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### Curriculum/Visits/ Assemblies

Class Assemblies start next week. As always parents are warmly invited to attend.

Date	Class
12.1.12	Paua
19.1.12	Ruby
26.1.12	Graphite and Amethyst
02.2.12	Aquamarine
09.2.12	Turquoise
23.2.12	Amber and Pearl
01.3.12	Jet
08.3.12	Onyx
15.3.12	Opal
22.3.12	Emerald
29.3.12	Sapphire

The theme for whole school assemblies will be based on theme 'Going for Goals'.

### Next week in School:

#### **Monday:**

Ms Christina Mowl Educational Psychologist in school  
12.45pm Ms Trisha Hancock Queensmill Outreach teacher in school

#### **Tuesday:**

9.00am Mrs Mears meeting for parents on SATs results  
2.00pm Mrs O and School Council meeting Cheryl Gayle re Savings Bank

#### **Wednesday:**

9.30am Mrs Mears and Mrs Williams meeting Ms Maddie Fenelon School Finance Officer

#### **Thursday:**

Mr Caron-Dawe, Ms Harmon, Ms Cunnane out training course  
9.45am Mr Vafadari meeting Sara Bagheri Speech and Language specialist

#### **Friday:**

9.00am Boost NHS exercise session with Reception children and parents

# NEWS



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the start of the Spring Term 2012. As always there is a lot to look forward to this term. A revised dairy of events for the term will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

### 2011 Primary School League Tables

Just before the end of last term the Hammersmith and Fulham primary school league tables were published.

Wendell Park's results were not good, in particular the low percentage of pupils achieving L4+ in both English and mathematics and in the maths results overall. We were disappointed as we have high expectations. We were aware of the reasons why some children in this cohort had the potential to underachieve. The reasons for these low results have been identified and carefully analysed for lessons to be learnt, action to be taken to secure the results for other cohorts.

As a school we are committed to striving for the best possible results for all children. Staff work hard to support every child.

Whilst the raw results are weak, it is important to balance them against the fact that a high percentage of the children achieved the expected progress between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, particularly in English and in maths progress was not significantly different to the national average. This is called Value Added by the DFE. Please see page 3 for more information on this and the results.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection at Wendell Park

The staff at Wendell Park take part in regular training in order to keep up to date with professional standards. Training takes place on either full INSET days or after school. This week after school, the staff received their annual Safeguarding and Child Protection training, delivered by Elizabeth Spearman from the Local Authority's Children's Services department.

The session explained that protecting children is the responsibility of all those with a relationship to the child, parents, teachers, doctors, friends and neighbours. Child Protection means protecting children from abuse or neglect. The categories of abuse were explored and how to recognise them. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults. Most children enjoy generally happy childhood experiences unfortunately for some, this is not the case. When there are concerns about possible abuse or neglect everyone who knows the child must do the best they can to protect them from future harm.

At Wendell Park, we understand that positive relationships with children, built on trust and understanding, keep children safe and secure so they can reach their potential. We have appropriate policies in place to secure this, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Anti-bullying, Personal, Social and Health

### Reminder:

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!  
PLEASE DO NOT STOP OR PARK ON THE ZIZ\_ZAG LINES  
OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATES OR BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY  
TO THE VICARAGE OF ST SAVIOURS CHURCH.

Stop Press



### Key Stage 1

- Y1 Aquamarine - Lars
- Y1 Paua - Lalilah
- Y1 Onyx - Robel
- Y2 Opal - Nadreen
- Y2 Sapphire - Uranous

### Key Stage 2

- Y3 Jet - Abdullahi
- Y3 Ruby - Safah
- Y4 Turquoise - Marko
- Y4 Emerald - Callum
- Y5 Pearl - Suheyb
- Y5 Amber - Ahmed
- Y6 Amethyst - Arek
- Y6 Graphite -

## Friends of Wendell Park



### **THE W FACTOR - MORE HELP NEEDED!**

Our big event this term is The W Factor—Friday 23rd March 2012. The W Factor is a friendly and fun talent contest organised by the Friends for any children who want to take part from Year 2 upwards. Last year we had a poet, several dance groups, a magician as well as all the fantastic singers and musicians. The W Factor is a chance to shine whatever your favourite talent - the more original the better. A letter should be going out shortly for any children that want to audition and auditions take place in the weeks leading up to half-term

### **CALLING ALL PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED! TEAM W FACTOR 2012...**

The W Factor is a really fun event to be part of - being involved means anything from making food to sell at the event itself to being on the audition panel (after school) and helping with the rehearsals and the production. We need a new team to organise this year. Clare Holland and Rachel Stewart (along with Miss Julie and many others) have organised the event for many years now but due to other commitments won't be able to do quite as much. If you'd like to get involved, please come along to the coffee morning at 9am on Friday 20th after drop off or email me [kate@katehowe.co.uk](mailto:kate@katehowe.co.uk) as soon as possible.

**COFFEE MORNING at 9am on Friday 20th JANUARY - COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY, EAT A BISCUIT AND DRINK SOME NICE COFFEE and TEA (that's a promise this time!)**

**A relaxed coffee morning to liven up these winter days! We'll be putting a team together for the W Factor, talking about the school disco and hearing from Mr Vafadari about where our money could be spent as well as inviting you to share your ideas and thoughts about what the Friends should be doing.....PLEASE COME ALONG !!**

### **CAKE SALE THIS WEDNESDAY! NURSERY IN CHARGE**

**This Wednesday after school it is Nursery's turn to bake or bring goodies for the cake sale. Please bring whatever you can. Every penny goes towards funding events, after school clubs, books and equipment for our children.**

# ATTENDANCE



Children from Year 6 Graphite class will be taken to the cinema this Saturday afternoon by Mr Vafadari and Mrs O as a treat for achieving the highest attendance for the Autumn term 2011!



## Standards, Achievement

### **What is Value Added?**

The DFE publish guidance to Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 Value Added and the Performance tables, they state:

“When measuring how effective a school is, it is important to look at how well its pupils perform in their tests and examinations. However, **when evaluating test performance, it is also important to take into consideration that pupils moving from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 have varying levels of ability, i.e. pupils at the beginning of KS2 have many different starting points.** So a measure is needed that looks at how much progress pupils have made between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This is the purpose of value added.” (Source: A guide to Value Added Key Stage 1 to 2 in 2011 School and College Performance Tables)

This is quite a complicated to the measure so will not be explained in detail in this newsletter, however, when our results are compared national average of 100, the school’s value added for English (100.8) is significantly above and maths (99.8) is not significantly different from the national average.

A copy of the guidance can be obtained from the school office or from the DFE website Parents who would like a fuller explanation or have further questions about the results can meet with Mrs Mears at 9.00am, Tuesday 10 January 2012.

### **Results end of KS2 2011**

	L4+		L5	
	Results	National	Results	National
English	74%	81%	20%	29%
Maths	65%	81%	19%	35%
Both English and Maths	57%	74%	17%	21%
2 levels progress in English	90%	83%		
2 levels of progress in maths	76%	82%		

### **Results end of KS1 2011**

The levels reached by pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) are above the national in reading and close to it in maths. Writing is below overall but at L2+ and L3 it is close to the national. Writing continues to be an improvement priority across the school.

	L2+		L2b+		L3	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Reading	87%	85%	78%	72%	30%	26%
Writing	78%	81%	42%	60%	10%	12%
Maths	90%	89%	73%	73%	25%	20%

Next week’s newsletter will focus on target-setting and pupil progress in other year groups.