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Messages from our Principal: Working for Excellent Performance Always



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the second month of the calendar year. Time does certainly seem to go by fast when you are busy and working hard as we all are at Wood End Park Academy.

Pupils have been well focused in their studies; this term is the term of Geography. With a focus on excelling in the non-core subjects, teachers have worked hard on ensuring their geography teaching includes a range of skills children should know. We have children studying topics such as The Amazon Rainforest, rivers around the world and Map Skills.

This is what some children had to say about their geography:

A child in **3TA** said "We have been learning about deforestation. You shouldn't

waste paper because then more trees will need to be cut down which will ruin the animals habitat."

A child in **5LC** said "I liked learning about the River Thames because it is special to our country and there isn't another River Thames anywhere else in the world."

A child in **6HM** said "I loved learning about Australia because it has big cities, a warm climate and it is a big continent."

You will be able to meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress so far on Wednesday 28th March. A letter will be sent out soon so you can book your time slot. We have many parents attend these meetings and it is one way we can help you to realise the best ways to support your children at home. The support given to pupils at home is a significant factor in how well our pupils do and our pupils do perform well!

Clothing

I would like to say that the weather is getting warmer

and we can see the shoots of Spring! However, we are experiencing extremely cold weather this week. Do ensure your child has their school jumper and a good coat to wear to school. Do remember that we always aim to stay open as a school too ; do check our website as this is where we will post any changes to the school opening or school day.

VIP Pupils

Our school councillors have designed a very special certificate called 'Miss Johra's VIP pupil'. This certificate will be given to one child in each year group for amazing work making them a VIP! their work may even make it to the very special display we have in the KSI hall...

Yours sincerely,


Ms
Johra: Principal

WEPA on the go....



Please download our new WEPA app from your app store onto your mobile device to keep you updated. There is a lot of fantastic and exclusive information contained within it along with notifications direct to you on important events and messages. Also Parent Pay can be accessed via this app meaning you can make payments onto your child's account "on the go". For more information please do take a "how-to" guide from the main reception. We hope you find it useful and informative.



Wood End Park Academy: News

Year 3: The Living Rainforest

The year 3 children had the most amazing time on The Living Rainforest trip! They were able to explore the rainforest without leaving the UK. The rainforest had over 700 species of plants and animals from birds,



butterflies, lizards, monkeys and two toes sloths! Children were divided into groups and taken on small tours around the amazing Living Rainforest being told lots of fantastic information about the different plants and animals. The children were so excited to see Cinnamon the lazy sloth hanging in a high branch and to watch the Goeldi's

monkeys leap from branch to branch, using their well-adapted tails for balance.

Overall the children had an absolutely wonderful day learning some brilliant information about the Rainforest to help them with their school work!

Miss Austin: Year 3 Team Leader

Year 1: Superheroes and Princess Charity Non-Uniform Day

What an exciting day we had on 2nd February 2018! Year 1 dressed up as Princesses and Superheroes on the day and had a really good time sharing stories about their characters. Each class donated some money for a good cause. The children showed great understanding of charity and helping others. We especially like the idea of doing **small things with great love!**

Ms Tomasz - Year 1 Teacher

Year 5: Kew Bridge Trip

Year 5 children were privileged to visit Kew Bridge, a museum based by the River Thames, in Brentford. The students were most impressed by the information told to them about how we get majority of our drinking water from the River

Thames! The huge steam engines that they saw, the information they learnt about the river and the wildlife they

found out that they lived in the river were just some of the other exciting things the children learnt that day. The children were also lucky enough to experience two workshops: one about the filtration of the river and one all about the wildlife! It

was an exciting day spent by the River Thames and it was a great way to extend the children's knowledge from their Geography trip- all about Rivers!

Miss Claridge: Year 5 Team Leader

Year 5: RAF Orchestra

Pupils from Year 5 were treated to a visit from the Sergeant Pepper, Sergeant Emily and the RAF Salon Orchestra. The Orchestra consisted of Violin, viola, cello, double bass and a piano and the children sang along while Disney classics were played. A few children were taught how to march. The RAF Orchestra were astounded at how knowledgeable the children were about the history of the band. Hopefully they will visit again soon.

Miss McLean: Music Teacher



More photos can be viewed on the WEPA website

Wood End Park Academy: Reading at WEPA

Wood End Park Academy pupils are working hard on their reading this year and have been given a range of opportunities to develop their skills:

Star Reader

At Wood End Park we are all aiming to become Star Readers! Our Star Reader scheme means that pupils read a range of different genres which progressively become more difficult and varied as they move through the academy. Children can earn certificates as they journey towards the ultimate goal of the very special Star Reader Badge.

“I enjoy Star Reader because it helps me learn more. Reading helps you with your work. My favourite thing to read is ‘Crazy Football’. It’s so long, it has 50 pages but I read it all in one day.”

End of Day Reading

Our End of Day Reading texts are challenging and interesting, allowing pupils a chance to practise their comprehension skills and enjoy sharing exciting stories together.

“Our teacher asks us questions about what we have read. We have read so many books: The Worst Witch, Alice in Wonderland, Matilda and The Extincts.”

Reading Mentors

Our Reading Mentors from Year 5 support Year 3 pupils with their reading during lunchtimes. Whilst carrying out this very important job, they also improve their own confidence in reading and sharing skills.

“We have learned some new stories with Year 3, made the library a cosier place, helped along in World Book Day and, most of all, made reading fun!”

Reading across the Curriculum

In non-core lessons, children are encouraged to use our Topic Boxes. These have a range of non-fiction books on offer which match the children’s current learning.

“Topic Boxes have lots of interesting books in them to help me with my History, Science and Geography.”

Reading Targets

Each Wood End Park Academy pupil has Reading Targets which they can use with their home reading books. This ensures that the skills children are taught in class are practised at home.

“Reading targets help me get better in different aspects of reading. They help me learn more at home so I can bring new ideas into school.”

Remarkable Readers

All Wood End Park Academy pupils are Remarkable Readers! We have checklists in all year groups which cover the skills pupils need to be successful in reading e.g.

Remarkable Readers:

- Constantly refer back to the text when answering questions
- Check their work carefully – could you be wrong?
- Use strategies to work out unfamiliar words e.g. read the whole sentence

Book Clubs

This year we have introduced some exciting lunchtime book clubs. These give pupils the opportunity to discuss their opinions on a range of texts, giving evidence for their opinions and challenging each other courteously.



More photos can be viewed on the WEPA website

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Thank you for
your continued
support.

Surjeet Johra
Principal
**Wood End Park
Academy**



Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018

Term Ends

Summer Term

Monday 16th April 2018

Term Starts (*Children Return to School*)

Monday 07th May 2018

May Day Bank Holiday (*School Closed*)

Monday 28th May to Friday 01st June 2018 (inclusive)

Half Term Holidays

Thursday 19th July 2018

Term Ends



Autumn Term 2018

Monday 03rd September 2018

Staff Development Day (No Children
Required in School)

Tuesday 04th September 2018

Staff Development Day (No Children
Required in School)

Wednesday 05th September 2018

School Opens for Children

Friday 19th October 2018

Staff Development Day (No Children
Required in School)

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October 2018

Half Term Holidays

Friday 21st December 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.

WEPA Assemblies: Guest Comments

2AS: Teamwork Assembly

*"Excellent performance, well
done everyone!"*

*"Great work kids, Miss
Sheridan and the team. It
was a lovely performance,
keep it up."*

*"Very nice, it was a lovely
performance."*

*"Great teamwork assembly,
the performance and singing
was very good."*

*"They really worked well to-
gether, well done!"*

*"Very nice teamwork, well
done!"*

"Very nice!"

Lark in the Park

"The First Cross Federation Charity Event!"

6th July 2018

Theme: Carnival

Charity: Save the Children

Events: The WEPA Choir to Perform, Dance Club Performances and Many More!!!



"So much more information to come, please keep your eyes peeled for further updates!"