



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

23rd January 2017, Week 3, Spring Term 2017 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

JASPER SALISBURY JONES

Happy 7th Birthday

WILBUR KNIGHT

Happy 8th Birthday

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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

REC: PEARL DUGARD
YEAR 1: CARLOTTA MADDISON VON
DEM KNESEBECK
YEAR 2: DYLAN PATEL
YEAR 3: ELLA MCINTYRE
YEAR 4: SEBASTIAN SMALL
YEAR 5: MAISY COOCH
YEAR 6: ALEX GRIEVSON

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 3...

Welcome to the Week 3 newsletter, after a cold week last week the weather looks to be much of the same this week. Please ensure your children come to school wrapped up warmly with their Guernseys and school gloves and hats, for sport sessions the children will be expected to have their raincoats.

Last week was very busy and the Reception children enjoyed visiting the Bright Emporium on Friday, Year 3 attended the library and an Indian workshop at The Bhavan, we also saw our first hockey fixtures of the term. I would like to thank all the Fathers that joined me for breakfast on Thursday, it is always lovely to meet and catch up over a coffee and croissant.

Week 3 has continued the exciting start

to term and this morning began with the children enjoying an exciting 'Mad Science' assembly hosted by Professor Whizzkid. Year 6 are visiting the British Museum today. This week will also see our first rugby fixtures of the term and a girls' hockey tournament on Friday.

I look forward to meeting with the WAPS on Friday morning at 8am. Please remember if you are bringing your children they will need a book to read quietly outside the staff room.

Thank you to those parents that have already completed our online 2016 parent survey. Please click on this link [Parent Survey](#) to access and complete the survey.

Have a great week.
Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster

Day Nursery

This week at Woodentops day nursery Foxes have been making fox masks and learning about quantities with numbers and counters.

Foxes have also been busy making marks on paper with British animals and paint. They made play dough and modelled different animals, rolling and patting with different tools. They really enjoyed role play where they pretended to be farmers and discussed what animals and crops they would have on their farm.

Bunnies enjoyed painting, gluing and sticking owls and hedgehog's. They drew animals with chalk on the chalk board and made a big mess with shaving foam. Bunnies also made different patterns with different shaped stamps and have been counting numbers with building blocks. Bunnies made marks in sand and transferred sand into different containers.

This week will be enjoying menu A.





“Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.”

Alexander Graham Bell

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

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

Year 3 Bhavan Outing

On Thursday Year 3 started off their India topic with a fantastic trip to The Bhavan India cultural centre.

Professional musicians talked to the children about traditional Indian music and the different instruments used in past and modern day India. The musicians played beautiful melodies on the tabla and veena and then the children were able to try them out. After the music, we had the delight of watching Indian traditional dancing - linked to stories of Hindu Gods and Goddesses including Ganesha and Lakshmi. Some specific moves were then practised by the whole group which were a lot of fun! The trip to the Bhavan was informative, entertaining and a unique experience for all.



Yr 4-6 Barbican Concert

On Monday 6th 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 travel to the Barbican by public transport. The school will provide a packed lunch and **the children will need to bring with them a disposable tea along with 3 bottles of water.** Parents will be expected to pick up their children from the Barbican at the end of the concert. More details have been emailed today. 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

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

Yr 1 Outing

Year 1 went to the Natural History Museum on Wednesday to learn about dinosaurs.

In a 'Super Stegosaurus' workshop, we became palaeontologists and we examined the bones from a real Stegosaurus. We also put the bones together on a model Stegosaurus to make its skeleton. We learnt many amazing facts about the spikes, plates and skull of a Stegosaurus. After lunch we explored the dinosaur section of the museum before having a workshop with 'Dino Dan'. He taught us how to be dinosaur explorers and we examined a range of fossils. We also enjoyed visiting some polar mammals and birds to link with our science topic on 'Polar Explorers'. We had a wonderful day!



Scientist of the Week

Lots of children from across the school took part in the challenge this week which was to look at the incredible scientist, Charles Darwin.

I was highly impressed by the amazing selection of work I was given. The scientists of the week are **Amelie Zwi, Alexia Pinto-Urra and Sofia Moreno.**

Please do encourage your children to take part!

The Scientist for Week 2 is

Alexander Graham Bell.



<https://asd-hs.wikispaces.com/Alexander+Graham+Bell>

**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**



“Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus.”

**Alexander Graham
Bell**

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**



**INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION**

Accredited Member

Dates & Fixtures

Mon 23rd Jan

Yr 6 outing to British Museum
10am Science Assembly

Tues 24th Jan

U9 Boys Rugby vs Oliver House (home)
2.30-3.30pm

Wed 25th Jan

U11 Boys Rugby vs Oliver House (away)
2.30 – 3.30pm
U11 Girls Hockey vs Oliver House
(home) 2.30pm

Fri 27th Jan

WAPS meeting at The White House 8
am
U11 Girls Hockey Tournament
Organised by Dolphin School (away)
1.30 – 3.30pm

U11 Girls Hockey

**On a bright but cold Wednesday
afternoon The White House U11 Girls
Hockey Squad played their first
matches of the season against
Dolphin.**

In the first match, both sides showed fantastic dribbling and passing skills culminating in some perfectly timed goals from both teams. Dolphin however, claimed the first victory. Yet in the second match, The White House Girls took complete control of the pace and rhythm of the game, scoring multiple goals from different positions, winning very comfortably. 'Woman of the match' went to Sophia Moreno in Year 4 for fantastic defensive play and strategy when passing. Well done to all!



U9 Mixed Hockey

On Wednesday 18th January The White House hosted two matches against a strong Rosemead side in an Under 9 Mixed fixture.

The children played exceptionally well with many notable performances coming from the Year 4 boys, especially Oliver Stephens who was a constant goal threat every-time he touched the ball. Another stellar performance came from Jessica Yarker who showed tremendous talent and aptitude to fight for every ball playing against children a year older than herself. Overall the fixture was a fantastic way to kick start the season for the Under 9's and gives me enormous confidence for a successful hockey term ahead.



Upcoming

Mon 30th Jan
Chinese New Year assembly

Tues 31st Jan
U9 Girls Hockey Tournament organised by
Dolphin School
(away) 1.30 – 3.30pm

Wed 1st Feb
Reception outing to Battersea Park Zoo
Year 6 outing to the Science Museum

Thurs 2nd Feb
U9 Girls Hockey vs. Oliver House
(away) 2.30pm

Fri 3rd Feb
9am Reception Drama Assembly
U11 Boys Hockey vs. Dolphin School
(away) 2pm

Musical Magic

**Reception Drama Assembly- Friday 3rd Feb,
09.00**

**Yr 2&3 Drama Assembly- Friday 3rd March,
09.00**

This Half Term's Musical Magic will be "Annie". Claire and will be Monday 20th-Friday 24th February at The White House School, 10am to 3pm, at a cost of £90 for the course. The children will have lots of fun learning the songs and dances from the show, and making their own props and set for the big performance. Bookings are being taken through both the school office and Claire.