



# Acton Gardens Primary School Newsletter- February 2024

**Congratulations!! Highest attendance for Spring 1 Marigold, Peony & Hazel**



## 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 Gardens Families,

As always at this time of year, I find it hard to believe that we find ourselves halfway through the school year and very soon we will find ourselves in the final term of this academic year.

Next term, I will be talking to the pupils about the Learning Pit.

The Learning Pit to ensure that children are challenged in all that they do. Without challenge, there is little learning, so we want to make sure children are taken out of their comfort zone and use a variety of skills to climb out of the pit! We want children to have brains that hurt!

The learning challenge is designed to normalise challenge, resilience, and reflection, in order to build a growth mind-set. Its aim is to encourage children to become more comfortable with metacognition and have the skills to question and reflect so that their knowledge can move from the surface level to deep understanding. It's important that children not only question the concepts that are presented to them, but also their own thinking as well. That way, they can develop critical thinking, and the skills for learning other concepts. It aims to nurture pupils' curiosity and by effect, a love of learning.

Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely half term break.

Best wishes,  
Miss Patel

## Year 6 Shakespeare Production: Macbeth

We finally got to show off our 2023/24 Shakespeare production and it was worth the wait. On a bitterly cold evening a wonderful audience arrived, of friends and family to support our talented cast.

It was a wonderful evening and the actors really appreciated to see so many familiar faces. Thank you to all involved and a huge well done to the cast.



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

## EYFS



The pupils enjoyed Forest School activities and have learned so much about the natural world. They are always on the lookout for birds that visit our school looking for seeds and worms that are abundant in our grounds. They were thrilled to see a Robin bird near our Nursery and are looking forward to seeing many more varieties of bird life as the seasons change.

## Year 1

Congratulations Year 1 on yet another great start to term! Our budding artists have delved into art, blending textures and primary colours while learning design and technology structure in a dynamic, hands-on sessions. We have sparked creativity in our children and have taught essential elements of artistic expression and design principles... we can't wait to see what the future holds for our amazing learners!



## Year 2



It was great to see so many parents, carers and siblings at our first Reading Cafe. So many of you enjoyed reading with your children, and even with those whose adults were not able to attend; thank you! We are looking forward to the next one where we hope even more of you will be able to join us. Perhaps next time we can share a snack or drink as we enjoy a range of books; sharing a story, looking at information or talking about the pictures. As we know, reading is a pleasure!

## Year 3

Year 3 have become scientists and conducted some experiments! They have been learning about 'forces and magnets'. The children have impressed us with their inquisitive minds and coming up with some brilliant predictions before conducting their experiment. The children have conducted two experiments, one about friction and another about on things that are magnetic.



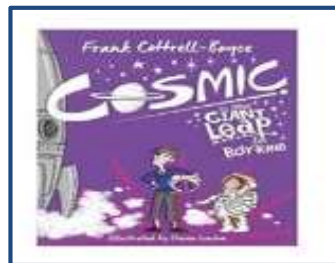
## Year 4



In geography, we have been learning about the rainforests and their abundant layers of diverse organisms. We have discovered the extent of which life on Earth, including humans, depend on the rainforests of the world and the importance of their preservation. We are all in this together and we are taking responsibility to look after our one planet!

## Year 5

This term Year 5 have been working incredibly hard especially in Literacy and Science! They have been enjoying a book called Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce which links so well with the topic of Space in Science, allowing the children to learn through exploring interesting and amazing facts about Space.



## World Book Day

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. Pupils are to come to school dressed as a book character. Throughout the day, there will be book based activities.

## Class Trips: Spring 2



**Maple Class:** 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Gunnersbury Museum

**Sycamore Class & Elm Class:**  
1<sup>st</sup> March Chiswick Pier

## Class Assemblies: Spring 2

**Hazel Class:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (North Hall)

**Sycamore Class:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (North Hall)

**Sunflower Class:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Infant Hall)



Class Assembly

## 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 half-term.

### Tulip

Sabrina  
Ali

### Iris

Surah  
Ziad

### Lavender

Remi-Maleek  
Fatima

### Marigold

Januskaa  
Amir

### Hazel

Eliyas  
Karima

### Poplar

Ali  
Layan

### Sycamore

Dario  
Lauren

### Elm

Salwa  
Jayden



### Sunflower

Mahmood  
Liza

### Peony

Nabil  
Sandithi

### Dahlia

Leen  
Tye

### Rose

Kais  
Oyinademi

### Maple

Sumaya  
Abdullah

### Oak

Lily  
Rayan

### Chestnut

Elizabeth  
Qasim

### Willow

Taylor  
Mert

## Sports News

This half term has been a fantastic one for competitions. With more medals for our students we have excelled again. Culminating in a top four finish last week at our first ever project active event. We will find out what place we have come really soon so fingers crossed it's a gold. Well done to everyone who has taken part in competitions this half term and there's even more to come next term.



## Let's get to know Ms. Karen

**What is your favourite food?**

Caribbean Cuisine

**What is your favourite subject?**

Biology

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I go to the gym, read & watch TV

**Do you speak another language other than English?**

No

**What was the name of your primary school?**

Oaklands Junior School

**Where is your ideal holiday destination?**

Jamaica & Tenerife

**Which famous or influential person would you like to meet?**

Prince & Barak Obama



## Dates for the Diary

**7<sup>th</sup> March:** World book day

**8<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March:** Science week

**18<sup>th</sup> April:** Parents' Evening

**25<sup>th</sup> March:** Class Photos: Years 3-6

**27<sup>th</sup> March:** Class Photos: Nursery, reception Years 1 & 2



## Parent workshops for Spring 2.

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

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Reading Café - Nursery

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> February: Reading Café – Reception

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> March: Reading Café – Y1 and Y2

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> March: Reading Café - Y3 and Y4

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> March: Reading Café- Y5 and Y6

### Parent Workshop: 9:00-9:30am

Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Headteacher Coffee and a Chat

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> March: Writing

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> March: Science

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> March: Geography

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> March: PSHE



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs below are currently being delivered and will continue the spring term 2.

**Monday & Thursday:** Latin

**Tuesday:** Cricket, Knitting, Latin & Dance

**Wednesday:** Basketball

**Thursday:** KS1-Taekwondo

**Friday:** KS1-Taekwondo

