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NEWS

Happy New Year!

It has certainly been a very dramatic start to the spring term as a result of the snowy and icy weather conditions. Thanks to the determination of staff to get in and luck with roads and transport we have been able to stay open.

New Staff and Children

Welcome to Mr Vafadari, our new Deputy Headteacher who I know has been given a warm welcome to Wendell Park.



Welcome also to the children and their parents/carers in Reception 2, Diamond Class, and the children starting in other year groups.

We hope you will settle quickly and be happy at Wendell Park.

Spring Term Calendar

The up-dated diary for this term is on the back of this news letter. There are a number of exciting activities and events planned for this term.

The themed week this term is ICT Week, where the focus will be ICT across the curriculum. Miss Fegan, ICT Strategy Leader, will be sending out details in a few weeks time.

Also attached are the Term dates for 2010-2011.

Reminder about start and end of day routines

The start and end of the day is very busy. Parents/carers are responsible for their children before teachers come out into the playground.

Children know they are not to play games or run around but to line up as soon as they come into the playground.

For the safety of all children visitors must report to the school office to collect a visitor's badge/sticker. The only exception to this is class or certificate assemblies when there are lots of parents.

From Year 1 children are encouraged to be independent and go to class by themselves so even if they are late please allow them to go alone once they have reported to the office or Miss Ogundipe.

Curriculum Visits/ Assemblies

The assembly theme, 'Going for Goals' was introduced in assembly on Thursday morning.

Children were reminded of the expectations for behaviour as this will ensure good conditions for them to learn and achieve their targets.

They were reminded that goals can be to improve academic work, their social relationships, a personal characteristic or a physical skill.

Mrs Brailsford and Mrs Mears show their juggling skills that they were aiming to improve this term. By the end of term there will be another demonstration of the improvement in our coordination as we learn to juggle with three balls.



Next Week in School:

Assembly Theme: Going for Goals

Monday:

9.10am, Jeff Nascimento to talk to Key Stage 2 about 'Young Carers'

Tuesday:

Year 6, Amethyst and Graphite Classes visit to BBC
11.00 Mrs Mears at Extended Services Cluster meeting

Wednesday:

Year 2, Aquamarine and Opal classes, visit from 'Flo on the Road' visit from the Florence Nightingale Museum

3.00pm Mrs Kaplan's 'Helping your child with reading', meeting for Reception parents/carers

Thursday:

Ms Johnson and Mr Lewis, training course Child Development.

Friday:

Ms Sladkova on training course, 'Big talk for big writing'

2.15pm, Mrs Hough and Ms Kime at Centre for Literacy re books for the library.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

After school clubs start next week.



Key Stage 1

Y1 Aquamarine - Alisha
Y1 Paua - Fatima
Y2 Sapphire - Osama
Y2 Opal - Amarin

Key Stage 2

Y3 Pearl - Max
Y3 Ruby - Anis
Y4 Turquoise - Maissa
Y4 Jet - Cecil
Y5 Emerald - Pierre
Y5 Amber - Nabil
Y6 Amethyst - Samuel
Y6 Graphite - Chloe

Children's Zone

There have been some changes to the Prefect Team at Wendell Park, with some children leaving the team hopefully, on a temporary basis and other joining.

Changes:



**Head Boy
Rishi**



**Deputy Head Boy
Asher**

Joining the team are:



**Prefect
Travarn**



**Prefect
Damliya**



**Prefect
Amina**

Leaving the team are: Samuel, Dominic and Yahya

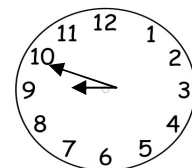


ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

14th – 18th December 2009

Attendance Cup Winner
96.8% 5EYear Emerald Class

Punctuality Cup Winner
92.9% 2H Sapphire Class



Refurbishment of the School Library

Background

Wendell Park's library has been out of use for a whole year. It was used by the Wendell Park Pre-school, run by the Pre-School Alliance and The Out of school childcare provision run by Hammersmith and Fulham during the refurbishment of the buildings to be used for the Children's Centre. It was recognised that there would be a need for redecoration following this use and re-development of the school library was identified as a priority in this year's School Improvement Plan.

Developing the library

Stage 1

The first stage of the library re-development has been to redecorate it and to reinstate the book cases. Having looked at them the library 'workforce team' of Elena Hough, Subject Leader for English, Sophie Murphy Parent Governor from the Premises Committee, and Tony Bailey site manager decided a new library was needed. In various combinations they have planned, shopped, sorted books, painted and pasted until they are now entering the second stage.



The last job is to get this mural on the wall. Mixing the paste and cutting it to size.



Steady on, one panel at a time. (Sophie and Tony).



Nearly finished!



This is fantastic; it feels as though there really is a forest in here.

Stage 2

Now that the redecoration is finished it is time to start on purchasing the new books. Mrs Hough and Ms Kime (Senior Leader with responsibility for English) will be off to the Centre for Literacy next week to get some advice from experts in making their choices.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Friends of Wendell Park for giving the school £3,000 to purchase new books.

The opening of the new Library is planned for FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 9.00 -10.00am. Please keep that date in your diary.

Stage 3: Using the Library

Mrs Hough will be leading staff training at after school INSET to talk about using the library to develop children's research skills and opportunities to allow children to relax and just enjoy books.

Please look out for more information in coming newsletters!



Spring Term 2010

JANUARY

Mon 4 Start of Term (Staff and Children)

FEBRUARY

Mon 1 Certificates Assembly KS2 9.10am
Tue 2 Certificates Assembly KS1 9.10am
Thur 11 Chinese New Year Assembly 9.10am (Year 6J Amethyst Class)
Fri 5 SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF INSET
Fri 12 Opening of the new school library 9.00am – 10.00am
Fri 12 Friends of Wendell Park – School Disco
Mon 8
to
Fri 12 ICT Week
Mon 15
to
Fri 19 **HALF TERM**

MARCH

Mon 1 Head Teacher Open Meeting for Parents 9.00am and 2.45pm
Wed 17 Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 7.00pm
Thurs 18 Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 5.00pm
Fri 26 Friends of Wendell Park 'W' FACTOR 6.30pm
Mon 29 Certificate Assembly KS2 9.10am
Tue 30 Certificate Assembly KS1 9.10am

APRIL

Thurs 1 Easter Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 1 END OF TERM 2.30pm