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## NEWSLETTER 4, DATE: 28.1.2011

### Parent Governor Election Results

Two nominations were received; one was not eligible.  
The other nominee is therefore appointed as the parent governor.

The new parent governor is Ifrah Elmi:

### Personal Statement:

I have been a parent at Wendell Park for more than ten years. I have two children at the school, Hamsa in Year 5M and Ragge in Reception.

I feel very passionate about Wendell Park. Since my older son started at the Nursery I have supported the school through classroom reading, participation in the Friends of Wendell Park activities and many more activities in school.

I want to stand as a governor because I would really like this opportunity to become more involved in the school and to make it even better.

### Next Week in School:

**Assembly Theme:** Good to be me

#### **Monday:**

9.00am Ms Hicks and Ms Jerome  
1.40pm House Meeting Year 1 to Year 6

#### **Tuesday:**

1.30pm Nursery Chinese Restaurant

#### **Wednesday:**

11.15am -12.15pm Explore English Workshop Y6  
11.30pm Mrs Mears and Mrs Williams meeting  
MS Fenelon School Finance Officer

#### **Thursday:**

2.00pm – 4.00pm, Mrs Mears attending  
Mentoring Course – Roehampton  
6.30pm Governing Body Meeting

#### **Friday:**

9.00am-10.00 am, Help your child with Maths  
Workshop – Mrs Brailsford 6B Classroom

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PHOTOGRAPHY

The School Photographer will be in school on:

**MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2011**

## NEWS

### School House Teams

Children in Year 1 were very excited this week because they were given their badges for their school House Team.

What is the House Team?

All the children and adults in school have been allocated to one of the 5 Houses. Family members are in the same House. The Houses are named after trees and have associated colours:

Oak	<b>Blue</b>
Sycamore	<b>Red</b>
Willow	<b>Green</b>
Cedar	<b>Yellow</b>
Ash	<b>Purple</b>

Why do we have a House System?

- To enable children to relate to those in other year groups and Key Stages.
- To provide opportunities for children to work with each other across the school, each House is made up of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6.
- For older children to act as good 'role models' for younger ones.
- To promote positive competitive attitudes in the context of collaboration and cooperation.

Each Year there are House events, such as Sports Days and Community Week when children can earn leaves for their team.

At the end of each term the House with the most leaves are able to choose a reward, within reason. Requests for tips to Disney Land Florida are out!

Mr Vafadari is busy think about the challenge for this year.

Is it going to be adopting a flowerbed in Wendell Park to grow flowers?

Is it going to be to volunteer to do an extra job at home?

WATCH THIS SPACE to find out!

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



**Attendance Cup Winner**  
98.5% Year 5E Emerald Class



**Punctuality Cup Winner**  
98.9% Year 6B Graphite Class

**Sainsbury's**



Active Kids Sainsbury's vouchers are here again!

The school is registered and boxes are by the school office.

Please send in your vouchers!

Key Stage 1

Y1 Aquamarine - Dennis  
Y1 Paua - Archie  
Y2 Sapphire - Sa  
Y2 Opal - Rahim



Key Stage 2

Y3 Pearl - Whole Class  
Y3 Ruby - Harry  
Y4 Turquoise - Masoom  
Y4 Jet - Najma  
Y5 Emerald - Rebecca  
Y5 Amber - lyad  
Y6 Amethyst - Victor  
Y6 Graphite - Ella

# Children's Zone

Joffre White is 74 years old. He comes from Somerset in a town called Frome. He travels around schools; he is an author who wrote the book "Frog". After meeting him yesterday we found out he is a likeable person. He has a great imagination; he thinks and likes the stuff kids our age like. He is a very inspiring man and I would love to be like him when I'm old. His son inspired him to write this book. It took four years to write the book "Frog". Mr White has written 4 - 5 books.



Rula - Year 5M



Joffre White will be signing copies of his book '**Frog**' on Saturday 29th January 2011 from 11am to 2pm at Waterstones, High Street Kensington.

## Friends of Wendell Park



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Friends meeting this morning. My name is Kate Howe and I was elected the new Chair of Friends of Wendell Park. My daughter Amy is in Year 1. Please do come up and introduce yourself.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The cake sales this term have raised; Friends £64.15, Nursery £32.55 and Year 1 £45.25.

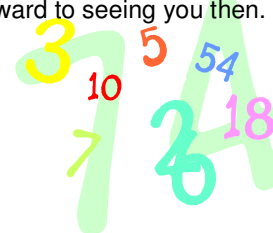
Next week is the Reception classes' turn, please bring in lots of yummy food on Wednesday.

## Parent Meeting on Maths

Following the success of our meeting in November on how we teach addition in school, I am pleased to invite you to join me for a look at multiplication on **Friday 4th February 2011 in Graphite class 6B** at the top of the school.

I will be showing you how we teach multiplication and how children progress from repeated adding to written methods. Everyone is welcome and I look forward to seeing you then.

**Julie Brailsford**



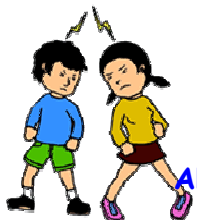
# WHY IS DAILY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT?

Children who attend school EVERY DAY....

GET BETTER RESULTS AND MAKE MORE PROGRESS  
BEHAVE BETTER AT SCHOOL AND HOME  
ARE SUCCESSFUL IN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
ARE MORE LIKELY TO GO TO UNIVERSITY  
HOLD HIGHER PAYING JOBS AS ADULTS



Children who are often absent from school....



DO NOT PERFORM UP TO THEIR ABILITY  
HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS  
ARE MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL  
ARE MORE LIKELY TO GET INTO TROUBLE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL

What PARENTS and CHILDREN do....

Talk about how important education is  
Make doctor appointments on days school is closed  
Book family holidays out of term time  
Make sure you all get a good night rest  
Come to school EVERY DAY



If you have a minor problem like a stomach ache or stuffy nose...

**COME TO SCHOOL!**  
The school first-aiders are on hand to help

Reasons to stay home....

You have a fever or have had a fever in the last 24 hours.  
You are vomiting.  
A doctor has advised you to stay home.



People with a good education are much more likely to have a bright future.  
So get ahead and get to Wendell Park EVERY DAY!



**NEXT WEEK WE WILL START OUR NEW CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION!**

# Curriculum Visits/Class Assemblies



Pearl Class told everyone that this term they have been learning about why we need rain. And in doing so thinking about different climates and how rain affects them.

They found out that climate is defined by the seasons and weather conditions like temperature and rainfall.

They explored the 5 different climates, Polar, Tropical, Desert, Cool Temperate and Warm Temperate. The two explorers (aka Olivia and Mason) took everyone on a tour of each area in turn. We learned some interesting facts.



Did you know that a polar bear's skin is actually black, which allows it to soak up as much heat as possible from the sun?

Or that...

A spider monkey spends most of the time high up in the canopy where it can find fruit seeds and nuts to eat.

They found out that we live in a cool temperate climate and that this provides a good environment and many different plants grow here.

They ended by singing beautifully, 'I can see clearly now the rain has gone'.

Thank you Pearl Class for an interesting and well presented assembly.

# My Superpower

**My Superpower**  
by Ella Murphy 6B



If I had a superpower it would probably have to be mind-reading because then I would be able to tell if people were lying or not! Also, if someone came to me on the street who I didn't know I would be able to guess what they were going to do or intended to do to me correctly so I would be safe. Mind-reading would also be great for in a quiz

when I don't know an answer because then I could just read the answer from out of the quizmaster's mind and then write it down! Even though it would be brilliant I wouldn't be able to let my friends know as they might tell someone and they might spread it around the school (which I wouldn't like!). Also I would help sort out people's problems and maybe help bring peace to Afghanistan by helping the leaders understand each other. So over all I would love to have mind-reading abilities. It would be magnificent!

**My Superpower**  
by Connor May 6B



My superpower would be to make duplicates of objects. This would be because our world needs more food and resources. Love is also a key feature. More food would mean less poor people and a healthy civilization. More love would mean less conflict and happier people. Also, we could create more medicines and doctors to administer them. Round the world people would continuously have their families around them. More and more world peace would be created and our world will be an enjoyable peaceful place where plants and trees will be doubled. However, when one day I bump into myself...

