

Wood End Park Academy

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Message from the Principal

Happy New Year!

I hope each of our families had a lovely winter break and saw the new year in well. May the year of 2023 be a successful, positive and joyful one for us all.

A Wish for Wood End Park academy...

I know many of us make resolutions to keep for the year ahead. Wood End Park academy is doing well in so many areas and we have a lot to shout about however, pupil attendance is low. We do know of the virus that young people were picking up in the cold weather and we are hoping for improved figures for this term. Parents, your support in this area is so important as we know how much your child will pay heed to your guidance on their attendance in school. We have incentives for pupils including the re-launch of the end of term pizza party which is for all pupils who have 100% attendance for the whole term. We have added rewards for those who maintain their 100% attendance from last term- watch this space!

This term will see the inclusion of many memorable events as last term. With covid restrictions lifted, we are organising visitors and trips so pupils' skills and knowledge are extended to the highest level possible. We are also placing more material for pupils to learn from in advance of their lessons in years 1 to 6. This material can be found on **Google Classroom**. Do let your child's class teacher know if you cannot access google classroom for your child. On this platform are resources to learn from to get ahead in subjects of science, Religious Education, History and Geography. Your child also has sets of quizzes to complete each week which help them to remember their learning. Latest research has seen that pupils forget a lot of their learning from primary school and this is not our aim for WEPA pupils! We want them to remember as much of their learning as possible to take to their futures with them.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, the website has information on the learning for your child this term.

Important Date for Parents:

We have our next information session which will give guidance on how to keep your child safe, well; also on how to help your child at home in their learning. This will be Tuesday 10th January 9.05am and 2.30pm. We would value your presence at these sessions as it is an opportunity for us to hear from you too.

The weather will still be cool this term. Do ensure your child has layers to wear with a hat and scarf being preferable too. This will help to keep your child warm and those bugs at bay!

Looking forward to the term ahead with you all

Fondest Regards

Ms Surjeet Johra : Principal

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.

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 year 5 children really enjoyed this session.

Mrs Gill

“I liked how they went through the process of helping someone in need (first aid). When an emergency is in place, there are many different ways you can help. Don't be a bystander and always help someone in need no matter what you think of them. When you help someone, you may be saving their life!”

Hafsah 5AG

“During the workshop, I really liked how we were taught methods on how to deal with real life emergency situations. I learnt how different injuries affect people in different ways. I also learnt that you can call 999 in an emergency and 111 if it is not a serious injury. I will use this learning in life so I can assist a person in need, when they have an injury. It was great to know the different uses of the equipment in the first aid boxes.”

Aashirya 5AG



Events

Year 5 Water and Steam Museum Trip

As part of WEPA's Geography unit, Year 5 children were lucky enough to visit the Water and Steam Museum in Brentford. During the day, the children were tasked with a range of activities which included a tour of the world's largest collection of stationary steam pumping engines!

The students practised their team work skills to work out how to filter water using rocks and sand. A quiz in the Waterworks gallery provided the opportunity for the children to practise their knowledge of water. Finally, the children braved the cold weather and headed outside to the Splash Zone to use the Archimedes Screw, hand pumps, dams and pipes.

Comments from the children:

"I loved playing in the splash zone, we got to use levers and pulleys which we learnt about in science" - Ismael 5RT

"In the waterworks gallery, I found out that it takes over 2400 litres of water to make a burger!" - Manveer 5AG

"The experiment we did was really interesting, I didn't realise that rocks could help to filter water" - Salma 5TF



BOCCIA FESTIVAL

On Thursday 10th November 2022, Wood End Park Academy held the first Inclusive Boccia festival for the Park Federation.

It was lovely to see all the children with different abilities playing Boccia.

Boccia is a new age sport, played with different coloured small balls. You have to try and aim to roll the ball into different targets. This can also be adapted with ramps and other equipment to suit needs. Certain games had slightly different objectives, with the balls having to go into different zones and targets.

All the academies that attended said they extremely enjoyed the experience and the children received medals for their amazing determination and skills.

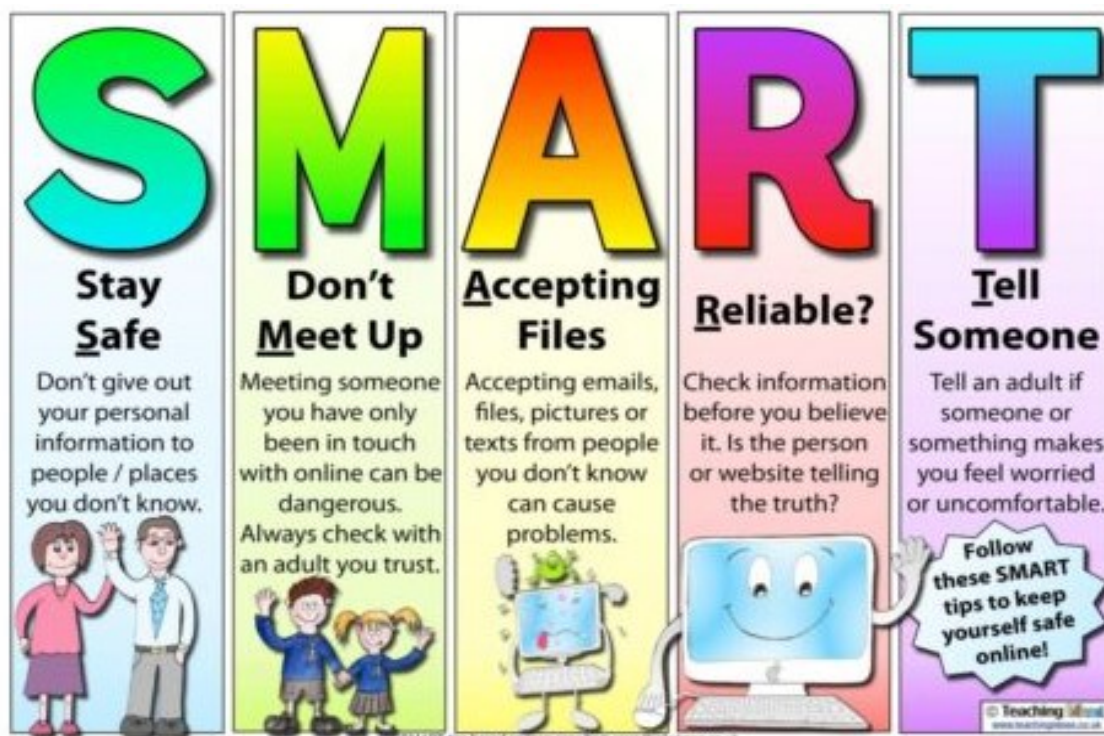
Well done to everyone and a special well done to our WEPA children who were selected!



ONLINE SAFETY

Mobile phones, tablets and laptops can open up a world of exploration, learning and fun and children should be encouraged to make the most of the benefits. But there are also risks and dangers to being online, and by working together parents and children can learn to safely navigate the internet and social media. Here are some top tips on how to keep safe online during Christmas:

- Explain how children can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts and images, and warn them about sharing personal information.
- Check if any of the mobile apps they use have location services enabled, and disable this if they do not want to be tracked.
- Show them how to report offensive comments or block people who upset them.
- Check 'tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed.
- Encourage your child to come and talk to you if they see anything that upsets them.
- Ask them to show you which social media apps they use, what they like about them and talk about how to use them safely.



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 metal bottle 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

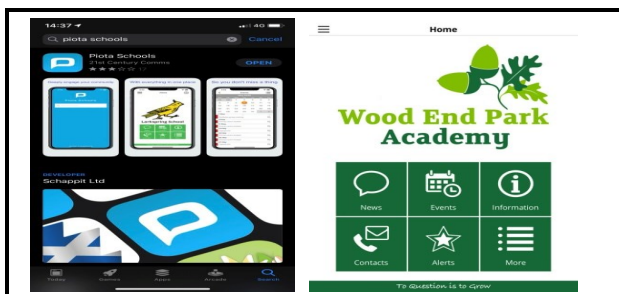
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For Android devices please use

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.schools&hl=en_GB

Step Two:

Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'



Spring Term 2023

Term Starts Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half Term Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023

End of Term Friday 31st March 2023 at 2:30pm

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts Monday 17th April 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

**Term Ends Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 2:30pm
For children**

*Staff Development Day - Thursday 20th July 2023

*Staff Development Day - Friday 21st July 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.