



Acton Gardens Primary School

Newsletter- October 2023

 **Congratulations!!** **Highest attendance for Autumn Term 2023** **Year groups: Year 1 & years 3** 



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,

I can hardly believe that we are already approaching the end of the first half-term of the school year. It has been an exciting and productive time, and I am thrilled to share some highlights with you.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for entrusting us with your children's education. Our pupils have settled remarkably well, and their enthusiasm and dedication to their studies are truly inspiring. The progress they've made across the curriculum is promising, and it's a testament to their hard work and the support they receive from both home and school.

I also want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff and leadership team. They have been instrumental in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment. Their hard work, commitment, and adaptability have made all the difference in ensuring a successful start to the school year. Together, we have embraced changes and challenges, and I couldn't be prouder of the team's resilience and dedication.

As we look ahead to the second half-term, we are committed to maintaining this momentum and providing our pupils with the best possible educational experience. Next term, we will be refining the curriculum and creating cross-curricular connections for our children so that they can know more and remember more. We want to make our curriculum irresistibly engaging, so the pupils are motivated to learn. We will continue to work collaboratively, with a focus on nurturing every child's potential, supporting their well-being, and fostering a love for learning.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and initiatives that will help keep you informed and engaged with our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We value your feedback and partnership as we strive for excellence together.

Thank you again for your trust and support. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break during the upcoming half-term holiday.

Ms. H Patel
Headteacher

This term has been an incredibly busy month at Acton Gardens Primary, not only have the children been settling back into the routine of school life, but there has also been lots of exciting things going on! Our newly elected school representatives:

Head Boy & Head Girl

Mohammed – Willow Class – Head boy

Rufaida – Chestnut Class – Head girl



Sports Ambassadors

Kya: Willow Class

Kevin: Chestnut Class

School Council

Y1: Rose - Wing Yin

Y1: Marigold - Januskaa

Y1: Poeny - Dharini

Y2: Dahila - Joheena

Y2: Sunflower - Emilie

Y3: Hazel - Saleem

Y3: Poplar: Ryaq

Y4: Sycamore: Ella

Y4 Elm: Layla

Y5: Maple - Amikar

Y5 Oak - Hasan

Y6: Chestnut - Samuel

Y6 Willow: Leena



Eco Warriors

Reception: Pella & Avery

Year 1: David, Kais & Bara

Year 2: Maryam & Kamil

Year 3: Rataj & Daniel

Year 4: Abdurahman & Aya

Year 5: Aisha & AlYaman

Year 6: Lamar & Taylor



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

EYFS



In Reception for Maths, we have been learning about things that are the same, similar and different. We sorted our toys and explored the classroom for objects that showed these terms. The children have also been exploring their imagination and creativity through the use of a variety of medias and materials. Thank you parents for all the collage materials you have donated. Please keep them coming they are very much appreciated by our budding artists.



Year 1

Congratulations Year 1 on all your hard work over the past six weeks, we are all very proud of you! The children have continued to excel in all subjects this half term. In maths, we have been learning about place value and addition and subtraction. Children are now able to use the terms 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to', adding more mathematical vocabulary to their word bank!



Year 2

Here are some year 2 children enjoying their daily reading sessions. The children love choosing their book to take home to read for pleasure with their grown-ups. They choose from a wide selection of books from our reading corner or our library. These books are a great way for you and your child to spend quality time engaged in the pictures and words. Even if you or they are unable to read or understand the words, you can create your own stories from the images and pictures. If your child has chosen to bring home a non-fiction/information book, this too is a great opportunity for you to engage in further discussion or research around the topic of the book. So why not lose yourselves in a good book, just as we do every day in Sunflower class!



Year 3

Well-being is very important to us at Acton Gardens, so for World Mental Health Week we helped raise awareness with some creative and colourful posters!



Year 4

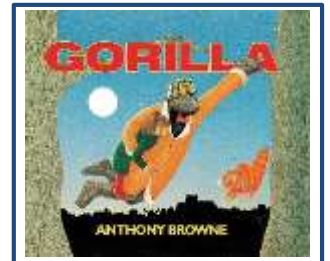


This term we learned about the digestive system and did an investigation to see the possible effects of different liquids on teeth using egg shell to represent enamel. We had an egg-sellent time!



Year 5

This term in Literacy Year 5 have been enjoying the classic children's book Gorilla by Anthony Browne. They have written their own adventure stories featuring a Gorilla as well as researching gorillas and other primates as part of their Science topic.



Year 6

The cast for 2022/3 Shakespeare have now been chosen. This year we shall be doing Macbeth! The children are all very excited to start rehearsals with such wonderful enthusiasm. Now we need to start learning our lines.

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.



Uniform/PE Kits



All pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. All items can be purchased in the school office. Uniform checks are regularly carried out to ensure compliance in line with the school policy.



The **MORE** that you **READ**, the more things you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you **LEARN**, the more places you'll **GO**.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read every day! At Acton Gardens, we are extremely passionate about reading and we want to get all parents involved in their child's reading. Please, speak with your child's class teacher about how you can further support your child with their reading.

Reading Ambassadors:

Year 5: Lily, Rayan, Sumaya & Hasan

Year 6: Clemence, Makai, Joanna & Luqman

Sports News



Back in September, we were invited to take part in a **bowling competition**. We took 2 teams and they competed against 12 others. They were all amazing sportsmen on the day and 1 of our teams came 2nd place!

This half term saw our year 5 & 6 **boys' football** team play their first competition of the year. What an occasion it was. They successfully navigated their way through the group with two win and two draws. They then progressed to the final with wins in the 1/4 final and semifinal. The boys performed amazingly well and produced a wonderful 3-1 win in the final to finish in 1st place against 16 other schools. A magnificent achievement. Well done boys.



Let's get to know Mr. Martin

What is your favourite food?

Curries

Which football team do you support?

Queens Park Rangers

What do you do in your spare time?

Playing football and spending time with my wonderful family.

Do you speak another language other than English?

No

What was the name of your primary school?

Berrymede Junior School

Where is your ideal holiday destination?

Corfu Greece

Which famous or influential person would you like to meet?

David Beckham



Parent workshops for next term.

Fridays and safeguarding week.

3/11/23 Attendance

10/11/23 - Phonics workshop

17/11/23 - SEND workshop

20/11/23 - Safeguarding workshops



Attendance

Please remember that the current Government legislation does not give schools any authority to approve leave for children to take holidays in term time. Any leave requests need to be done by filling in the Leave of Absence form which can be collected from the school office. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority, which may result in a fine and court action. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education entitlement.

Mon: Safeguarding - What is safeguarding?

Tue: PSHE and curriculum

Wed: Internet safety, whatsapp

Thu: Training FGM

Fri: What will children be taught about FGM?

1/12/23 -Y1 phonics workshop - Yvonne

8/12/23 - Online safety

