



Acton Gardens Primary School

Newsletter- December 2023

Congratulations!! **Highest attendance for Autumn Term 2023** **Rose Class & Poplar Class**



Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Teacher Training Days

Mon. 4th Sept & Tues. 5th Sept 2023

Term starts for Pupils

Wed. 6th September 2023

Half Term Holiday

Mon. 23rd Oct – Fri. 27th Oct 2023

Back to School for pupils

Mon. 30th Oct. 2023

Term Ends

Thurs. 21st Dec. 2023 at 1:15pm

Christmas Holiday

Fri. 22 Dec 2023 to Fri. 5th Jan 2024

Spring Term 2024

Teacher Training Day

Mon. 8th Jan. 2024

Term starts for Pupils

Tues. 9th Jan. 2024

Half Term Holiday

Mon 12th Feb. – Fri. 16th Feb. 2024

Term Ends

Thurs. 28th March 2023 at 1:15pm

Easter Holiday

Fri. 29th March– Fri. 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term starts for Pupils

Monday 15th April 2024

May Day (Bank Holiday)

Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Holiday

Mon 27th May – Fri 31 May 2024

Back to school for pupils

Monday 5th June 2023

Term Ends for Pupils

Friday 19th July at 1:15pm

Dear Acton Garden Families,

Wow, what a term it has been at Acton Gardens! I'm thrilled to share with you the latest news and highlights from our amazing school. We've had so much fun, learning, and creativity happening here, and I'm so proud of our staff and pupils for making it all possible. Here are some of the things that made this term unforgettable.

Celebrating the Arts: We were treated to some wonderful performances by our EYFS and KS1 pupils, who sang their hearts out and put smiles on our faces. A big shout-out to everyone who helped make these events so special and magical. **Gratitude and Reflection:** I want to say a huge thank you for your constant support and involvement in our school community. You make Acton Gardens a great place to be, and I appreciate everything you do. Let's take some time to reflect on the amazing achievements, challenges overcome, and the progress we've seen in our pupils.

Family Time and Fun Time: As the holiday season is coming up, I hope you have a fantastic time with your loved ones. Whether you're travelling, staying at home, or doing something else, enjoy every moment and make some wonderful memories. Christmas is a time to celebrate and be happy, and I hope this break brings you peace, joy, and happiness.

Looking Ahead: We have only a few days left before we say goodbye for the holidays, and I want to wish you all the best for the New Year. I can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for our Acton Gardens family. I'm looking forward to hearing all the stories and adventures our children will have when they come back in January.

Thank you for a fantastic term, and I'm excited for the new opportunities and challenges that await us in the next year.

Warm wishes,

Ms. A Patel (Headteacher)

Outstanding Student Award

A huge well done to all our pupils for working hard this term, keep up the great work! A special congratulations to the following pupils who have been nominated by their teacher to receive a praise postcard for showing great commitment and working exceptionally hard this term.

Tulip Ashleigh Munir	Iris Keisha Ace Sean	Lavender Avery Wrayah	Marigold Aamna David
Rose Yassin Wing Yin	Peony Ayoub Xionara	Dahlia Samatar H Alisa S	Sunflower Rashid Marzuqa
Hazel Iacopo Zohra	Poplar Francisco Ibfisam	Sycamore Hadia S Abdullahi	Elm Amelia Yusuf
Maple Hasan T Alaa J	Oak Sadaf Nahel	Chestnut Ayub Joana	Willow Mohammed Zineb



Article 3: *The best interest of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.*

EYFS

We have been very busy this term making Christmas decorations in class using a variety of sparkling resources and practicing for our Festive Singing Concert. In Reception, we were also very excited to start our new Forest School lessons with Mr. Ryan 'Robin'. We all chose our very own Forest School names, we looked at bugs in the bug hotel, investigated the wormery, listened to beautiful bird song and collected yellow leaves to fill our Twinkling Nature Star.



Year 1

Congratulations Year 1 on yet another outstanding term. We are immensely proud of your achievements and your ability to astound us with your brilliance. We have been extremely busy this term with our gardening project, festive celebrations and of course hard work! Year 1 wish you all a happy holiday and an amazing New Year!



Year 2



Great job Year 2, for starting to use a Chromebook for writing purposes. They now understand that typing means writing on a keyboard and can demonstrate their ability to write their name and save their work using the save icon. Moreover, they have learned that this icon is used in various other programs. Well done!

Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been working incredibly hard especially in Literacy! They have been reading a book called 'Autumn is Here' and have renamed their poem to fit this season of winter. The children have all absolutely blown us away with their wonderful writing and have ensured to include all of the literary skills we have been learning about these past few weeks.



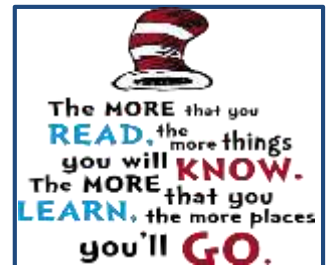
Year 4



In geography, we have been looking at our local area of Acton and discussing how population, land use, transport and trade have all changed over time. Take a look at these two pictures and spot the difference!

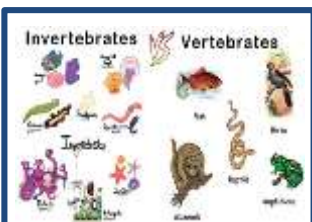
Year 5

This term Year 5 have been focused on their reading. They have enjoyed reading for pleasure in their class reading corners and have made fantastic progress on Reading Plus. They have also been busy completing their Reading Award booklets as well as recommending books to their peers.



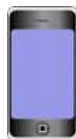
Year 6

In year 6, the children have been working really hard in science where we have been exploring and learning about describing how living things are classified into groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. We have learnt about Carl Linnaeus who created two scientific systems: the system for classifying plants and animals and the system for naming all living things.



Safety

Children in years **5 & 6** who go home on their own may bring a phone to school. The phone must be handed in to their teacher as soon as they arrive in school. The class teacher will then return the phone at the end of the day. Otherwise, children are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school.



If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please can we remind them to dismount before entering the school grounds. Thank you.



EYFS & K1 Concerts



Well done to all our EYFS and KS1 children who have performed Christmas Carols to their parents, carers and families. The children were beaming with pride as they sang. Thank you to our families as always for your support in attending the concerts. Seeing all of you in the audience is what makes it so special for the children. Another big thank you goes to all of the adults in school who have helped prepare the children for their concerts.

Acton Community Winter Event

Our KS2 choir took part in the Acton Community Winter Event. They sang Christmas carols to local residents. Children, staff and parents then continued the evening by taking part in a number of activities.



Sports News



This half term has been jam packed with sports at AGPS, we have participated in a variety of sports such as Football, Tag Rugby, Boccia, Ten Pin Bowling and Gymnastics. We have also had two hybrid events at our school and we have been to many sports festivals. We even took part in the first EVER KS1 Sports Hall Athletics event which saw our superstars finish 6th and bring home a medal each for participation. Well done to everyone who has taken part so far. But... there's more to come in 2024.

Let's get to know Ms. Kiseidu

What is your favourite food?

Cheese

What is your favourite subject?

Phonics

What do you do in your spare time?

I go to the gym to attend dance classes.

Do you speak another language other than English?

Sí, hablo un poco de español.

What was the name of your primary school?

Beulah Primary School

Where is your ideal holiday destination?

Anywhere with sun, sea and sand.

Which famous or influential person would you like to meet?

Nelson Mandela



Parent workshops for next term.

Reading with your child: 8:40 – 9:10 am

Thu 11th January: Reading Café - Nursery
Thu 18th January: Reading Café – Reception
Thu 25th January: Reading Café – Y1 and Y2
Thu 1st February: Reading Café - Y3 and Y4
Thu 8th February: Reading Café- Y5 and Y6



Parent Workshop: 9:00-9:30am

Fri 12th January: Headteacher Coffee and a Chat
Fri 19th January: Little Wandle reading with your child. Ms Kiseidu
Fri 26th January: Reading for pleasure. Miss Lamb
Fri 2nd February: Mathematics workshop. Mrs Mangat
Fri 9th February: Internet safety day. Mrs Kerai

Attendance

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this term.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support.



Tulip Class: Armzi

Iris Class: Mohammed M, Pella, Chloe, Hakeem & Zaid

Lavender Class: Sophie, Avery, Nuuh, Nepomuk, Celine, Ibrahim, Faizoun, Amiran & Marwa

Marigold Class: Kiyaan, Callum, David, Maddy, Musa & Januskaa

Peony Class: Nabil, Sandithi & Aymaan

Rose Class: Boasim, Ranem, Salma, Aurora, Wing, Maryam, Vanya & Killian

Dahlia Class: Kyra, Miski, Asra & Ikram

Sunflower Class: Marzuqa, Rashid, Ali, Emilee, Setayesh & Sarah

Hazel Class: Daniel, Adam, Fatima & Victor

Poplar Class: Francisco, Majed, Ateena & Klauntio

Elm Class: Yousif, Disuli, Tiara, Manal & Victor

Sycamore Class: Isaiah, Nayla, Kanzha & Brixton

Maple Class: Muna, David, Ehan & Ryoma

Oak Class: Warsame, Sham, David B, Rayan & Rahf

Chestnut Class: Lamar, Soha, Kevin, Muaad, Samuel & Nia

Willow Class: Huda, Mert, Clemence, Yuri, Arnold, Yana & Kya