



Acton Gardens Primary School Newsletter- March 2024



Congratulations!!

Highest attendance for Spring 2

Marigold Class & Poplar Class



Term Dates 2023-2024

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

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. They also shared their favourite stories and read to other classes. It was also lovely to see them discussing and sharing their love for reading with each other. The children thoroughly enjoyed the reading session.



Dear Acton Garden Families,

I have completed two terms at Acton Gardens and have watched the children grow from strength to strength. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and determination to make the curriculum as exciting, memorable and fun as it can be. The staff are child-centred, progress-focused and everything we do allows our young people to grow and thrive. Our relentless pursuit of a child's best is at the heart of every decision we make, and we believe that going the extra mile is necessary in achieving that goal. Our Acton Gardens children which are able to show our Acton Garden Promises and values and are characteristics we nurture from Nursery to Year 6.

We have some staffing updates to share with you following changes:

-Ms Henry, our Assistant Headteacher, will be leaving us to pursue new opportunities. We appreciate her dedication to our school and wish her the best in her future endeavours. Stepping into her role will be Mr Sam Hackman, currently serving as an Assistant Headteacher in Hillingdon. We welcome Mr. Hackman and look forward to his contributions.

-Mrs Mangat, who has been instrumental in supporting our Year 6 pupils, will also be departing. We thank her for her efforts in improving mathematics outcomes across the school. Mr Cook, an experienced teacher from Hammersmith and Fulham, will be joining us in her place.

-Mrs Lamb, Y5 teacher, our reading lead, will be moving to a school closer to home. We thank her for her hard work and welcome Miss Mclean, who brings her passion in education, especially in Year 5.

-Mrs Khan, our nursery teacher, will be leaving as her cover period ends. We welcome Mrs Richards, our new Nursery teacher, after Easter.

-Mrs Priestley will be retiring at Easter after years of dedicated service to our wonderful school. We wish her a restful retirement.

We understand change can be challenging for children, so we'll ensure a smooth transition by providing opportunities for them to meet their new teachers before the holidays. If you have any concerns, please reach out to us.

I look forward to working with you and your children to ensure they can grow and thrive in a school that provides an exceptional educational experience.

Enjoy your Easter break, and may you be blessed with joy this year. Wishing you a season filled with peace, joy, and beautiful weather.

Miss Patel (Head teacher)

Sports News

This term in sports, we have had a huge amount of success, our basketball team won gold in their development competition and our project active team won gold in their event too. Our dance crew came in an incredible 8th place in The Great British Dance Off. Our KS2 Penathlon team also done extremely well and came fourth. Another successful term down, Summer term to go, watch out for our cricket, football and athletics teams over the next few months. Let's go AGPS.



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

EYFS



We had a great time making discovery bottles for science week we predicted which objects would sink and what objects would float. We made discovery bottles to help us. We also made a spaghetti wormery and really enjoyed measuring and feeling the spaghetti worms!

Year 1

Congratulations Year 1 on the successful completion of yet another term! We are all so very proud of your continued efforts and achievements. In RE, we explored the celebration of Nowruz. As a celebrant of the Iranian/Persian New Year, one of our children took pride in sharing his traditions and customs with the rest of the children. How lovely it is to see our students becoming young educators!



Year 2



This term our Year 2 children have enjoyed weekly tennis sessions with Coach Ben. They have developed their ball catching skills and are now able to catch tennis ball which are thrown and bounced by themselves or their peers. They also began using tennis rackets to hit balls aimed at targets. Having seen these skills, we might have a future Raducanu or Murray on our hands!

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning history this half term. We have started to look at the Romans and we have been discussing Boudicca and whether she was correct in trying to fight the Romans to save her land. Year 3 started to learn that some information could not be accurate due to there being no pictures in this time. We listened to a description of Boudicca and had a go at drawing what we think she would look like before her battle.



Year 4

This term, we celebrated British Science Week with some science experiments: We started with a chemistry investigation to see how different substances reacted to each other – It's amazing what you can do with a bit of milk, food colouring and washing-up liquid! Then we moved on to physics and observed our very own dancing raisins - you need to see it to believe it!



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been learning about the Victorians in their History lessons. They took part in a Victorian Schools workshop at Gunnersbury Park Museum where they went back in time to a Victorian classroom. They were able to compare modern and Victorian schools and write using slates instead of pencils. The experience inspired some fantastic diary writing in their Literacy lessons.



Year 6

In year 6, we have been looking at how animals adapt to their environments. We decided to go to the school garden and do a mini beast activity. We thought about what mini-beasts could we find, what habitats/conditions do they thrive in and then we further researched into them and created wonderful profiles.



Class Trips: Summer 1



Marigold & Peony: 3rd May
Acton Library

Rose & Peony: 9th May
Acton Library

Class Assemblies: Summer 1

Elm Class: Friday 3rd May (North Hall)

Dahlia Class: Friday 10th May (Infant Hall)

Poplar Class: Friday 17th May (North 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 Musa Salma	Iris Muzamil Badra	Lavender Marwan Yasna	Marigold Adam Maddy
Rose Stephan Zuweira	Peony Adam Amiina	Dahlia Abdullah Kyra	Sunflower Khairah Waseem

Hazel Saleem Zainab	Poplar Soma Rataj	Sycamore Aya Sayed	Elm Yousif Selen
Maple Abdullahi Laura	Oak Hadil Ahmed	Chestnut Inaayah Samuel	Willow Kya Reuben



World Earth Day

As part of World Earth Day, we will be holding a Junk modelling session.

To make this as fun and creative as possible, please could I ask for your support with donating any recycling you may have e.g. cardboard boxes, kitchen rolls, **clean** yoghurt pots, etc.

Please send them in with your child after the spring break, thank you.



Let's get to know Mr. Jeffs



What is your favourite food?

Lebanese food

What is your favourite subject?

History

Do you speak another language other than English?

Terrible French

What was the name of your primary school?

Harmanswater Primary School

Which football team do you support?

The mighty QPR

Where is your ideal holiday destination?

Greek Island

Which famous or influential person would you like to meet?

Thomas Paine



Parent workshops for Summer 1.

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

Thu 18th April: Reading Café - Nursery

Thu 25th April: Reading Café – Reception

Thu 2nd May: Reading Café – Y1 and Y2

Thu 9th May: Reading Café – Y3 and Y4

Thu 18th May: Reading Café- Y5 and Y6

Parent Workshop: 9:00-9:30am

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Fri. 19th April: Headteacher Coffee and a Chat

Fri. 26th April: Y6 SATs workshop

Fri. 3rd May: Y1 Phonics meeting

Fri. 17th May: Art workshop



Dates for the Diary

18th April: Parents' Evening

13th May-16th May: SATs Week 2024



Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs below are currently being delivered and will continue in the summer term.

Monday & Thursday: Latin

Tuesday: Cricket, Knitting, Latin & Dance

Wednesday: Basketball

Thursday: KS1-Taekwondo

Friday: KS1-Taekwondo

