WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

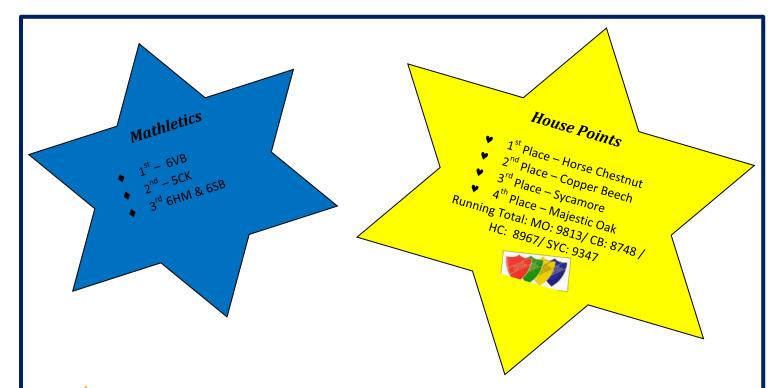


Monday 29th February – Friday 4th March 2016

Important Dates:

- Monday 7th March Phonics Workshops for Nursery Parents (9am & 2pm)
- * Tuesday 8th March School Nurse in to do height & weight checks for Reception children
- * Tuesday 8th March Netball Tournament (Langley Grammar School)
- Tuesday 8th March 3GV visit to Tesco Farm to Fork (9:30-12:30pm)
- Wednesday 9th March 3TG visit to Tesco Farm to Fork (9:30-12:30pm)
- Thursday 10th March 3SF visit to Tesco Farm to Fork (9:30-12:30pm)
- Thursday 10th March Year 3 Meet the Teacher
- Monday 14th March Year 6 Easter Visit to Slough Baptist Church
- * Monday 14th March Sports Relief Golf for Year 4
- * Wednesday 16th March Year 1 Trip to Saint Marys Church
- * Thursday 17th March Sports Relief Yoga for Years 3-6 / Sports Relief events in Nursery & Reception
- * Friday 18th March Sports Relief walk a mile children can wear red
- * Monday 21st March World Book Day







Stars of the Week

Hedgehog RSB Badger REL Squirrels RKW Fiji 1RV Tonga 1FLB Australia 1MS Mexico 2CC Jamaica 2LK Canada 2MO Chile 3SF Peru 3GV Danny Mahie Harris Ahmad Ammad Caycee Keegan Mariam Sehr Ayaan Mahd

Ecuador 3TG Morocco 4AM Tanzania 4KG Mozambique 4MO Italy 5AP France 5CK Hungary 5LH Nepal 6SB Thailand 6VB China 6HM Moosa Mary Ibraheem Georgia Erelsa Laiba Imaan Gurveer Owais Edwin

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Visit the Globe Theatre



The children had lots of fun eating outside the Tate Modern, seeing many famous landmarks in London from the coach as well as viewing a spectacular scene from the Millennium Bridge. The staff at the Globe Theatre took us on a tour of the Globe and informed us of lots of historical facts. The children also saw a scene from Twelfth Night, they learnt the importance of stage



directions and how this impacts the audience's view of the play.

Following this, in their classes the children attended workshops lead by actors. They learnt more about Romeo and Juliet and the relationships between the characters focusing on body language and facial expressions. It was a very inspiring day, the children are very eager to apply their new skills in their Literacy Lessons!



World Book Day & Readathon



You may have noticed we did not celebrate World Book Day this week. We took this decision due to a lot of children being out and about this week. Also next week we have a lot of events planned for Sports Relief. Wexham Court Primary School will therefore be celebrating World Book Day during the last

week of the Spring Term. We will be holding our annual "dress up" day on <u>Monday 21st March</u> and children can come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. On this day, we will also be inviting visitors into school to read to the children. If you would like to volunteer for this, please speak to your child's class teacher. There will be many other fun events and competitions during the week, so watch this space for more information!

Starting on 21st March, we will also be starting to take part in a very exciting Readathon; a sponsored read to raise money for charity. Readathon is the UK's only national sponsored reading event for schools. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. As well as encouraging pupils to read for fun, our school will get free books worth 20% of our



sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone. Children can be sponsored to read between 21st March to 15th April and we will be handing out sponsorship cards and further information nearer the time.

Library Opening Times

The Library is open on Friday afternoons from 3.15 -3.45pm for families to come and choose books for the weekend together.



Year 4's Egyptian Feast

Year 4 were lucky enough to finish off their Egyptian topic with a big bang- a feast! It was a fun filled afternoon with parents and children. During the afternoon, they had to complete a number of investigations in order to find out who killed the Pharoah. Each completed challenge introduced them to a clue which they used to narrow down the culprit. Luckily, we found out who the real bandit was. Don't mess with Ra.

We finished off with a food taster session of Egyptian food. We had couscous, salad, hummus and pitta bread. We were quite surprised at how good the Basbousa (semolina cake) tasted!

Wexham Court's School's Council Supports Healthy Eating



The Upper and Lower Primary Schools Council have been talking about how to encourage healthy eating in our school. We have decided to put a healthy tip in the newsletter each week.

Our tip for this week is: *replace ice-cream with fresh natural yogurt and mix with chopped fruit for a yummy and healthy dessert.*

Sport's Relief 2016



It is with great excitement that we announce Sports Relief is here again!

This year, our children will be challenged to walk a mile in school. We are mapping out a mile long course around the school grounds for each year group to enjoy. There will be balloons, flags and lots of cheering! WEAR RED! Your child will be allowed to come to school wearing as much red as they can on Friday 18th March 2016. (RECEPTION AND NURSERY CHILDREN Thursday 17th March).

We will also be organising lots of fun events throughout next week such as Golf for Year 4 and Yoga for Years 3-6.

Finally, all our children will be given a sponsorship form. Please try and help your child gain as many sponsors as possible as the money will be going to help families in need across the world as well as in Britain. We kindly ask that all raised money is brought to the office during the week of the 21st March.

We very much look forward to this event, Miss Gosling

Around The World



On Thursday 3rd March, the children in Year 2 took part in a 'Around the World' afternoon. In preparation for this, the children were set a homework project to complete a poster about a country around the world. We had so many amazing posters full of interesting information! It was clear that the children spent a long time completing these and they should be proud of what



they achieved! The first half of the afternoon, the children spent some time exploring



the posters and learning all about the different countries! After that, the children all gathered for a tasting session on lots of different foods around the world! We had a huge selection to try, ranging from moreish olives and feta cheese from Greece to delicious Brazilian 'coconut kisses'! The children really loved tasting the different foods, as did the staff! A huge thank you to all parents who provided a dish for the children to try!

Attendance

As the holidays are approaching we have noticed an increased request for holidays and requests to see family members overseas. All such requests will be denied as there will be two weeks over the Easter holidays in which to travel overseas should you wish. Such absences from school have a really detrimental effect to the children's learning. The level of absences are becoming a concern and should it continue, we may have to look at amending our attendance policy.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We will be having our Easter Bonnet Parade coming up for Nursery and Reception on **Tuesday 22nd March**. Please watch this space for further details!

Special Needs Review

Last week we commissioned an external review of our school's special needs provision. This went really well, with the Local Authority impressed by the levels of our children, some outstanding features were evident. We work closely with children with special needs and their families, and we feel that it is due to that, that we have a high success rate with their progress.

Miscellaneous

You may have noticed a lot of different faces in school recently. Wexham Court has been asked to provide support to student teachers and you will therefore see them helping out around the school.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the SATs Workshop. Miss Rogers will be preparing a summary next week which will be sent out.

Also please look at the events box at the top of the newsletter as there are a lot of events coming up this week. We are trying to send out text message reminders for each event, so please do come along.

Kind Regards, Miss Mehat and the team

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Collective Worship: World Book Day Shivaratri (Hindu) – Monday 7th March