all parents to check the details for end of term arrangements later in the newsletter to ensure you are fully prepared for any logistical changes.

Looking forward to the New Year I have been working with the staff to set the clubs list for

the Spring Term. Please see the list that is attached to today's email and let the office know if you would like to sign your child up to a club.

The final count is in for the monies raised in our recent dodgeball event and I am delighted to announce our parents and children raised an excellent £1421.85 for the British Heart Foundation. Well done to all that took part.

I would also like to congratulate Sebastian Small and Daniil Balakhnin who both graded for karate belts on Saturday. Sebastian made his brown and Daniil achieving his green. Excellent work boys.

On Thursday and Friday of this week we are delighted to welcome back our school photographer Stuart Ashton. Stuart will be taking photos of the children for use in marketing. If there are any parents who would not like their children included please notify the office. Please ensure children are very smart and have the correct uniform for both days.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,

Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster

Day Nursery

With Christmas just around the corner, Woodentops day nursery have been busy making snowflakes, wreaths, Christmas trees and writing letters to Santa.

This week during circle time, Foxes have been learning where Santa lives and how he travels around the world. Bunnies and Foxes have enjoyed listening to stories about Christmas and singing Christmas songs such as 'Jingle bells'. The children have been exploring different textures with cotton wool and enjoyed making snow dough. Bunnies and Foxes have especially loved making Christmas stockings and were very excited when the glitter went everywhere.

This week the children will be enjoying menu C.





“A strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success.”

Joyce Brothers

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

Musical Evening

On Thursday evening our Year 4-6 children that learn musical instruments and attend the choir and orchestra returned to school to take part in a very musical evening.

The children performed beautifully demonstrating the skills they have been working on in their peripatetic lessons with Sarah Nesling, Andy and Nick. The evening finished with an excellent choral performance from the choir.

Thank you to all of our staff that supported on the evening and to Sarah for her preparation of a super evening.



Gymnastics Display

On Tuesday I enjoyed watching the gymnastics display performed by Jazz's Gym Club.

The children worked well together, expertly demonstrating their impressive strength and balance skills to their parents.



Drama Club Show

On Friday afternoon the Drama Club performed a brilliant festive production of 'Christmas Crackers' to parents and staff.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the result of this term's drama club work. The children showed great enjoyment, confidence and were very entertaining. Drama Club returns in the New Year with the theme based on 'School of Rock'.



HOUSE POINTS WEEK 13

1 st	Stirling
2 nd	Balmora
3 rd	Drummond

Santa Dash!

Well done to all the parents and children that took part in the London 5K Santa Dash at the weekend. So far £690 has been raised for GOSH. It looks as if they all had great fun raising money for a good cause.



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



“Correction does much,
but encouragement
does more.”

**Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe**

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 5th Dec

9am Assembly
Xmas Tree Decoration year 6
Meeting for new Kindergarten (Jan
'17) parents & children 9 am Kindy
Classroom

Tues 6th Dec

U9 Girls Netball vs Oliver House (away)

Wed 7th Dec

U11 Girls Netball vs Oliver House (away)

Thurs 8th Dec Stuart Ashton Photographer in All Day Marketing Photos

Carols on the Drive 4pm – Children to be
dismissed via back doors 3.50pm

Fri 9th Dec Stuart Ashton photographer in All Day

Meeting for new Pre Reception (Jan
'17) parents & children 9 am Presents)

Sat 10th Dec

Xmas Tree/Wreath collection Time tbc

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.

ISA Football

Well done to Flynn who played for the ISA U11s last week against Millwall.

The match was played in the Dome at Millwall's training ground. It was a close game with Flynn just missing out on getting on the score board when his last shot on goal went past the goalie but was deflected by a stretched leg of a defender! Final score 5-3 to Millwall.



End of Term Events

Please take note of End of Term arrangements.

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 Pre-Reception & 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.**