



THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

HARLEY BARTON

Happy 2nd Birthday

NATE SANGER

Congratulations on turning 2

ERIC BATUWITAGE

Happy 4th Birthday

MAIA BATUWITAGE

Congratulations on turning 4

BOBBY JENKINS

Happy 8th Birthday

MAX NICHOLSON

Congratulations on turning 11

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

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

REC: MARIA BALAKHNINA
YEAR 1: OCASR MORRISON
YEAR 2: SOPHIE MACDONALD
YEAR 3: OMAR HAQUE
YEAR 4: AYUB DIN
YEAR 5: SCARLETT SUTHER LAND
YEAR 6: UMAR SYED

• WELL DONE •



Welcome to Week 5...

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Our 'special visitors' left us on Thursday evening suitably impressed with everything we do both at The White House and The Woodentops Day Nursery. Although I cannot share the full feedback until the report has undergone ISI's editing process, I can indicate that we were pleased with the feedback we received verbally. Thank you to all the parents that completed the parental survey, the results were overwhelmingly positive.

Last week was as busy as ever at The White House with an excellent outing for Year 6 to the Science Museum. Reception class enjoyed their visit to Battersea Zoo and once again we saw some excellent results from our sporting fixtures. I wish our Year 2 children luck in their academic and sports scholarships

tomorrow. I am sure they will all give of their best and enjoy the challenges set before them. Week 5 will also see a visit to the WW1 exhibition at Whitgift School for Year 5 and 'Stories at Bedtime' on Thursday evening. Our Year 2 class will finish the week with an exciting outing to the Tower of London on Friday.

Please note the changes to the end of day for pupils on Monday and Tuesday next week due to the Swimming Gala, see below. Finally well done Shan Simpson for completing her 10km run in aid of cancer research over the weekend.

Have a great week.

Daniel Cummings,
Headmaster

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-free Childcare is the new online government service to help parents to pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their Childcare Account, the government will add an extra £2 to the Childcare Account. Parents can use that money to pay for childcare.

The White House Prep School and separately The Woodentops Day Nursery have now signed up to offer this service.

For further information please click on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>

Day Nursery

At day nursery this week, we had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New Year! The children in Bunnies and Foxes tried very hard to use chopsticks to pick up noodles.

Bunnies loved making yogurt cakes with cereal and sprinkles and dressing up as farmers. Bunnies also enjoyed mark making with crayons and exploring different treasure baskets.

Foxes enjoyed making Chinese hats and learning shapes circle and square. They were very engaged when playing with magnetic shapes and tracing around them. Foxes folded paper to make Chinese fans and flicked different colour paint on them with lots of glitter. They traced around their hands to make the roosters red comb for their rooster stick puppets and used calculators to calculate simple maths equations. Foxes made a huge Chinese flag and really enjoyed gluing and sticking. They were very interested in learning about where China is on the map of the world and what traditional Chinese clothes look like.

We would like to wish Nate and Harley a very Happy Birthday as they will celebrate their second birthday's this month.

Wishing you all a **Happy Chinese New Year!**





"There are no such things as applied sciences, only applications of science."

Louis Pasteur

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 4

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

Reception Outing

The Reception had a fantastic trip to Battersea Park Zoo on Wednesday.

The rain did not dampen our spirits and they saw a great variety of animals that came to greet us, including emus, snakes, monkeys and meerkats. Along with the excellent play area, a highlight was stroking 'Candy' the rabbit and watching the otters being fed.



Swimming Gala Yr 2-6

Tuesday 14th February will see the annual White House Swimming Gala for Years 2-6.

In preparation for this event **Year 6** will return to swimming on Monday.

As all of the children will be involved in events throughout the practice session we ask that all children (except those returning for homework club) **are collected at 4.30pm Monday 13th February** from Balham pool. On **Tuesday 14th February** all children (except those returning for homework/Gymnastics club) are collected from the pool at 4pm. Children will require 2 towels both days.

All clubs will be cancelled on Tuesday 14th February with the exception of homework club and Gymnastics. Please notify the office if return transport is required.

Year 6 Outing

On Thursday 1st February Year 6 went to the Science Museum. They had a varied and exciting trip which started with a viewing of the Hidden Universe in the IMax cinema.

The children loved their 3D glasses and the experience was simply incredible. We then went to see Tim Peake's space capsule which has just arrived at the museum (linking to our Scientist of the week) and finally took part in an 'It takes guts' workshop. The children thought this was hilarious and hugely informative in teaching them about the digestive system – there were some seriously revolting parts!! As ever, the children were impeccably behaved and we had a great trip.



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"

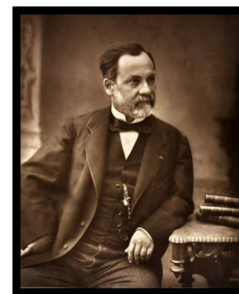
Scientist of the Week

Lots of children from across the school took part in the challenge this week which was to research Tim Peake. Well done to the whole of Year 6 who won last week's competition.

This week's science focus will be on Louis Pasteur. Please do encourage your children to take part!

The Scientist for Week 5 is

Louis Pasteur



**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**



“Let me tell you
the secret that has
led me to my goal.
My strength lies
solely in my
tenacity.”

Louis Pasteur

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
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Dates & Fixtures

Mon 6th Feb

House Assembly

Tues 7th Feb

Safer Internet Day 2017

White House Scholarship Exam for 7+ pupils

Year 5 outing to Whitgift World War I Exhibition

Thurs 9th Feb

Stories at Bedtime 5pm (Please sign up)

10th Feb

Year 2 outing to the Tower of London
Reception and Year 1 Drama
Assemblies 9am

U11 Girls Hockey

On Friday 27th January 2017, The White House U11 Hockey Squad went to the annual U11 Hockey tournament run by Dolphin School.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to gain experience in playing a variety of teams in short matches and put their hard work during PE sessions into action. Our first match was against Oakfield (last year's winners). This was a tough start but the girls played very defensively and prevented many attacks from the opposing forwards. The Game ended in a draw of 2-2. Next, we played Eaton House, and again the game was very close with fantastic goals from both teams. This second nail-biter ended up in a draw also, of 3-3. The White House then played the home team, Dolphin, who are defensively very strong. However, with fantastic play between Anahi and Zoe, we took the lead with a superb goal. Dolphin school came back quickly however and scored from a penalty. The end result was 2-2. Our last match was against a different Dolphin team due to there being two groups. The girls played a fantastic last game, dribbling quickly and aggressively which resulted in a win of 3-1. This meant that overall we came third, a result which everyone in the squad was very proud of. A special mention must go to Amelie, who was voted 'woman of the match' because not only did she defend brilliantly, but she also scored her first goal for The White House. I was very proud of the squad and want to thank everyone who came to support.



Boys Hockey

On Friday last week the Under 11 Boys Hockey Squad travelled to Dolphin School for two Hockey Fixtures.

Both teams played with endeavour, with the A Team winning an impressive 10-0, with man of the match going to Flynn Knight who was involved in every goal and got a stick to his face for his troubles, he played on and showed tremendous grit and determination throughout.

I was also very proud of the Boys in the B Team who kept on going despite being against a strong and more physical Dolphin Side, with Lucas Chatterjee showing lots of promising skill for later in the season. Overall it was a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. Well done Boys!

ISA Football

Well done to Flynn who has represented the U11 ISA Southern Regional team in the past two weeks, he has played in two matches.

The first one he travelled to West Ham, had a very tiring and tough game playing a full 4 quarters as they only had one sub. He was denied a goal in the first quarter when a defender saved it on the line. West Ham won convincingly.

This week he played against Norwich at Samuel Montague School. He had a great game, scoring the second goal and his team won 8-6. Next week the team will be playing Crystal Palace. Good luck Flynn.

Upcoming

Mon 13th Feb

Dr Spence (Dulwich) assembly
Swim Gala rehearsal for Yrs 2 - 6

Tues 14th Feb

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

Wed 15th Feb

PreRec and Kindergarten outing to Polka Theatre

U11 Boys Hockey vs. Rosemead (away) 2.30pm

Thurs 16th Feb

U9 Boys Rugby vs. Garden House (home) 2pm

Fri 17th Feb

Mufti Day for Agnes Tiley (£2)

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 9th 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)