

NEWS WEEKLY



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West London Academy's weekly newsletter, Informing Parents and Students of Academy events

Down Wembley way

On Saturday April 26 five students (Michael and Alex, Year 12, Reece, Year 11, and Jo and Amie, Year 10) visited Wembley Stadium to watch the England Schools Under 18 international against Scotland. The students were selected as a reward for their hard work and commitment to the PE Department and to school sport throughout the year. The guests were hosted in a corporate box donated by REED, and it was a once in a lifetime experience for all of the pupils involved. England won the game 2-0 and a fantastic day was had by all.



SCIENCE CORNER

WITH PROFESSOR WEEKLY



Good Morning Class!
Time for your weekly quiz again!
As always get your answers into Mr Gaza by Wednesday for your chance to win a fantastic prize at the end of term!

1. A substance containing only hydrogen and carbon.
2. Change speed.
3. Process that releases energy from food.
4. A way of saying how much energy is transferred by electricity.
5. The movement of loose and weathered rock.
6. The time taken by a planet to orbit the sun.



Your clue for this week is:

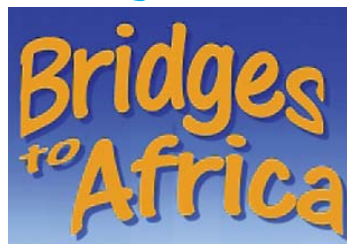
H	A	R	V	E	Y
1	2	3	4	5	6

GOOD LUCK!

Last week's answers: 1 lime water 2 ovulation 3 root 4 ecologist 5 neutral 6 zygote

10 bridges, 10k and 1 big river!

On Sunday May 11, WLA students and staff will take part in Bridges to Africa. This is a fantastic 10km sponsored walk over 10 bridges in central London from Vauxhall to Tower Bridge. We will be raising money for the charity PEAS - Promoting Equality in African Schools - which builds schools in Uganda; a country where only 15 per cent of students get the chance to attend secondary school. Please see Ms Wilkins, Ms Zacharia, Ms Waters or Mr Allnutt for a permission form, which needs to be signed by your parent or carer and returned by Monday May 5 at the latest. Any students or staff are welcome to take part.



PLEASE SPONSOR US GENEROUSLY!

DON'T FORGET!

Year 11 Prom tickets are available to buy. They cost £26.50 and can be bought from the Year 11 office.



Calling all budding entrepreneurs!

Would you like to set up your own business? Then MyBnk can help you! MyBnk is currently running throughout the High School. Please come and talk to our financial experts every Thursday in the Portacabin (PC1)! They can help you to get a loan or save some money!



S.A.T.S

Date	Key idea to be revised	Room
Monday 28 th April 3:30-5pm	Cells	Sc2
Tuesday 29 th April 3:30-5pm	Inter-dependence, Food chains and Food webs	11.2
Thursday 1 st May 3:30-5pm	Forces	Sc4
Friday 2 nd May 3:30-5pm	Energy	Sc4
Saturday 3 rd May 10-2pm	Scientific enquiry	Sc3
Tuesday 6 th May 3:30-5pm	Particles	11.1
Thursday 8 th May 3:30-5pm	Past papers	Sc4



Year 6 SATs

Just a reminder to all parents and carers of Year 6 children that Yr6 SATs will be held the week beginning 12 May. It would be most helpful if they could make sure that children get to bed on time and have a good breakfast so that they are able to do their best.

Should your child be unwell during the week please ring the school office ASAP after 7.30am to discuss what arrangements need to be made for them to sit the tests. If you have revision books at home, please encourage your child to use these over the next week.

There are a few books still available for purchase at the school office, at the reduced price of £2.50.



GOOD LUCK!

Yr 2 SATs

Parents and carers of Year 2 children should be aware that their children will be taking SATs assessments within the classroom context throughout the month of May.

These take the form of a variety of teacher assessed activities and are not formal exams. We suggest that you try to ensure that your children have a good breakfast and plenty of sleep, but don't make a fuss about SATs at home as it is liable to stress them out and be counterproductive.



Remember the benefits of plenty of sleep and a good breakfast!

Nurturing Programme a big success!

A 10-week 'Nurturing Programme' for parents and carers has been successfully completed in the Primary School. It explored emotional health, successful relationships and confident parenting. The scheme originated in the United States during the 1980s, and is one of their most highly respected parenting programmes. The 'Nurturing Programme' will now be available to parents and carers of High School students in the new academic year. Further information will be made available throughout the course of the term and places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all those parents and carers who completed our online questionnaire during the parent consultation evenings in March.

Most of you who completed the questionnaire seem to be very happy with the primary provision at WLA, but we do value your views and suggestions and we are currently taking action on the following areas of concern:

- The issue of space in the cloakrooms: Mrs Denham is having discussions with Academy Building Services about how we can improve this situation.
- The issue of shade in the playgrounds: Mrs Denham has raised this with the Academy Leadership team with a view to securing funds to provide more shade over the next year.
- School meals and the choices available are an ongoing issue in most schools, and many of you have raised concerns about this. It is our intention to survey the views of the children who currently have school meals using another online questionnaire. This information will be passed directly to our restaurant manager.
- Finally, many of you have expressed interest in a Parent Staff Association. We are pleased to announce the launch of a new WLA Primary Phase Parent and Staff Association at the end of March.

Should you have any further queries or concerns, we want to know about them.

Please tell the primary office staff, or ask to speak with Mrs Denham or Mrs Singleton. Alternatively fill in a concern slip in the Primary Reception Area and post it in the box. Any praise or positive feedback will also be very gratefully received!