



# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

**ALBERT LAWSON**  
Happy 3rd Birthday

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR BADGES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO...

REC: OSCAR FORD  
YEAR 1: GEORGE YARKER  
YEAR 2: AUGUSTIN GANCZ  
YEAR 3: ELIZABETH GODWIN-BONFIELD  
YEAR 4: SOFIA MORENO  
YEAR 5: FLYNN KNIGHT  
YEAR 6: FLORENCE NELSON

WELL DONE



## Welcome to Week 2...

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and welcome to the new families that have joined The White House this term. Well done to our Year 6 children who have been sitting their selectivity tests over the last couple of weeks.

It has been a good start to the new term and children have settled very quickly into their classes and have been working very well. Thank you to the parents that attended curriculum meetings last week. If you would like to contact me on any matter please feel free to do so.

In this morning's assembly Shan shared news of two exciting competitions the children may enter. The first was to design an entry to the 'Fourth Plinth Schools Award 2017', more information can be found [here](#). The second competition is for a programme/T-shirt design linked to the Barnardo's Concert mentioned later in this newsletter. Please do encourage your children to take part.

Clubs start today and a full extra-curricular programme will begin this week with the exception of netball club that begins Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Please sign up your children as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. This week will see Year 3 visit the library this morning, Year 1 will be attending the Natural History Museum on Wednesday and we will also see the first hockey fixtures of 2017. Year 3 will visit The Bhavan as part of their India topic and Reception class will be going to the Bright Emporium on Friday.

I shall be hosting Dads' Breakfast on Thursday morning at 7.30am and I look forward to seeing lots of Dads for a croissant, coffee and catch up. Snackilicious will return on Friday. Thank you to Rafi Davis and Debbie Orrell for all their hard work organising this weekly treat.

Have a great week.  
**Daniel Cummings,**  
Headmaster

## Dads' Breakfast

Dads' breakfast will be taking place Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30am.

All Dads are invited to join Mr Cummings and his staff for a light breakfast, coffee or tea and a sociable chat with other Dads before they head off to work.

The Dads' breakfast has very good feedback from those that attend and we look forward to seeing any new Dads who would like to join us.

Please let the office or Mr Cummings know if you are planning to attend on Thursday.



## Day Nursery

This week the children at day nursery enjoyed learning about British animals and their natural habitats.

Foxes showed great interest when learning how to write their names and even counted how many letters were in each of their names. They also had a tea party with the soft toy foxes and coloured in different British animals using felt tip pens. Foxes explored with animals in sand and water, talking about which animals live on land or in water. They made a big jungle out of Lego and named animals that lived in the jungle. Bunnies had a great time gluing and sticking different materials down on the shape of a squirrel and made foxes out of paper plates. The children explored different textures and learnt about farm animals with a sensory farm made out of cereal and oats.





“A moral being is one who is capable of reflecting on his past actions and their motives - of approving of some and disapproving of others.”

**Charles Darwin**

## Nut Free School

Please remember that The White House is a nut free environment and under no circumstances should nuts be brought into the building. Nut allergies can cause very dangerous reactions and we strive to keep all pupils safe.

## HOUSE POINT STANDINGS WEEK 2

1<sup>st</sup> Drummond  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edinburgh  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stirling  
4<sup>th</sup> Balmoral

## Year 3

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January Year 3 received a visit from Green Shoots Foundation to learn more about their charity and how their work links to our current Science topic of *Plants*.

The representatives explained that their charity addresses the issues that have plagued rural communities in Cambodia: rural poverty, unsustainable farming techniques and lack of education. During the session, Year 3 learnt about the types of plants and vegetables that they help these communities to grow in Cambodia and compared and contrasted these with that of the UK. Year 3 look forward to learning more about Cambodia, the charity's work with the schools there and developing a budding relationship with this wonderful charity and their vision.



## Save the Date...

The White House WAPS Committee presents

### 'STORIES AT BEDTIME'

Jump into your PJ's/Onesie, grab your favourite teddy and come back to school for 'Storytime' Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 5-6pm.

Tickets will include biscuits & hot chocolate with marshmallows.

## Yr 4-6 Barbican Concert

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Barnardo's Inaugural Young Supporters Concert at 6:30pm in the Barbican Centre.

They will be part of a massed choir, performing a number of uplifting songs alongside other schools to raise money for Barnardo's child care work.

There will be an all-day rehearsal at the Barbican centre starting at 11:00am and our children will be bussed over from school.

The school will provide a packed lunch and ***the children will need to bring with them a disposable tea along with a water bottle.***

Parents will be expected to pick up their children from the Barbican at the end of the concert. More details to follow.

There is also an exciting opportunity to design the t shirt and front cover of the programme plus having pictures included in the programme.

Drawings should be:

- bright and colourful
- of a musical theme as well as Barnardo's work.
- modern and not Victorian looking images.

All children singing in the choir will be asked to purchase a specially designed T-shirt for £7 to be worn at the concert.

Tickets are priced between £10 and £27 and are available from the Barbican box office on 0207 6388891 or online at [www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk).

**This is an exciting performance opportunity and we are delighted to support such a worthy cause.**

## Scientist of the Week

The increased amount of Science happening at The White House last term was really exciting and I was delighted that so many children took part in the weekly challenges.

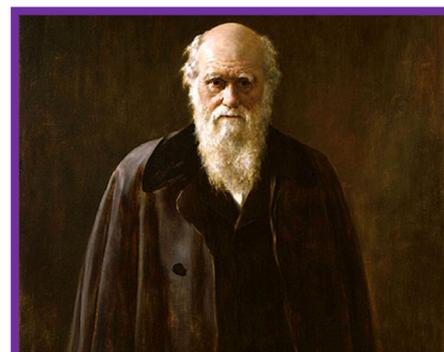
The prizes proved popular and the interactive board at Open Day demonstrated the amazing participation across the school.

This term, we are going to be focussing on 'famous scientists'.

Each week, I will choose a scientist for the children to research – they can share their findings with me however they choose (as a fact file/ quiz/ poster) and the winner will get a prize...

Please do encourage your children to take part! The Scientist for Week 1 is

**CHARLES DARWIN.**



<https://edukalife.blogspot.co.uk/2015/07/biography-of-charles-darwin-theory-of.html>

**LOST PROPERTY  
PLEASE CHECK THE  
LOST PROPERTY TUB  
NEXT TO THE  
ENTRANCE HALL IF  
YOUR CHILD IS  
MISSING ANY ITEMS.  
ANY ITEMS LEFT AT  
THE END OF NEXT  
WEEK WILL BE  
DONATED TO THE  
WAPS NEARLY NEW  
SALE**



“A man's friendships are one of the best measures of his worth.”

**Charles Darwin**

### Musical Magic Dates

**This year's dates:**

**February Half term  
2017: 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
February**

**Easter 2017: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>  
April**

**May half term 2017:  
30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Summer 2017:  
17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> July  
31<sup>st</sup> Julv – 4<sup>th</sup> August**



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## Dates & Fixtures

### Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

Yr 3 outing to Balham Library  
11am BBC 500 Word Challenge  
Yrs 2 – 5 swim begins  
Clubs begin

### Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

Year 1 outing to Natural History Museum  
U9 Mixed Hockey vs Rosemead (home)  
2.30pm  
U11 Girls Hockey vs Dolphin School  
(away) 2pm

### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

Dads' Breakfast 7:30am  
Yr 4 Curriculum meeting 8.30am  
Yr 3 outing to 'The Bhavan'

### Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan

Reception outing to Bright Emporium

## Contact Details & Allergies

**Please find attached to the email our confidential record form.**

We would like all parents to ensure we have up-to-date contact details in case of emergency. Please include any new details of Grandparents, Nanny or childminders if they regularly pick up your child.

It is also important that we have all current medical and dietary requirements information and ensure any inhalers or epi-pens are labelled, in date and handed into the office.

**Unless specifically directed children should not have medication upon their person. All medication including cough sweets must be handed to the office and signed for.**

## BBC Radio 2 500 Words...

**Children throughout the school were very excited to learn about the BBC Radio 2 500 word essay competition today.**

Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

In 2016 **123,436 children** entered the competition and at the finale, on 27th May, **we revealed the 6 winning stories** from the 5-9 and 10-13 age categories. In the year of Shakespeare's 400th anniversary, we held our final live from the home of British story-telling, **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.** **Please ask your children about this exciting competition and encourage them to enter.**

## Clubs

**Clubs begin today. Please sign up your children for clubs if you have not done so already. There is a copy by the front door to add your children's names.**

**Netball club will begin on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Roles and Responsibilities

**Congratulations to our children who have been issued with new roles and responsibilities for the Spring Term.**

### Prefects

Scarlett Sutherland  
Edward Watson  
Asher Stark

### Playground Monitors

Maisy Cooch  
Rhys Read-Beche  
Oscar Pauwels  
Joe Green  
Anahi Moreno  
Eliot Kretzschmar  
Flynn Knight

### Senior Librarians

Eliot Kretzschmar  
Joe Green

### Junior Librarians

Jessica Yarker  
Ella McIntyre

## Upcoming

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
Science Assembly  
Yr 6 outing to British Museum

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Jan  
U9 Boys Rugby vs. Oliver House (home)

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan  
U11 Boys Rugby vs. Oliver House  
(home – grass field)  
U11 Girls Hockey vs. Oliver House  
(home) 2.30pm

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan  
WAPS meeting 8am  
U11 Girls Hockey Tournament (away)  
1.30 – 3.30pm