

Wood End Park Academy

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter. It brings us to the end of our first term of the academic year and what term it has been!

Pupils have settled in well and visitors have reported how wonderfully focused they are in their work. We are seeing the great progress they are making. Next term we are hoping to showcase more curriculum work after our successful Dance Exhibition to show off their talents.

Visits and Visitors have been in abundance! We have had talks from the dental nurse on dental hygiene and the British Red Cross have delivered online workshops to year 5 on first aid. Other virtual workshops include those by the British Museum, enthraling pupils with facts and artefacts from Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. Next term we will be enriching our French learning by pupils with a new On-site workshop visiting for year 4 pupils.

Art is an area we are working on and we are trying to gain our ArtsMark award. We have had our local artist in again and a new visitor creating sculptures with our children. Some teachers are visiting the National Gallery to gain further ideas from them on excellent art.

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural education is an offer we have had in place for a long time. We have submitted a portfolio of what we do and are looking to gain a Gold Award for our work in this area!

The term has ended with Christmas performances so thank you to all parents who attended these. It was lovely to see you.

Thank you for all of your support this term and we expect every child back on Monday 8th January. We know we can have even more children with 100% attendance next term and we will be offering our pizza parties again as a reward.

Wishing everyone an especially special winter break and I hope you see the New Year in well

Ms Johra

Principal

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.

Ancient Roman Virtual Workshop

The children in Year 3 had the opportunity to learn about the importance of the different roles at the British Museum and learn about the Roman artefacts with the Museum Educator. Have you been to the British Museum? Where do you think the artefacts in the Museum come from? Well, Year 3 learnt that the artefacts come from all around the world! Do you know, how many objects are in the collection? There are 8,000,000 (8 million) objects in the British Museum and 1000 people are working at the Museum including Scientists! What is treasure? "Treasure is: coins, jewels, jewellery and this is in a treasure chest which is buried deep under the ground!" Zoravar in 3AT mentioned this and the Educator was astonished with his answer! The children even played an online game called Kahoot which was interactive, fun and knowledgeable. Did you know something amazing, behind



the Museum there is a building where the Scientist look at these artefacts in greater detail, clean the artefacts and find information about the artefacts. The Museum experts: first discover the object, then research the object and finally display the object. Look at the Roman coin, can you read it? Ancient Romans spoke and wrote in Latin – you might need to look at the Latin alphabet! Why not research more about the Ancient Romans and take a visit to the Museum to see the real artefacts and become a Handy Historian!

Sculptor Visit

The Year 5 students were thrilled to host a visit from a professional sculptor at WEPA recently. Neil Wood, a graduate from the Wimbledon School of Art, with over three decades of experience as a sculptor and fine artist, graced our school to impart his expertise on relief sculpture.

During the workshop, Mr. Wood passionately shared his knowledge of sculpture, specifically focusing on its relevance in ancient Greek art. Witnessing an artist at work left the children captivated, sparking their imagination and lifting their spirits. The students were elated to discover the joy of creating beautiful works of art themselves.

Under Mr. Wood's guidance, the children not only honed their existing skills but also acquired new ones. It was a truly immersive and captivating day for all involved. The experience has enriched the students' understanding of art, allowing them to explore their creativity while learning from a seasoned professional. We are immensely grateful to Mr. Wood for his time and dedication in inspiring our young artists.

We look forward to seeing the continued creativity and growth of our Year 5 students as they apply their newfound skills in their artistic endeavours.



Events

Year 3 Pantomime Childhood Promise Trip

We are thrilled to share the exciting adventure our Year 3 students embarked upon during their recent trip to the Beck Theatre! This outing was part of their Childhood Promise initiative, aimed at fostering enriching experiences for our young learners.

Nestled in the heart of West London, the Beck Theatre stands as a vibrant hub for entertainment, offering a 600-seat venue showcasing comedy, dance, drama, and music - a true gem in Hayes.

The children were spellbound for three key reasons:

1. Fulfilling Childhood Promises: This trip was a testament to our commitment to nurturing childhood promises, ensuring our students experience a diverse range of cultural and artistic delights.

2. Beck Theatre Extravaganza: The venue, renowned for its dynamic line-up, provided an awe-inspiring showcase of talent and creativity that left our students wide-eyed with wonder.

3. Unforgettable Experiences: As our young attendees returned, their faces beamed with joy. One child exclaimed, "Best day ever!" Another shared, "I felt happy because I was part of the show." And yet another described it as "a magical experience" - sentiments that truly encapsulate the essence of their journey.

The heartfelt feedback from our children echoes the success of this trip, reinforcing the value of such experiences in nurturing their love for the arts and enriching their learning journey.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our teachers, staff, and the supporting adults who made this excursion possible, enriching our students' lives with this memorable adventure.



British Museum Ancient Greeks Online

Towering temples, colossal columns, daring designs... Last week year 5 were taken on an intriguing adventure through the impressive architecture of the Ancient Greeks. Their mission? To design their own Ancient Greek-style temple. Year 5 were introduced online to the impressive collection of the British Museum, which boasts a collection of over 8 million artefacts! An expert from the British Museum dialled in to connect with the pupils online, engaging the pupils in live activities, interactive quizzes and thought-provoking questions, to help them enhance their knowledge and understanding of the past. The pupils explored temples from around the Ancient Greek world, and used archaeological objects to investigate the features of the temples, and how the Ancient Greeks used them. The pupils identified the gods and goddesses worshipped in Ancient Greece, and used the artwork to analyse stories from the past. Finally, they used their learning to design their very own ancient Greek temple, choosing their own column design, God and location! This was a fantastic event, which whet the pupil's appetite for their history unit on Ancient Greece next term.

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Teachers Embrace Art

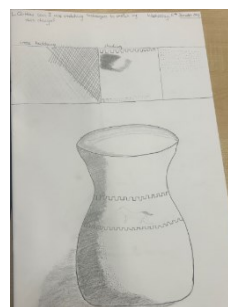
In a recent professional development event, all teachers at WEPA delved into the world of art to master techniques that will be taught to our students during the upcoming spring term. This engaging session focused on imparting skills essential for the children's art projects, encompassing various techniques such as sketching and cross cross-hatching

Utilizing a diverse range of artistic mediums including paint, water colours, pastels, charcoal, as well as mosaic pieces crafted from glass and ceramic, the teachers passionately explored their creativity to produce stunning works of art.

The experience left our educators enthralled, as they discovered the joy and fulfilment of creating beautiful pieces. Their enthusiasm is palpable as they eagerly anticipate sharing their newfound skills and artistic endeavours with the children.

This initiative not only enhances the teachers' proficiency in art but also paves the way for an exciting and enriching spring term for our students, where they'll have the opportunity to learn and create under the guidance of inspired and adept instructors.

We are thrilled by the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our teachers and look forward to witnessing the mutual inspiration between our educators and students in the realm of art.



End Of Term

The Autumn Term will finish on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 2:30pm.

Please collect your child on time.

After School Care Club

If your child attend the after school care club with Mrs Ladwa, please check your parent pay account and clear any outstanding balance you may have,

Information

To All Our Families at WEPA,

We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Hope you all enjoy the festive holidays and we look forward to seeing you all on
Monday 8th January 2024



Merry
CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.



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

Step Two:

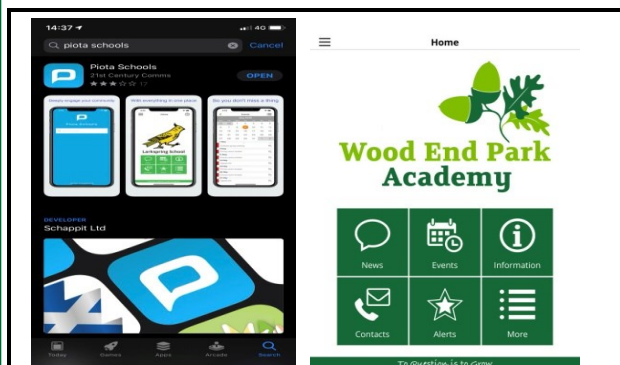
Type in 'Wood End Park Academy'

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

Term Ends **Thursday 21st December 2023**

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts **Monday 8th January 2024**

Half Term **Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024**

End of Term **Thursday 28th March 2024**

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts **Monday 15th April 2024**

Half Term **Monday 27th May – Friday 31st 2024**

Term Ends **Friday 19th July 2024**

*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