



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

MATILDA HOLLYHOMES

Congratulations on turning 5

AUGUSTIN GANCZ

Happy 7th Birthday

DYLAN PATEL

Congratulations on turning 7

HUGO HIPWELL

Happy 8th Birthday

OSCAR PAUWELS

Congratulations on turning

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GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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BADGES HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO...

REC: ANTOINE GANCZ
YEAR 1: RUPERT GODWIN-
BONFIELD
YEAR 2: THOMAS COOCH
YEAR 3: STANLEY POTTER
YEAR 4: IMOGEN MORRISON
YEAR 5: RHYS READ-BECHE
YEAR 6: AMELIE ZWI

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to *Week 15...*

Welcome to the week 15 newsletter, our final school week of the Autumn term and indeed 2016.

Week 14 saw two excellent wins to round off a successful term for the Under 11 and Under 10 netball teams. Well done girls. Thank you to the WAPs Committee and Sarah Nesling for organising the wonderful 'Carols on the Drive' event on Thursday. On Tuesday Year 3 enjoyed a super Roman feast dressed in togas and experiencing a Roman style menu. I hope everyone is looking forward the Nativity service that is taking place at All Saints Tooting on Friday morning, details are below.

Today is the school Christmas lunch and during the week children will be enjoying some festive activities to mark the end of term. On Wednesday Years 3-6 will be going to 'Babe, the Sheep-Pig' at The Polka theatre, please note the children will not be returning to school until 4.45pm.

Years 1 and 2 will be enjoying a production at school performed by 'Partytime' The children thoroughly enjoy this performance every year, this year they will be watching 'Dick Whittington and his Cat'.

The Year 1 and 2 ballet students will be performing in the school on Wednesday at 8.45am. Parents of these children are invited to come and see what they have been working on this term.

Congratulations to Imogen Morrison who achieved a distinction in her recent Grade 3 Music theatre exam.

Please ensure all of your children's property including clothing, sports kit, scooters and bikes are taken home on Tuesday / Wednesday. There will be no access to the school on Friday.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the church on Friday.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,

Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster



Day Nursery

This week Foxes and Bunnies have been busy decorating the nursery Christmas tree. They all had fun making a mess with Christmas corn flour and enjoyed pulling crackers at their Christmas lunch.

Bunnies enjoyed making their Christmas decorations, especially feeling the texture of the glue. Foxes enjoyed making Santa's sleigh along with his reindeers and wrapping presents to put under the tree. They also enjoyed making Christmas paper chains and listening to Christmas stories. Bunnies enjoyed making Christmas play dough and exploring what happens to ice cubes when they are left at room temperature. Bunnies attempted to paint the ice cubes making lovely patterns and mixing colours together. Well done to Thomas Randall for learning to stand this week.



We would like to invite you to our Christmas Sing - along on Wednesday 14th December at 4.45pm, the children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers for the day.



“The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.”

Kobe Bryant

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 AUTUMN TERM RESULTS

1 st	Stirling
2 nd	Balmora
3 rd	Drummond
	Edinburgh

Carols on the Drive

On Thursday evening The White House School Choir treated parents and friends to an excellent performance of 'Carols on the Drive'.

The singing was beautiful with some classic carols sung alongside more modern ensembles. Thank you to Sarah Nesling for her work preparing the choir and arranging such a lovely festive event. I would also like to thank the WAPS for their help setting up the refreshments which were sold to raise money for the school charity MSF. Finally thank you to all the parents and friends that stayed behind to enjoy the carols.



Under 9 Netball

On Tuesday 6th December The White House U9 Netball team played Oliver House for their final game of the season.

From the first whistle, the girls dodged into positions seamlessly and rocketed balls into each other's arms. Jessica (Year 3) and Sofia (Year 4) worked as an incredible unit as the shooters, jumping high for rebounds and scoring from a variety of positions. The standard of play that the girls produced was simply phenomenal, resulting in a 7-1 win against Oliver Houses' A team and a win of 6-2 against their B team. All players played out of their skin but the 'Women of the Match' title went to Jessie and Sofia for their teamwork and 13 goals scored between them. What a great way to end the season, well done to all!



Clubs

After feedback from the children's house meetings the clubs list for Spring term 2017 has been set.

It is now available on the notice board next to the entrance. If you would like to email the office with requests they will be added to the list on a first come first serve basis.

Under 11 Netball

On Wednesday 7th December 2016 The White House U11 Netball team played their two final matches of the season against Oliver House.

With fantastic passing and movement around the court, the girls took an early lead and went on to win the first match 6-4. Players to mention were Zoe (Year 6) and Scarlett (Year 5) who both fed the ball beautifully into the shooting circle. In the second game, the girls really pushed on the accelerator and dominated the opposition. The final score was 12-2 to The White House! What a way to finish our season - I am so proud of the progress and attitude that the girls have showed. 'Woman of the Match' went to Maisy (Year 4) for her fantastic defensive skills and sportsmanship.



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



“In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision.”

Dalai Lama

LOST PROPERTY

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



INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 12th Dec

Assembly
School Christmas lunch
Last swim Rec & Yrs 2 – 5

Tues 13th Dec

Nativity rehearsal at school

Wed 14th Dec

Christmas Party for Woodentops (Kindy & Pre Rec)

Ballet display for Yrs 1 & 2 at 8.45am

Years 3 – 6 outing to Polka Theatre

4.45pm return to school

Thurs 15th

'Partytime' production of 'Dick Whittington & his Cat' for Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 at 10am in school

Reports to be given out for Kindergarten, Pre-Rec, Rec, Yrs 1 & 2

Fri 16th Dec

Nativity Play 9.30am at All Saints Church, Tooting

Term Ends for all children after the service and dismissed to parents

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.

Castle Cup

Well done to Stirling House and House Captain Zoe Traynor. They finished first in the House Points tally for this term.

With a total of 458 Points for the term they narrowly held off Balmoral who were just 4 Points behind them. As I told the children in assembly this morning, they should all be very proud as they have all contributed to over 1700 House Points issued this term as a school. Every single House Point at The White House is issued for something 'above and beyond' and the total demonstrates the excellent behaviour and attitude displayed by White House students.



End of Term Events

Please take note of End of Term arrangements.

Pre-Reception & 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 Late return 4.45pm

Nativity Details – 16th December

The Nativity performance will be, taking place at

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

Children in Rec – Year 6 are to 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 outside the church but not available on site.

After the service the WAPs representatives will be serving refreshments which will be sold to raise funds for our charity MSF. The WAPs have asked if any parents are able to. Please bring along homemade goodies, sweetie jars, jam or chutney to sell for the charity. Ensure ingredients contained are clearly set out on a label.

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