



# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN  
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Week 4, Spring Term 2017 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

**OSCAR FORD**

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**ALEX GRIEVSON**

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## GOOD BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR  
BADGES HAVE BEEN  
AWARDED TO...

REC: ANTOINE GANCZ  
YEAR 1: SAANVI TIBREWAL  
YEAR 2: CHLOE READ-BECHE  
YEAR 3: JAMES THWAITES  
YEAR 4: CAMILLO DAVENPORT  
YEAR 5: ANAHI MORENO  
YEAR 6: AMELIE ZWI

• WELL DONE •



## Welcome to Week 4...

**Happy Chinese New Year! The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing that this year Chinese people around the world will be celebrating the year of the Rooster. We had fun identifying the character traits of some of the other Chinese Zodiac animals.**

This week will be a very busy week at The White House as this morning I received word from the ISI that we are going to be inspected Tuesday to Thursday. Attached to today's email you will find a letter from ISI requesting feedback from parents. Please try and complete this questionnaire as this will provide valuable positive feedback from our parents prospective. Other the next three days you should not see any change to the regular running of the school. As ever my staff and I appreciate

all your support.

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



## Day Nursery

**This week at day nursery all children have been preparing for Chinese New Year. Bunnies and Foxes made a huge mess with noodles, paint and glitter, exploring the different textures.**

As it's the year of the rooster, the children made roosters with their hand prints and had a great time making Chinese lanterns. Bunnies enjoyed mark making with farm stencils and really enjoyed using colour pencils for this activity.

Foxes made a huge dragon for Chinese New Year out of egg boxes and their very own hand prints! Foxes really enjoyed tracing their names and making red vanilla scented play dough. Foxes also loved listening to their book of the week 'Dragon stew' and breathing fire like a dragon. The topic for next week is Chinese New Year so if you have anything related, please bring it into nursery for our display table. We will be doing show and tell every **Wednesday** and the letter for next week is 'a'. Please can all children bring in something beginning with the letter 'a' so we can discuss this during circle time.



"Don't let anybody tell you you can't do anything."

Tim Peake

### 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 3

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

## Reception Outing

The Reception children had a fantastic afternoon at the Bright Emporium bookshop in Battersea on Friday of last week.

They were treated to a wonderful session led by Kim, where they spent time exploring the story of 'The Storm Whale' through movement, pictures and props. It was lovely for them to be in such a bright and welcoming environment, surrounded by engaging books and prints.



## 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 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](http://www.barbican.org.uk)

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

## Year 6 Outing

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Year 6 went on a trip to The British Museum to develop their knowledge of The Ancient Greeks. We had a fantastic time in Gallery 69 exploring the amazing artefacts and completing the interactive challenges! The highlight of the trip was seeing Ginger in the Ancient Egyptian Gallery...

## Marathon Effort!

Aritz our Spanish teacher and all round superstar teacher support has asked to mention that he will be running the London marathon this year.

We wish him all the best with his training and support his worthy cause.

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A message from Aritz:

"I am running for Plan International UK, which is an organization that provides help and support to children, especially girls, all around the world in education, female genital mutilation, poverty etc. They are amazing and they are very kindly going to support me through the next 12 weeks on my way to the marathon. I am very excited about the idea of running this marathon and to be able to raise some money for them. Thank you"



## Scientist of the Week

Lots of children from across the school took part in the challenge this week which was to look at Alexander Graham Bell. Well done to Yair and Zack who won last week's competition.

This week's science focus will be on Tim Peake Please do encourage your children to take part!

The Scientist for Week 4 is

**Tim Peake**





**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**



“When using the  
loo, gravity is your  
friend.”

**Tim Peake**

### **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> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August**



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## **Dates & Fixtures**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Chinese New Year Assembly

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

U9 Girls Hockey Tournament

Organized by Dolphin School (away) 1.30 – 3.30pm

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**

Reception outing to Battersea Park Zoo  
Year 6 outing to the Science Museum

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

U9 Girls Hockey vs Oliver House (away)  
2.30pm

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

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



### **U11 Girls Hockey**

**On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January The White House U11 Girls Hockey Squad played Oliver House.**

The girls started explosively, passing quickly and accurately. This resulted in an early goal for The White House score by Anahi (Year 5). The girls continued to play well as a unit, dominating the game. The final score was 7-1 to The White House and the girls were very proud of such a superb victory. The 'women of the match' were Amelie (Year 6) who played furiously in defence, and Anahi for scoring some stupendous goals. Well played to all, it was a real team effort.



## **U9 Tag Rugby**

**Last week the Boys' Tag Rugby Squad undertook two fixtures against Oliver House, with a fixture on Tuesday for the Under 9's and on Wednesday for the Under 11's.**

Both teams represented The White House with sterling performances and although the Under 9's came desperately close to winning in both of their matches, they unfortunately ended up on the losing side, losing by one and two points respectively which gives me huge confidence that with a bit more coaching we can have a successful term.

The Under 11's, took up the mantle the following day and performed remarkably well also, having only had a few tag rugby sessions in preparation. The boys played brilliantly winning one and drawing the second match. I was so pleased with all the boys who played showing such high commitment, energy and bravery right to the end. I am looking forward to this continuing throughout the season. Well done boys, keep it up!



## **Upcoming**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb**

House assembly

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**

White House 7+ Scholarship & Sports  
Scholarship examinations  
Year 5 outing to Whitgift School WWI  
Exhibition

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Year 2 outing to The Tower of London

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Dr Spence (Dulwich) assembly

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Swim Gala at Balham for Yrs 2 – 6  
No clubs except homework club

## **Stories at Bedtime**

**The White House presents  
'STORIES AT BEDTIME'**

Jump into your PJ's/Onesie, grab your  
favourite teddy and come back to school for  
story time

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 5-pm**  
Open to all White House and Woodentops  
children over 2yrs old.

**Ticket price £3 (includes fruit, biscuits & hot  
chocolate with marshmallows)**