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Messages from our Principal: Working for Excellent Performance Always



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. Pupils have been very settled in classes and their attitudes to their learning have been impressive.

A review of the Academy has been successful too. Pupils have been seen to work through their "layers" and will be well supported in their work.

Reminder:

Please use our website to keep up to date with our latest information and key dates. There are also many resources for you to access. The support you provide with your child's learning makes a **real difference** and we achieved great success last year.

Achievements last year:

- Pupils left Reception at a good standard: WEPA Reception pupils outcomes is 7% higher than the national average.
- 93% of our year 1 pupils passed the

phonics test; 12% higher than the national average!

- There were significant improvements in outcomes by year two children and they left higher than the national average or in line in every subject.
- Year 6 pupils achieved outcomes higher than the national average in grammar, writing and maths.

Other Messages:

- Do ensure your child reads at home each day. **Daily reading** is very important so your child can access the whole curriculum easily.
- Our children need to **drink water** regularly to stay hydrated and focused. Do make an effort to ensure your child has their own named water bottle.
- Only book bags are needed in school (otherwise the school rucksack so it fits in with the uniform code). The academy does not have space for other bags and these are not allowed any more. Your child will be given a plastic

zip up wallet for their reading book so ruck sacks can be left at home.

- Shoes should be pure black with no other colour on them.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning, smartness and safety.

J Johra

Ms Johra

Reminder:

Holidays taken in school time are **not allowed**. Parents can be fined for taking children out of school.

A huge thank you for your kind support on "Jeans for Genes" day on Friday 22nd September. Your donations meant that we raised a total of:

£602.66

Thank You!



Wood End Park Academy: Year Group Overview

Early Years

The Early Year's children in both Nursery and Reception have settled really well into Wood End Park Academy. They are happy to come to school and complete a variety of activities before going home. We have been particularly impressed with the children's attitudes to making new friends and helping each other. There have been some lovely moments which we have all commented on.

In reception the children have all begun phonics and this week we started our topic of Fairy tales with the story of the "Three Billy Goats Gruff". The children have engaged in a variety of activities including painting their own troll and creating a troll trap to stop the troll from being bad.

In nursery the children have been exploring the environment and getting to know the teachers. They have created a variety of paintings and printings which are now displayed in our nursery. As the term continues we will be continuing with our first theme of all about me learning about our bodies and what makes us special.

The reception children are still getting used to the variety of food at lunch time please do talk to them about this as this will help them in school. Overall it has been a very positive start to the year and we look forward to all the wonderful learning your child will do in their Early Years at Wood End Park Academy.

Miss Knight, Early Years Vice Principal

Years 1 and 2

What a great start to the 2017/18 academic year for KS1! The year 1 and 2 staff have been working hard to ensure that all the children are settling in well into their new classes, routines and environments. I have been particularly proud of the good behaviour and manners that the children have shown, especially the kindness some children have displayed to other pupils finding the transition period a little more tricky. We have some fantastic events coming up so it is vital that each child attends school everyday so they don't miss out!

The year 2's have recently been immersed in life during 1666 by the fascinating workshops they have experienced this week and year 1 will be visiting the Build a Bear workshop soon. Upcoming events for parents to look forward to are, the Great Fire of London assembly where year 2 children will show off their knowledge of the past and there will also be an assembly to celebrate Black History which will also be performed by year 2 next month. In year 1, our first parent and

child joint reading sessions begin **this Friday** so come along! What an exciting time to be in KS1!

Miss Belle, Years 1 and 2 Vice Principal

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have settled particularly well since returning from the summer holiday. Children thus far have enjoyed an Egyptian workshop in year 3, and year 4 will soon be visiting the National Portrait Gallery. Please ensure your child has returned their slips in order for them to ensure their place on the trip. Thank you to Mrs Bridges and Mr Barnes on a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, September 29th, this raised lots of money for an excellent cause (We will bring you a total when we have it).

Also, if you are interested in joining the Parent Council, please let me know. At the Parent Council you can find out about the latest developments in the Academy.

Mr Barnes, Years 3 and 4 Vice Principal

Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 have had an excellent start to the new year; the children have settled well into their new classes, and have been showing off some excellent work in their new topics. I have been particularly proud of the writing the children are already producing, showing off all the year 5 and skills they are already learning.

The year has started with some excellent trips and visits where the children have had some hands on experience around the topics they are learning. Year 5 have already had a visit from a Victorian theatre company, where they experienced a day in the life of a Victorian school child. It was very interesting to see how teachers used to be back then! They have also visited Osterley park, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 6 have visited the RAF museum, where they looked at some of the fascinating artefacts from WW2. Children were able to travel back to 1940 where they had the opportunity to meet an Air Raid Warden who showed them how to stay safe during blackouts, gas attacks and air raids. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Overall, it has been a great start for years 5 and 6!

Miss Grice, Years 5 and 6 Vice Principal

More photos can be viewed on the WEPA website

Eid Assembly by 6HM

On Friday 22nd September, 6HM treated a packed hall to the first Year 6 class assembly of the year. This assembly focused on the celebration of Eid-ul-Adha and 6HM presented a varied assembly with lots of information, a well-performed play about fasting and the story of Ibrahim and Ishma'il. They really showed off their knowledge and helped some of the audience learn lots of new and interesting facts about Eid. Afterwards there was a very tasty selection of food available. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that brought in food to share. Hopefully the rest of Year 6 can live up to the high standard set by 6HM!

Miss McIntosh: 6HM Teacher

Year 6 Visits RAF Hendon

During the trip we were able to gain experience that taught us about what life was like in the 1940s. We took part in an air raid, where a siren went off and we made our way to an Anderson shelter. Inside the shelter was cramped, but the noises/sounds that we could hear outside really made us feel that we were in World War 2. We also had the opportunity to try on RAF uniforms and learnt about what each of the symbols on the uniforms meant. All in all it was a brilliant day - we learnt lots about life during World War 2 - a memorable day!

Miss Shirley: Director of Teaching and Learning

Saturday Sports Club at WEPA

Saturday sports club is back up and running for this half term. It started on 16th September, with one of its biggest turn outs to date. It is open to students from Lake Farm, Cranford and Wood End Park Academy. The club is packed full of fun games and different sports to play. The club will run a five week course, there will then be a break for the October half term. Letters will go out to re-sign up for the Saturday club the last week of term.

Dates: Saturday 14th October 2017- Last session for Autumn 1st half.

Saturday 11th November 2017- First session for Autumn 2nd half.

Saturday 9th December 2017- Last session for Autumn 2nd half.

Mr Skipp: PE Teacher

QPR in Partnership with WEPA Reception

We have received confirmation from QPR that they will provide free sports sessions for the reception pupils at WEPA.

These sessions are due to start after half term on Tuesday 31st October and will be a regular weekly slot every Tuesday up until Christmas.



Saturday Computing Club

Institute of Computing is up and running again in full swing. All the sessions are almost all filled with computing wizards!

IoC runs every Saturday morning during the autumn term with sessions for not only Wood End Park Academy pupils, but also Lake Farm Park Academy and Cranford Park Academy.

IoC offers an extensive range of computing classes, giving your child a head start, incorporating both fun learning and academic skills. The sessions offer classes to all different age groups from years one to six. The sessions cover a range of skills from typing, to word processing, coding and programming. Please visit www.instituteofcomputing.co.uk for more information. Hurry and sign up while places last!

Mr Hussain: Computing Teacher

Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Theatre

The Freshwater Theatre Company came to visit Year 3 to give us an amazing Ancient Egyptian Experience. The performers were very engaging and entertaining as

they took us on an adventure into the realm of Ancient Egypt.

The interactive show brought ancient history to life for us and helped to deepen our knowledge and understanding of one of the earliest civilisations. We learned more about the culture, customs, landscape, transport and the River Nile. We helped the explorer 'Daphne Withaspoon' on her quest to solve the secret of the tomb and set her free from her 'dancing curse'. It was a challenge but we "listened, learned and looked". The characters provided us with clues about ancient artefacts so we could help Daphne on her quest. Lots of us got involved and volunteered on stage, some of us took part in the casket challenge and helped to examine treasures including the death mask of Tutankhamen. By listening well and being very well behaved we succeeded in linking together all of the clues and finally lifted the curse.

Millie said, "I thought it was so funny when the Lady started to dance to the music out of nowhere." **Harun exclaimed,** "I was so surprised when the lady jumped out at us in her amazing costumes, it was the best show of my whole life!" **Miss Frederick commented,** "It was really interesting to learn more about the Ancient Egyptian times and why the River Nile was so important!"

Miss Austin: Year 3 Team Leader





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White City, London, W12 7RW

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5.00pm – 6.00pm £5
Bishop Ramsey School
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EVERY WEDNESDAY

4.00pm – 5.00pm £5
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Thank you for
your continued
support.

**Surjeet Johra
Principal
Wood End Park
Academy**

Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Friday 20th October 2017

Staff Development Day (No Children In School)

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

(inclusive)

Half Term Holidays

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Term Ends

Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 02nd January 2018

Staff Development Day (No Children In School)

Wednesday 03rd January 2018

Term Starts (Children Return to School)

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018

(inclusive)

Half Term Holidays

Thursday 29th March 2018

Term Ends



**We're on the web
www.woodendpark.academy**

**Do visit our Park Federation website to keep up to date with the latest
news at Wood End Park Academy.**

Eid Assembly: Guest Comments

**“Very good. It was
nice to see all faiths
talk about one
religion.”**

*“Beautifully done. It's good to see
that teachers make a lot of effort in
teaching the children things they don't
believe in. They do it to respect oth-
ers. Good to hear good words about
Islam which the majority of Muslims
believe rather than the minority.
Great effort.”*

**“Very good and
informative.”**

**“Very nice. Well
done Children.”**

*“Really enjoyed the assembly,
good effort. Well done children
and staff. You should have
more assemblies like this. I en-
joyed the food after too!”*

Money into the Academy

1. The Academy will be moving payments for school trips and after school clubs to ParentPay along with the existing school meals. Please ensure that you have an active account as soon as possible if you do not have one already.
2. As the old £1 coin is going out of circulation on the 15th October the Academy will no longer be accepting them from 1st October 2017.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.