

Wood End Park Academy

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October 2022

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the October edition of our academy newsletter. It is full of news and events as usual.

I hope each of our families had a lovely half term break. Happy Belated Diwali to those who celebrate this festival. Everyone in our community wishes you a happy new year and hope you enjoyed your celebrations.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the performance of Diwali led by class 6SK and pupils marking this special festival by dressing up on the last day of the half term. We will have a number of events to mark Christmas in December. These performances will be led by Reception, Years 1 and 2 plus Year 5.

Pupils have had a fantastic start to the year and it is time for us to share with you how your own child has been doing. Parent Meetings will take place in the week of 14th November. They will either be on Tuesday 15th after school or Thursday 17th November after school. Please do ensure you have time on one of these evenings to schedule your appointment.

School Uniform

I am so pleased with the way pupils are wearing their school uniform across the school. If you have any items your child has grown out of and you do not need any more, please donate these to the school as we are keen that families have opportunities to access school uniform easily. Items can be dropped off to the school office. I thank you in advance for this.

Attendance

Class 2MJ is our latest class to have 100% attendance. Well done! We do have a steady increase and improvement in our school attendance and I am hoping that this half term sees more pupils attending school every day. I know we can do it! We pride ourselves in planning and preparing lessons for your children so they do well in their future lives too. We need them each day to access this. It also makes me extremely happy to have all the WEPA children in.



We have organised special pizza parties for those who do attend school every single day. I know the pupils are looking forward to this and with your support can work to get an invite to it. The party will be our way of celebrating the impressive attendance by your child!

It has been noted that many children are arriving for school late and are also being collected late after school has finished. This is monitored and could result in a member of the Senior Leadership Team meeting with parents. Children need to be in school before the gate closes promptly at 9.00am and be collected at 3.20pm at the end of the day unless they are attending boosters or clubs

Events

Harvest Festival



Thank you to our kind parents/carers and children at Wood End Park Academy, for your food donations to our annual Harvest Festival Celebration.

The donations that you gave were immense and for this we are truly grateful. This year we have supported our local food bank run by [The Trussell Trust](#). All of our food collected has been dropped off to the local food bank at Tesco Extra Glencoe Road, Hayes, UB4 9SQ. We would like to thank you all again for your help in supporting our local community.

100% Attendance

Well Done to class 4YK for having 100% attendance week ending 14th October 2022.



Events

Peer Mediators in Action



Some photos of our Peer Mediators doing what they do best – ensuring children have a safe environment to tell their stories and helping them work out any problems they may have without any conflict. They also facilitate play amongst peers making sure no child is left out!



Our Peer Mediators in Year 5 act as mediators on a rotation. Two different children each day will act as the mediators for Year 3 - 6 in the playground during play-time and lunch-time. If a problem arises which requires mediation, playground supervisors will seek out the mediators to help diffuse the situation. The peer mediators work closely with our lunchtime support staff and have weekly meetings to reflect on the week and train for the week ahead.

Reading Mentors in Action!

WEPA's Reading Mentors have certainly had a busy few weeks. Sporting their brand new Reading Mentor badges, members of Year 5 and 6 have been supporting younger children all over the school.



On Monday lunchtimes, they invite Year 3 and 4 children to read with them. The mentors help the younger pupils with phonetic word reading, understanding vocabulary and choosing suitable books that interest them.

Reading Mentors have also been supporting Year 1 pupils in their Guided Reading sessions. They have been helping out the teachers by hearing pupils reading their exciting Paddington books out loud. This has helped the younger pupils with their confidence skills and their ability to retell the stories.

Events

Curriculum



In History, WEPA have been developing the curriculum even more by exposing the children to more artefacts. We have been 'thinking like Historians' by asking questions about the artefacts: what do they tell us?... are they reliable?... how do they compare to items we use today? Here are some of the new Benin artefacts that Year 4 have been looking at. History Day was a huge success again and children were able to explore new artefacts that we have in the school.

In Science, we have been developing our Scientific investigations. We offer the children a range of equipment and encourage them to use it, test it and explore scientific concepts. We have been working hard on our enquiry skills and how we can 'think like scientists' when writing hypothesis, methods and conclusions. A method should include: variables, fair testing, clear steps, how to take accurate and reliable results.

In PE, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a dance and a gymnastic specialist to our school. The dance teacher is working with Year 2 and they are really enjoying the sessions. The gymnastics teacher is working with Year 3 and they have reached new heights in their learning (literally). We are so lucky to have them and hope to get more year groups working with them soon.



Events

Art and D&T Week

During the final week of half term the Amazing Artists and Daring Designers of WEPA took to Art and D&T week like ducks to water! From Year 1, all the way to Year 6 some truly outstanding masterpieces were created. The children were busy building on their previously learnt skills as well as brand new techniques to create some spectacular creations.

Here are just some of the amazing creations...



Topic for Year 1—Fruit Salad



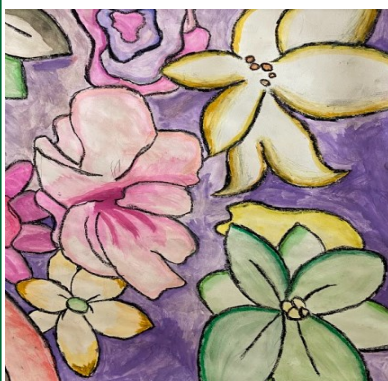
Topic for Year 2—Great Fire of London



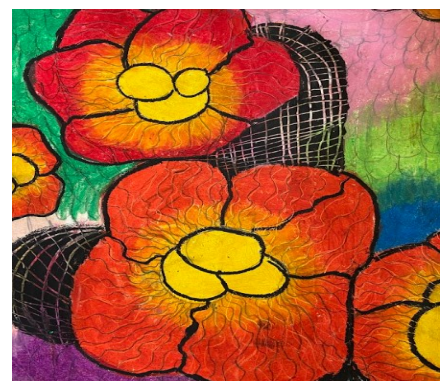
Topic for Year 3 - Healthy Meals



Topic for Year 6—Andy Warhol



Topic for Year 5—Georgia O'Keefe



Events

Star Readers in Key Stage 1

Reading plays a key role in every child's development and helps them learn new and unfamiliar words which will enrich their vocabulary, as well as their language and comprehension skills.

Our Star Readers initiative is designed to promote the joys and benefits of reading to all of our pupils in KS1. All they have to do is read up to 25 books to be awarded a Star Reader Badge! Certificates are also awarded after reading 5, 12 and 20 books.

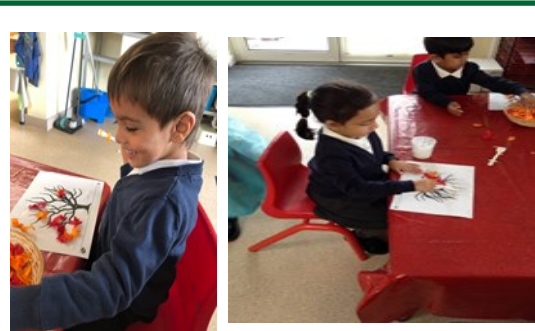
All pupils have a reading record to track their own reading and participation in the Star Readers Challenge. All pupils who complete the challenge by reading at least 5 or more books will be awarded a bronze badge, a silver badge or a gold badge!

Please encourage your child to achieve an award by reading with them, visiting the library and sharing a variety of books with them.

NURSERY IN ACTION—THIS TERM WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT



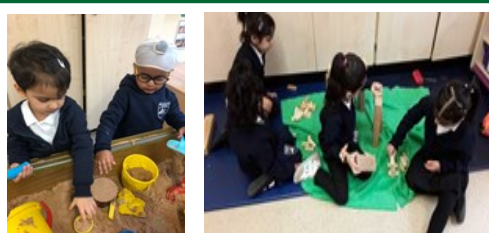
Learning to form letters by tracing over letters and patterns and developing our pencil grip.



We are learning about autumn tree and how they change colour



We get physical exercise outside which is good for our Wellbeing



We are sharing resources and working together

I love to count. How Many do I need?

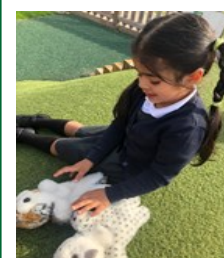


We are learning that all families are different



I am learning how to take care of others

I love the Owl Babies' story, I can act it out



Events



Sports Events

On the 28th September 2022, WEPA took part in a Teamwork festival at Barnhill Community High aimed at year 6 students who would benefit from increased participation in sport as well as building new relationships, friends and team cohesion skills. The Group Of 8 pupils completed a variety of stations, including Orienteering (Map reading), dodgeball & multiple problem solving activities.

Handball Taster Year 2 and Year 6

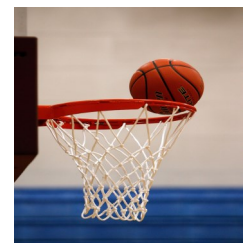
On the 12th October 2022, WEPA took part in a Handball taster here at Wood End Park academy run by external Handball England coaches. The taster was aimed at year 2 students firstly who would benefit from the introduction to the sport, its rules and use of the new equipment etc. They Very much enjoyed this morning's exposure! Then the afternoon was directed to Year 6 who's knowledge and understanding of Handball from PE lessons really shone through, the coach tweaked technique but on the whole was happy to deliver sessions based on match play.

Basketball

Wood End Park Academy attended the Federation basketball tournament at Western House Academy School in Slough, on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th October 2022. The teams consisted of four boys and four girls from years 3 and 4. A mixed team of four would start the first half and then another mixed team would play the second half. Wood End started off very strong and won all their group matches with some excellent individual performances. The team showed great team spirit and character to pull through and excel to the next round. In the knockout stages, Wood End were up against the hosts - Western House. It was an absolute thriller where it was a draw all the way up until the very end, Western House were able to find the basket in the final few minutes to take them through to the finals. A great effort from the WEPA team, I am sure we will be back even stronger next year!

Inclusion Festival Year 5 and 6

On the 19th October 2022, WEPA took part in an Inclusion festival at Cranford Community College aimed at year 5/6 students who again would benefit from increased participation in sport as well as building self esteem who may need help finding their favourite sport. The Group Of 9 Children completed a variety of stations, including Football, dodgeball and multiple problem solving activities, Sitting volleyball, Gaelic football and archery.



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:

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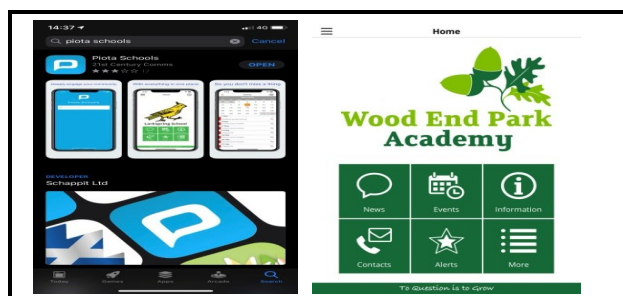
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For Android devices please use

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Step Two:

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Autumn Term 2022

*Staff Development Day - Thursday 1st September 2022

*Staff Development Day - Friday 2nd September 2022

Term Starts Monday 5th September 2022

*Staff Development Day Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022

Term Ends Friday 16th December 2022 at 2:30pm

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

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