

# Wood End Park Academy

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## Message from the Principal

### Working for Excellent Performance – Always: WEPA

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter jam-packed with news and events. The staff have organised a range of opportunities for your child: visits out, maths workshop and robotics fun! We are continuing our sports events and some pupils will also have the opportunity to participate in these,

In the newsletter are dates of our sports day for parents to attend. We will be collecting contributions for our Action Aid appeal on these days too. This is where WEPA thinks of other children not as fortunate in their access to education as our pupils are.

We will also have our annual Celebration of Culture. Please do leave your contact details with our office if you are able to be involved in the organisation and contribution to this event. Mrs Din will be coordinating this event.

Futures week is in the week of 3rd July (except Tuesday). We are looking for anyone who can spare some time to talk to our pupils online or in person about their work. It is so important we educate our children on the jobs they can have and create their inspirations now. We would value your involvement.

The last day of term is 19th July. It is important every child is in school up until this date as the attendance to school is not strong for Wood End Park Academy . We are used to higher!

Test your child: Our Curriculum offer has the acronym of 'CLAPS'. See if your child knows what each letter stands for!

Look at a pupil's Easter holiday learning on the organs we have. An extremely memorable piece. Well done on all of the hard work.



## 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



## Centre Of Excellence

We have been continuously working hard at our Centre of Excellence program at Wood End Park Academy.

The children attending are achieving great things in the sessions and in other areas of their sporting life. We have been focusing on a lot of trickier sports that may not be played or talked about as much as your popular ones. For example table tennis, squash and badminton have been a main focal point the last term.

We will now be basing sessions on Athletics, Cricket and tennis. Breaking the athletics down to track, field and long distance running. Tennis and Cricket will also be trained to a higher standard for the children to really push themselves. We have many of our pupils set to participate in competitive tournaments with the school in Tennis, cricket and Athletics so this will place us hopefully in a great stead. The Summer term is fantastic for sport and competition, busy but really enjoyable!

Mr Skipp

## Impact Sports and Chromebook Sessions

Impact Sports and Chromebook Sessions have successfully been running since September, which has had great feedback from both pupils and teachers. Children have used the skills learned in Sports during their lessons and in all areas of play. This has been noticed during break and lunchtime as well as PE lessons. Children have been able to apply skills and knowledge learned during Chromebook sessions in their everyday learning (In and out of school).

The Chromebook sessions have proved to boost children's skills in using google slides, google keep and Jam board. Children are given the opportunity to complete pre-lesson tasks which helps them with upcoming lessons. Children are able to use this exceptional tool to their full advantage as they are exposed to so many resources that better their learning experience. *"I enjoy my Chromebook sessions as it helps me get up to date with any work I have missed out on and prepare for the next lessons in advance (Pre-lesson task)" stated a Year 5 child.*

I am ever so proud of all the children that get up early on a Saturday to come to school with the mind-set of bettering themselves, which helps them in and out of school. **Healthy body – Healthy mind.**

Mr Bansal

## Robotics workshop year 6

In this workshop, your 6 pupils applied their engineering design skills to each step of the design process of the Spike Prime Robotics Kit. By defining a problem with success criteria, making different prototypes, establishing systematic testing procedures, analysing data to improve their solutions and describing why their solution is the best. Pupils were about to create, test and then race their robots against others in the class. A huge well done to our year 6 tech champions!

Mr Hussain

# Events

## Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated annually on 22nd April and this year's theme was "Invest in Our Planet". We celebrated it on 21st and opened the afternoon by giving the children some amazing facts about the planet. We then discussed some of the problems we were facing and how we could do something about them (individually, as a community and globally). Some of the children made persuasive posters to protect the planet, whilst others wrote persuasive letters to companies.



We include a lot of work in our curriculum about protecting our planet, so the next generation are equipped with the knowledge needed to do this. It was nice to have an afternoon the focus on it's wonders!

## Mindful May

This month, we are relaunching Mindful May. During the month of May, we encourage adults and children to be more mindful and give them strategies to use to help them do this. The strategies can be used all year round.

Using this link, you can join in too: <https://www.woodendpark.academy/mindful-may/>

All you need to do is visit the Mindful May page in the website, click on that day's date and complete the Mindful task you are given. There is a new one for each day.

May you be happy.  
May you be well.  
May you be safe.  
May you be peaceful  
and at ease.



# Events

## Year 5 Workshop

The year 5 children had a hands-on session provided by an outside agency called A-life on Issues around the potential dangers and health problems associated with drugs, alcohol and smoking. The workshop was led by a trained A-life coach, in a comfortable and relaxed space in which to explore the issues surrounding drugs and alcohol, as well as the associated issues of peer pressure and knowing how to make informed, sensible decisions. The coaches provided a fun and relaxed approach, offering hands-on activities and anecdotal stories to help children engage in this serious and important topic which many families find difficult to tackle.

Mrs Gill

In this workshop, I really enjoyed how we learnt about something serious but in a fun way. We explored lots of different activities in one workshop. Mr Adam helped us understand the cause and effects of drugs and alcohol and encouraged us not to drink a lot in the future. We also looked at the different scenarios and how children have been affected by alcohol and drugs.

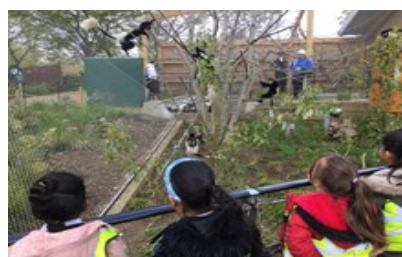
Aashirya 5AG

We learnt about what would happen to your body if you take drugs and drink alcohol. Drugs can change the way you feel, act and behave. Taking too much medicine (drugs) can also have a detrimental effect on your body.

Fahad 5AG

## Reception London Zoo Trip

The Reception children had a trip to London Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed this trip. On the 25th April it was World Penguin Day. The children got to see a special Penguin show to mark this day.



# Events



## Mental Awareness Week

Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realise their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community. It is an integral component of health and well-being that underpins our individual and collective abilities to make decisions, build relationships and shape the world we live in. Mental health is a basic human right. It is crucial to personal, community and socio-economic development for any human - especially to that development of a child.

By discussing mental health, we are identifying the individual, social and structural determinants of mental health, and then intervening to reduce risks, build resilience and establish supportive environments for mental health.

From **May 15th to May 21st 2023**, we will be discussing Mental Health Awareness Week at Wood End Park Academy.

The theme for this year is 'anxiety'.

Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem. Focusing on anxiety for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week will increase people's awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the things that can help prevent it from becoming a problem. At the same time, we will help and support in keeping up the pressure to demand change - making sure that improving mental health is a key priority for the government and society as a whole.

Anxiety is a feeling of unease, such as worry or fear – it's an understandable reaction in children to change or a stressful event. But for some children, anxiety affects their behaviour and thoughts on a daily basis, interfering with their school, home and social life. It is vital for our Wood End Park Academy pupils to understand they are in a safe environment and that discussing their needs can help them. We promote a space for pupils to learn about different needs as well as to gain confidence in sharing their own concerns, thus alleviating the stress and early onset of anxiety in our children. We will be carrying out different activities to promote relaxation methods whilst still having fun!

Wood End Park pupils will be showing their unwavering support by participating in **'Wear It Green Day' on 19th May 2023**. Green is the colour of ribbon for the international symbol of mental health awareness and on this day we will hope to raise vital funds and awareness for the Mental Health Foundation. A donation of a gold coin would make a great difference so remember to be decked out in green on the day!



**FRIDAY 19th MAY 2023**

# Events



## Important Dates for the Summer Term

17.4.23	Start of Summer Term
20.4.23	Year 2 trip to Iver Environment Centre
01.5.23	May Bank Holiday
03.5.23	Year 4 trip to Ruislip Synagogue
08.5.23	Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
09.5.23 - 12.5.23	Year 6 SATS week
22.5.23	Class Photos
24.5.23	Year 6 trip to Airport Bowling & Barra Hall Park
26.5.23	Year 2 trip to Tower of London
29.5.23 - 2.6.23	Half Term Week
12.6.23	Year 5 trip to Natural History Museum
13.6.23	Year 5 trip to Natural History Museum
14.6.23	Year 6 trip Tour of Westminster
15.6.23	Year 6 trip Tour of Westminster
16.6.23 - 19.6.23	Year 6 PGL
20.6.23	Year 2 trip to Neasden Temple
21.6.23	Year 1 trip to Wellington Country Park
23.6.23	Year 2 trip to West Wittering Beach
28.6.23	Year 4 trip to Buckingham Palace
29.6.23	Year 4 trip to Buckingham Palace
30.6.23	Nursery and Reception Mill Cottage Farm
5.7.23	Year 6 trip to Boscombe Beach
6.7.23	Year 6 trip to Boscombe Beach
7.7.23	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
10.7.23	Federation Athletics
12.7.23	Year 4 Sports Day
13.7.23	Years 1, 2, 3 Sports Day
14.7.23	Year 5 Sports Day
17.7.23	Year 6 Sports Day
19.7.23	End of Term

Further information and letters will be given closer to each event or trip.

# Information



Please note all payments must be made on parent pay. If you pay for your child's school meals, please check their accounts regularly to ensure funds are available for the meal.

Money should be on their parent pay account, before they order their lunch in the morning



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.



## 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:

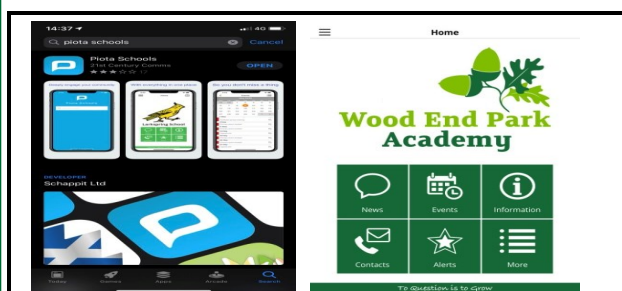
Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'

Step Three:

Go to 'More' then 'Settings'

Step Four:

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



## Summer Term 2023

**Term Starts Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2nd June 2023**

**Term Ends Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 2:30pm  
For children**

\*Staff Development Day - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

\*Staff Development Day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## Autumn Term 2023

\*Staff Development Day - Monday 4th September 2023

**Term Starts Tuesday 5th September 2023**

\*Pupils do not attend on these days

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

**You will be liable to submit a payment (fine) to the  
local authority.**

# Information



## Wood End Park Academy School Dates for 2023/2024

### Autumn Term 2023

*Staff Development Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
*Staff Development Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>

### Spring Term 2023

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

### Summer Term 2023

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

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