



The Phoenix Flyer

February 2022

WEMBLEY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

*Like the phoenix we rise to our challenges,
strengthen our learning and shine in our community*

Dear Parents,

I would like to start this newsletter by again thanking parents for their support this academic year in relation to covid and changes to policy and practices. There have been a number of updates this academic year which have meant changes to the recommendations with regards to self-isolation and the wearing of face masks. Thank you for your understanding in relation to these changes.

Since it is no longer recommended for staff and parents to wear face masks in school communal areas this will no longer be a requirement on our school grounds. However, we do ask that parents wear a face mask/covering if entering the building.

At the start of next half term we will have our second parents' meetings of the academic year. This again is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their attainment and progress. The teacher will be able to share any gaps in your child's learning, next steps, what we are doing at school and how you can support at home. We will again be offering both virtual meetings and face to face meetings, this is to enable all parents to attend a meeting. A separate letter regarding how to make an appointment has been emailed from Mrs Pindoria.

Our school holidays for 2022-2023 will be emailed to parents at the start of next half term. They are also available on our school website. Can you please ensure that you make a note of the date for the start of the autumn term 2022 (Monday 5th September) It is so important that children attend school on the first day of the new academic year. Teachers will be setting the expectations for the year and children are introduced to the year group curriculum.

I hope all our families have a wonderful half term break.

Mrs Taylor-Kent
Headteacher

Parking

I recently had a meeting with Brent Highways and Buxlow School regarding parking in Castleton Avenue and Blenheim Gardens. The meeting also included some of the local residents.

The main concerns that were raised were with regards to how parking impacts on residents, by blocking access to their driveways as well as the dangers to pedestrians, caused by cars parking on the pavements.

This means that there is sometimes no room for people with disabilities or push-chairs on the pavements and they have to go in the road instead, which of course impacts on their safety. Concerns were also raised about the impact of emergency services not being able to get where they need to, due to the way some cars are parked.

As a result of this Brent Highways will be looking to impose some restrictions in these areas. Please park responsibly and respectfully.

Thank you
Mr Barr
Deputy Head

Key Dates

Friday 11th End of half term
Monday 14th-Friday 18th Half Term
Monday 21st February Staff development Day-**Children not in school**

Tuesday 22nd February Children back at school

25th March—Sibling Photos (a letter will go out about this after half-term)

Parent Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 8th March 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Online
Thursday 10th March 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. In school

Vision and Hearing Screening Year 1

March 10th,14th,15th,16th

Piano



Does anyone have, or know of someone, who is willing to donate a piano that is in good working order? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you.

EYFS

Nursery have been learning all about seasons. They have been looking at winter and summer and talking about the changes they see in the trees and what they would wear in each season. They then sorted pictures into the correct season.



Reception have been learning about the celebration of the Lunar New Year.



To celebrate, they helped the teachers make some delicious vegetable stir fry by chopping all the vegetables.

Years 3 & 4

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning new and exciting facts about how the Romans changed Britain. They made roman shields and learned how the Romans introduced Latin as a language to the people of Britain.



Year 4 have been on two trips over the last couple of weeks. Both were connected to the history topic of Windrush. The first trip was to the London transport Museum . Omar, 'The workshop at the London Transport Museum helped us learn more about the Caribbean and Windrush.' The second trip was to Brent library, David, 'I liked the story from the Windrush and I learnt how people were feeling at that time.' Aisha, 'We had the opportunity to borrow a book and I would like to go back again.'

Well Being

Children's Mental Health Week at Wembley Primary School

This week the children celebrated children's mental health week. The children were involved in many activities and were encouraged to think about the important figures in their life that have contributed to their growth.

We continue to use the Zones of Regulation chart and encourage children to talk about their feelings and ways to help them return back to a calm state ready for learning. After half term, all children will be sent homework centred around this and give parents an opportunity to use this strategy at home. Please have a look at our website for more information on Zones of Regulation and if you have any concerns around your child's mental health please contact the class teacher.



Years 1 & 2

Year 1 have been reading the story of Jim and the beanstalk. They have enjoyed this alternative version to Jack and the Beanstalk. The children retold the story through role play and wrote some amazing character and setting descriptions.



Year 2 had a little visitor to their classrooms for their Science topic, 'Growing UP' Mrs Kennedy-Medford's grandson came in with his mummy so that the children could interview her. The children came up with lots of interesting questions and were fascinated to learn about what babies ate and needed to grow.



Years 5 & 6

Year 5 have found the topic of Vikings in History extremely interesting and fascinating. They learnt how historians come to conclusions about what life was like all those years ago. Looking at photos of Viking graves was a big hit with children.



We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils, who continue to work hard in preparation for their SATs tests in May. We have completed further practice tests this week and pupils have shown great understanding and skills.

Pupils have really enjoyed portraying the evil character of a doll that comes to life and "possesses children's souls, making them mere puppets." Nichita 6F. Children have used fantastic language and devices to show the malevolent thoughts of the doll, in the story Alma.