

Wood End Park Academy

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January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope we have each enjoyed the first month of the year. The pupils have started off the calendar well despite the days of very cold weather and hints of snow approaching - which we avoided!

Attendance

Thank you for all of your support with attendance. We have noted a difference with some pupils across the school. I am working closely with the teachers of Reception as this year group of children traditionally have the lowest attendance and I appreciate all the parents who have worked with me since Christmas to improve their own child's attendance at school. Most pupils have a good improved record which will help with the overall school attendance. The best year group in the school is Year 4. We have many classes with 100% attendance on many days and for the week too. This means this year group of children are accessing all their learning and this will support them with their future too. A shout out to the parents of Year 4!

Chinese New Year

The last day for this half term is Friday 9th February. This Friday we are celebrating Chinese New Year. A year 3 class will put on an extra special performance and this is open to all parents from the school. If you wish to watch the performance, entry is through the KS1 gate (middle gate) and into the KS1 hall. This Friday we will also be marking International Day of Women in Science.

Next Half Term

The break is for a week and we expect all pupils to return to school on Monday 19th February. All those here for this first day back will be entered into a prize draw with a chance of winning an Amazon Voucher worth 20 pounds! This is because we want every child to be motivated to be in school on this first day and have a chance of getting 100% attendance for the whole half term.

The week we return will also be Art Week and pupils will be carrying out their Spring Term Art work. We will be showcasing this at our after school Curriculum Exhibition on Tuesday 27th February. Each parent can attend, visit a class in each year group across the school to see the range of Art that has been taking place and have a go at some art work themselves!

The week of 4th March will be our Parent Meeting Week- do look out for the letter to get your appointment booked.

Before I wish you a lovely half term break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr and Mrs Hussain all the joy as the time draws closer for the birth of their first child. We wish Mrs Hussain all the very best on her maternity leave. A thank you to Mrs Kapikyan for all of her work at Wood End Park academy as she looks forward to her retirement after many years of service as a teacher. We will miss you!

Ms Johra
Principal



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

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).

Events

Reception—Fire Fighter’s Visit

This term, Reception students are learning about the “People who help us” and they were visited by the Fire Service.

A local fire brigade from Hillingdon kindly paid a visit to the school and gave a talk about the role of a firefighter, how they use the fire engine and what they have to do to become a firefighter.

The show and tell session was a big hit with the children and it got them really excited when the firefighters showed them what equipment they had in the fire engine and demonstrated how some of these were used, but definitely the Q&A session was their favourite part where they got the opportunity to ask the firefighters questions about their job. As well as trying on the helmet and test the radio!



We had a wonderful visit from local firefighters. The visit was of great excitement to the children. They all enjoyed a hands-on experience of linking their learning in the classroom to the real life object of reference - a full sized working fire engine! This gave the children a unique insight into our topic about People Who Help Us.



Events

Year 2 Workshop—Florence Nightingale

On Monday 22nd January, Florence Nightingale came to visit Year 2. The children found out all about her life and had the opportunity to dress up and re-enact a scene from the hospital in Scutari.

The children impressed 'Florence Nightingale' with their knowledge and they all came away having learnt something new!

"My favourite part of the workshop was seeing Florence Nightingale in real life. I learnt that Florence was not allowed to go to school because she was a girl!"

Matthias 2MP



The Park Federation Dodgeball Tournament

We're thrilled to share the exciting news from the recent park federation dodgeball tournament where our year 4 children showcased their incredible skills and sportsmanship. The children demonstrated exceptional teamwork and determination to reach the semi finals of the tournament. Please do take a moment to celebrate their success and encourage their passion for sports.



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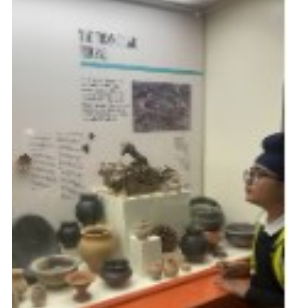
Year 3 Trip to the Verulamium Museum

Remarkable Roman Odyssey

This term, our young historians had an enchanting adventure at the Verulamium museum in the ancient city of St Albans, formerly known as Verulamium in Roman times.

Roman Culture and society

Upon their arrival, the children were immersed into various aspects of Roman society and culture. They explored Roman worship, they learned about their gods, Roman craftsmanship and the economic significance of Roman coins that fuelled the empire's expansion. The highlight of the trip was an ancient marvel - the Hypocaust. This ancient Roman heating system, with a hollow space beneath the building's floor where hot air was directed, was accompanied by a remarkably intact mosaic. Many of the children's hearts jumped with joy when observing this amazing feat of Roman engineering and design. Soon after, the journey of discovery continued as the children stepped into a Roman Villa, with some remarking on the beguiling décor. Indeed many children suggested that the style of interior design was extremely pleasant and quite modern in some respects.



Market Workshop

Post-museum tour, the children embarked on a fascinating journey to a Roman Market Workshop. Here, they immersed themselves in the era by dressing as either Romans or Celtic tribes. One student from each class even demonstrated the intricate art of wearing a toga, depicting the attire of a Roman senator. The enthusiastic group explored various facets of ancient Roman life, including diet, medicine, toys, writing materials, and lamps. Ultimately, our students absorbed a wealth of knowledge about Roman civilization, culture, society, and community life. Their animated discussions on the coach journey home demonstrated the lasting impact of this priceless school memory.



Events

School Council Assembly on Respecting Rights.

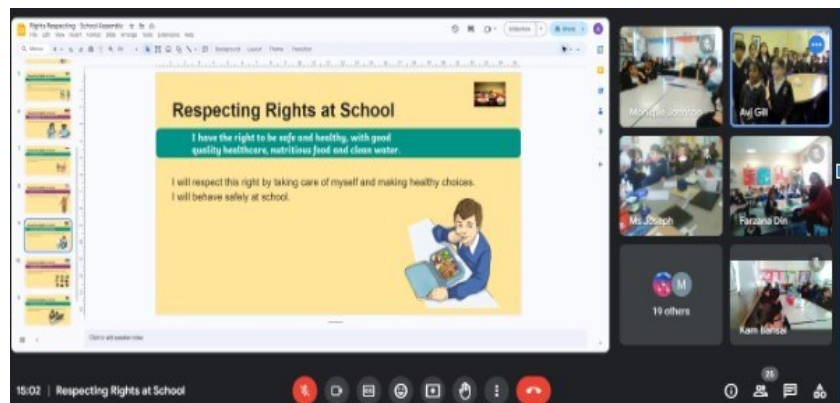
In a resounding display of leadership, WEPA's dedicated school councillors recently took centre stage in a virtual assembly, delivering a compelling message on the importance of respecting rights. Despite the challenges of the online format, the school community was captivated by the councillors efforts.

Throughout the assembly, the councillors skilfully addressed the significance of upholding rights within the school environment, fostering a sense of unity and understanding among pupils. Their articulate delivery and engaging approach ensured that the message resonated effectively with the diverse audience.

The positive response from the school community was palpable, with many expressing appreciation for the councillors commitment to promoting a culture of respect, understanding and respecting rights of each individual. The virtual assembly served as a testament to WEPA's dedication to nurturing responsible and empathetic individuals.

Mrs Gill

Vice Principal



Reception, Doctors visit.

After an induction the doctor presented a powerpoint to the children, followed by a show and tell of his equipment in his doctor's bag. Finally, we ended the presentation with the children asking him questions.



Events

Tuesday 27th February - Art Exhibition

Art can is one of the activities that engages and inspires children and adults alike. It is in this spirit that WEPA is thrilled to invite parents and carers to experience the wonderful art that the talented children have produced. Parents will not only be welcomed into their children's classrooms to marvel at the delights on display but to take part in an art activity themselves. The WEPA art exhibition is a cherished event in our academic calendar and we are eager to share this memorable event with you.



Events

For the Internet Safety Day:

On Tuesday 6th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. This year the campaign will be focusing on changes online and as a school we will be focusing on young people's perspective on new and emerging technology and how the internet can be used to make a change for the better.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre has created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents. Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

Keep an eye out on our Social Media accounts for the work we have done for this day and short video clips from our Computing Ambassadors!



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday
6 February

www.saferinternetday.org



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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

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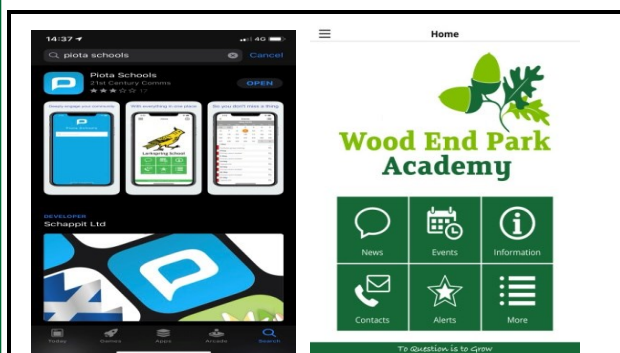
Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'

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 th October
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October 2023
Term Ends	Thursday 21st December 2023 2.30pm

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts	Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2024
End of Term	Thursday 28th March 2024 2.30pm

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts	Monday 15th April 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
Term Ends	Friday 19th July 2024 2.30PM

- *Staff Development Day Monday 22nd July 2024
- *Staff Development Day Tuesday 23rd July 2024
- *Staff Development Day Wednesday 24th July 2024

*Pupils do not attend on these days

Please note holidays taken during term time will not be authorised