

# Wood End Park Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for this academic year. The month of September has whizzed by and the pupils have made an impeccable start to the school year. Thank you so much for your support with the uniform the pupils are wearing as we are looking especially smart at the moment!. Some pupils do not have the full kit for their PE lessons however. Do ensure your own child has this. If you are unsure of the PE day's for your child, please do ask by leaving a note in your child's diary.

Many pupils have 100% attendance, attending school from the start of the school year but the school attendance is currently 2% below the national average. Well done to classes RAD, 5TF, 5KB and 6LD who have each achieved 100% Attendance in a week - this supports our attendance figure.

## EVENTS

We are collecting food items for the Harvest. Class 5AG will be hosting our Harvest assembly where we will celebrate this gesture of providing food to those who need it.

We also have an annual Eid assembly: 12th October and an annual Diwali assembly: 19th October. All parents are invited and welcome.

History Day: We marked our annual history day last week and this edition includes photos of our day to celebrate history.

## WEPA does

Wood End Park prides itself in looking after the world around them. We encourage:

**Walking  
to School**

**Cycling to  
School but  
with a helmet**

**Staying  
hydrated:  
water bottles**

**Fruit at break  
times:  
Staying  
healthy**

## Committed to Pupils Learning

Please note holidays during school time are not allowed. All term time holidays would be unauthorised and you may be issued a penalty notice (fine).

Please also try to arrange all appointments for e.g. doctor's etc out of school hours.

Children being absent from schools means they are missing important learning time.

# Events

## Year 5 Victorian Workshop

The year 5 children experienced what school life would have been like as a child who went to school in the Victorian era. The workshop was excellent and gave the children a good feel of the challenges of school life and the type of lessons they learned. The children were immersed in the experience rather than watching videos or listening to teachers. The workshop is going to provide the children with great knowledge for a recount.

Mrs Gill

I loved how the lady demonstrated the punishments and how strict it actually was in the Victorian era. We learnt about new vocabulary and practised our handwriting. It was great to see how an Abacus was used for addition and subtraction. Overall, it was a fantastic experience.

Elodie

It was great to get a chance to experience what school life was like in the Victorian times. I found out that school was very strict and you even got punishment for not sitting up straight and finger-stocks were used for those fiddling with their fingers.

Aroua



## Year 5 First Aid Workshop

The British Red Cross delivered a First Aid workshop to our Year 5 children. The workshop was designed to impart children with essential first aid skills. It helped them build confidence and willingness to help someone in an emergency, using everyday objects that they have around them. They were also given advice on where to get support if they have an injury or illness. The children really enjoyed this session.

# Events

## Year 2 History day

On Friday 29th September 2023, Year 2 celebrated History Day on the topic of The Great Fire of London. Children came to school dressed up in a variety of fabulous costumes from King Charles II, a baker, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Londoner, to Thomas Farriner's maid who was unable to escape the blaze.

In English, children had been reading '*Charlie and The Great Fire of London*'. History Day gave children the opportunity to role-play the story in small groups and perform in front of the class. Some groups even added the song '*London's Burning*' they had learned from The Great Fire of London Workshop!

After this, the children created Great Fire of London scenes by drawing the London skyline on black paper then cutting out the silhouette and painting the background.

I think I can speak for the whole of Year 2 children and staff that History Day was a fun, exciting and memorable day! Mrs. Haban

"My favourite part about History Day was painting the London skyline and creating the fire effects." – Aiza, 2KH



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## A Historical Extravaganza

Thank you pupils, staff and parents for another successful History Day. It was great to see everyone so fully immersed in their units of study and all the activities during the day. Pupils were encouraged to think critically, ask questions and refer to key concepts during their discussions. Everyone actively participated in enquiry and showed a genuine love for History.

Year 1 designed and created their toys drawing from the learning taken place in this unit.



Year 2 “battled the Great Fire of London” while they sought to unravel this fateful day through the eyes of Samuel Peeps and the people of the time.



Year 3 were palaeontologists and geologists as they enquired about the Palaeolithic.



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Year 4 were immersed in the Benin and Maya culture. Their costumes and activities painted a brilliant picture.

Year 5 were children in the Victorian era experiencing the strict rules and rigours of a Victorian classroom.

Year 6 re-enacted the journeys and experiences of children being evacuated from their homes and effectively conveyed the emotions evacuees might have felt at the time.



## **Year 6 Festival Assembly**

### Eid Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
09:05am - KS2 Hall  
Entrance Via main reception



Wood End Park will be celebrating Eid with a special assembly presented by class 6FK and 6TW.

All parents are invited to join us and enjoy this occasion with Year 6.

We hope to see you there!

## **Year 6 Festival Assembly**

### Diwali Assembly

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
9.05am - KS2 Hall  
Entrance via main reception



Wood End Park will be celebrating Diwali with a special assembly presented by classes 6LD, 6KS and 6JR.

All parents are invited to join us and enjoy this occasion with Year 6.

We hope to see you there!

# Information



Please note all payments for trips, workshops and clubs must be made on parent pay.



Please provide your child with a named water bottle for school. No glass bottles allowed.

Proper hydration allows pupils to focus better and stay productive longer.



## **VERY IMPORTANT:**

### **WEPA APP FOR SCHOOL UPDATES**

We are aware some parents have still not downloaded the school app. We will be communicating important information throughout the Year via our app, so it is imperative all parents and carers download this at your earliest convenience by following the steps below:

Step One:

For Apple devices please use

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/piota-schools/id1333103848?mt=8>

For Android devices please use

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.schools&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.schools&hl=en_GB)

Step Two:

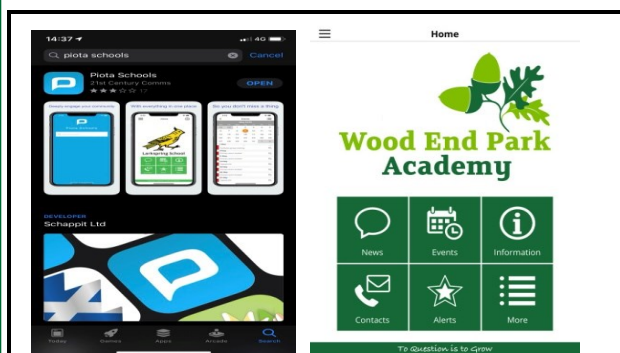
Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'

Step Three:

Go to 'More' then 'Settings'

Step Four:

Go to 'Notifications' Please tick your child's year group.



### **School Dates for 2023/2024**

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

Staff Development Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Term Ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### **Spring Term 2024**

Term Starts	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
End of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### **Summer Term 2024**

Term Starts	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024
Term Ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

\*Staff Development Day Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

\*Staff Development Day Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

\*Staff Development Day Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

\*Pupils do not attend on these days

**Please note holidays taken during term time will not be authorised**