

West Acton PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd November 2018

We are certainly in the winter season now! The British Values of Democracy and Rule of the Law were especially in action this week when we were visited by Dr Rupa Huq MP who gave out the badges and certificates to our House Captains and School Council in our Junior Leadership Assembly on Monday. Every child is a leader of their own learning – please do ask your children about our learning heroes which help them in class. Look forward to seeing you at the parent book look on Tuesday and Wednesday – pupils and staff have been working so hard: I am sure you will be impressed.

Miss Kondo, Headteacher

Parent book look

Come and see your children's hard work next week.

Have a look through their books:

Tuesday 27th November:

3.30 to 4.00pm and 6.30 to 7.00pm

and **Wednesday 28th November:**

8.30am-9.00am.

You will also be able to write your child a message.



Best wishes to our families celebrating Guru Nanak's Birthday today.



Skype-a-thon

Last week some of the schools keen Minecraft creators and players got to talk to famous you tuber and artist Adam Clarke (better known as Wizard Keen) through Skype, as part of Microsoft's annual Skype-a-thon event. Adam showed the children some of his Minecraft creations, talked about how he made them and how he made some of his videos. The children were awestruck by the things he showed off that morning and came away feeling very inspired. A huge thank you to Adam for agreeing to talk to the children and inspiring them and Mr Hammond for organising it.

Please join us for the following parent meetings:

Phonics meeting for Year 1 Parents

Tuesday 27th November at 9.00am, repeated at 2.40pm in the Victoria Hall

Rescheduled date.

Thank you to Miss Miranda and 6LL for our first fantastic assembly last Friday. The singing and dancing brought a lot of cheer to this topic of Evacuating during the War.

Top tip from our School Councilor – Lia

Family Meetings Create Connections

When our days are so full and busy, family meetings are an opportunity to regularly bring families together. They can help your children learn to solve problems, they help them to feel like important members of the family and they also allow the space to share any emotions or concerns that might be troubling them.

How can parents help?

Introduce them to your children by saying that you have a new fun idea to make it easier to work out problems that come up. Schedule it at the same time every week and invite suggestions from everyone for the agenda. You can agree on a set of rules/values, such as listening to each other and using kind words. Create traditions and rituals, like lighting a candle or using a talking stick. Start with something positive such as sharing appreciations, followed by things that everyone likes or wants to be improved. It may be helpful to keep a Family Notebook to write down any agreements made, to reflect back on. Finally, share something you are looking forward to and any announcements for the week ahead. It is also always good to end with a family hug or other agreed ritual that brings everyone together!

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Lia for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child or any other worries, she is available on Mondays 9-10am. To book an appointment, you can call/text Lia on 07469 701 260 or email her at younl206.307@lgflmail.net.

Thank you to everyone who wore Pyjamas and donated £1.00 to Children in Need we raised £605.62 and also £30.26 for the Poppy appeal.

Christmas Fair planning!

Please come along to talk about plans for the PTA Christmas Fair.

Meeting Friday 30th November 9.00-10.00am in the Pavilion.

Mums, Dad, Grandparents, Carers all welcome!



Travel Ambassadors at work!

Last week saw the re-launch of the **Golden Lock**. On Thursday each week the Travel Ambassadors will place on the lock on a scooter or bike in the school bike shed. The child who owns that bike or scooter will win a prize for choosing a healthy way to travel to school.



Year 1 have been looking at trees and sorting leaves in Science.