

The Sonar

Your fortnightly update from West London Academy

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WLA's Knight in Shining Armour

WLA Students and Staff were delighted to learn that Alec Reed, Founding Sponsor of West London Academy, was awarded a Knighthood by the Queen in the January 2011 New Year's Honours for services to business and to charity.

Sir Alec, as his Knighthood now permits him to be known, started up his business in 1960 in Hounslow with £75 he had saved. Today REED has developed from a familiar high street name to an international operation in countries including Poland and Malta and provides the UK's biggest job vacancy web site.

Sir Alec, through his charitable Reed Foundation, set up a hospital for women in Ethiopia and launched The Big Give in 2007 which is one of the UK's largest philanthropical charitable donation sites.

The Big Give is free for all users and allows philanthropists and donors to support their favourite charitable



Sir Alec Reed, WLA Founding Sponsor

projects, or discover new charities working in their preferred area. Since its launch in 2007, The Big Give has raised over £12 million for charitable causes.

Sir Alec contributed over £2 million to the capital build of the landmark Foster and Partners West London Academy

building and three Reed Executives from different arms of the company sit on the Academy's Board of Trustees from which the Academy has been able to benefit from their strategic, commercial and specialist advice and support that most schools without sponsors can only dream of.

Sir Alec still maintains a keen involvement in the breadth of work of the Academy and is very much committed to the local community having been brought up in Ealing. Some of the recent projects which WLA students, as a result of the Academy being sponsored by REED, have enjoyed include high quality training programmes designed and delivered by REED in Partnership including work skills and a Level 3 qualification in First Line Management delivered by REED Learning as well as invitations for our students to use the REED corporate boxes at Wembley and The Royal Albert Hall to enjoy sport and musical events.

Final Week Drama!



POPPY CLASS produced a final week surge that saw them pip Sun Class to top spot in the Autumn Term Attendance League.

Capturing the trophy by just 10 points was due to a mixture of excellent attendance and behaviour maintained throughout the term. Congratulations to Poppy Class on lifting the first ever Primary Attendance Trophy. Attention now turns to the new 'Spring Season' with Poppy class looking to retain their position as Champions.

attendance Premier League		
Position	Class	Total Class Points
1st	Poppy	255
2nd	Sun	245
3rd	Star	230
4th	Moon	195
5th	Beech	170
6th	Comet	170
7th	Elm	170
8th	Rose	170
9th	Daisy	150
10th	Ash	130
11th	Lily	85
12th	Oak	85

Final score: Poppy Class pip Sun Class for top spot in Attendance League

Don't forget to check your child's LAP Records

Learner, Academy and Parent Records (LAP Records)

It is vital that the Academy and parents work together to support Learners to improve their achievement in school.

Ensuring that your child gets to the Academy every day and on time is just the start of the process. Finding out what they have learned and talking about how they can improve this is an ongoing requirement if your child is going to have the edge in a competitive employment market.

This is no longer something that can only be done in the Secondary Phase. We do not want any child left behind. As such it is necessary that from an early age both parents and the Academy put a high value on ensuring all our Learners get the most from their time at WLA.

To help you in the quest to ensure your child achieves their potential we have Online Reporting which was introduced in the Academy in November 2009. Through this website you are able to find out how well your child has been learning and whether there are any concerns. All homework is recorded on this website. So, if you don't think your child is getting sufficient homework, or wonder what has been set and how well your child has done it, check here first. It is your first port of call if you need more information. Alternatively you are always welcome to contact the Academy.

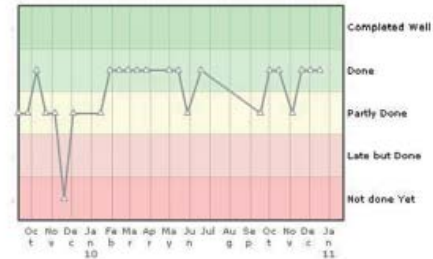
If you have not got your login information please contact WLA. For West London Academy Primary Phase pupils you can get your parent login for LAP Records from Mr Roberts if your child is in Year 1, 2 or 3, and Ms Troughton if your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6.

For Secondary Phase students you can get your parent login from the High School Learning Leaders and Managers: Year 7 (Ms John), Year 8 (Mr Selby), Year 9 (Mr Nolan), Year 10 (Ms White), and Year 11 (Ms Dussard).

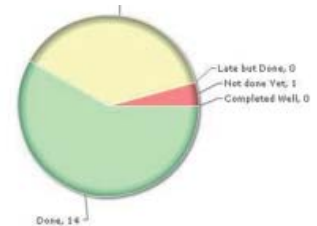
For Post 16 students – you can get your parent login from Mrs Rispolli-Hall or Mr Edwards

If you have more than one child in the Academy you only need to contact one of these people and they will be able to create one login for all of your children so that you can see all of their achievement data.

For the period between 11 September 2009 and 21 January 2011.



A student's progress records can be accessed on WLA's secure LAP Reporting website



Date	Preparedness for Learning	Skills for Learning	Participation in Class	Concentration in Class	Ability to work Independently	Collaborative Work
Average						
Fri, 10 Dec 10	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Fri, 3 Dec 10	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Fri, 26 Nov 10	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Fri, 19 Nov 10	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good	Good	Good
Fri, 12 Nov 10	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good	Good
Fri, 15 Oct 10	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Outstanding	Outstanding
Fri, 9 Oct 10	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good
Fri, 1 Oct 10	Good	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good



WLA Primary is constantly exploring different ways to improve pupils' writing. This may be through using fantastic vocabulary, precise punctuation or even some clever connectives.

Celebrating the great achievements that our children are making in their writing we have launched 'Writing Explorers.' Each month teachers from Years 2-6 nominate a piece of writing that has stood out. The piece of work will be displayed near Reception.

All children nominated have their name read out on a Roll of Honour during assembly and a winner from Phase 1 and 2 is announced.

This month's Roll of Honour is:

- Ehsan - Sun
- Khishi - Star
- Jack - Lily
- Mustafa - Rose
- Gann - Daisy
- Stefan - Poppy

- Matthew - Elm
- Sabaoon - Oak
- Warda - Beech
- Nidhi - Ash

Our first champions of Writing Explorers are Mustafa from Phase 1 and Nidhi from Phase 2.

Congratulations to all our writers. Who will be nominated next as Writing Explorer? Check-out future editions of The Sonar to find out.

Chicago rocks WLA

Year 11 Performing Arts recently staged a 30 minute version of the popular west end musical 'Chicago'.

The girls performed a sultry rendition of 'Cell Block Tango' while Jobe bought down the house with his performance of Billy Flynn in 'We Both Reached for the Gun'.

The performance proved to be a huge success and the performers were asked to perform on the last day of term to Years 8 and 9.

This was a perfect opportunity for the students to show-off their talent to the rest of the Academy. It also gave the Performing Arts Department the chance to promote their outstanding performing arts course to perspective Year 9 students.

Well done to everyone involved.



WLA Notices:

Uniform Shop

THE ACADEMY Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday after school from 3:30-5pm.

We are delighted to be able to accommodate student requests by introducing a WLA cardigan as a uniform option for £16.50.

You can buy uniform online from WLA by going to: <http://www.parentpayshop.com/schools/3076905/shop.html>.

Non-negotiable items

THE PRIMARY Phase would like to remind all parents that they are not to come into the school building through the playground doors at any time of the day, including after school.

This is for the safety of children and staff. If you do wish to gain access to the school for any reason please report to Reception where they will be able to help you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that this includes taking their children into the toilets.

If your child needs to go to the toilet before/after school, then please contact a member of staff and they will be happy to help.

Primary Phase Uniform Policy

ALL PRIMARY Phase pupils must wear a sky blue polo shirt with the Academy logo, grey trousers or skirt and a navy sweat shirt/cardigan with the Academy logo. Grey or white socks only.

Pupils must wear sensible black leather polishable shoes (no suede or boots). Trainers must not be worn instead of school shoes. Jewellery such as rings, bracelets, necklaces are prohibited.

Aerosols Prohibited at WLA

UNDER no circumstances are students to bring propellant aerosol products to school.

This includes deodorants sprays for personal care, paint, glues or any other type of aerosol product.

Not only do they pose a serious health danger they are highly flammable and environmentally unfriendly.

Inspector Gadget Success Continues



THIS TERM our Inspector Gadgets have created some fantastic mathematical board games. We were so impressed with the quality of the entries that we asked the Inspector Gadgets to explain and play their games with Year 2 pupils.

We are also delighted to announce that we are inviting the parents of our Inspector Gadgets to join us while their child shares their game with the Year 2 children.

Check out the next issue of the The Sonar to see pictures of this activity, along with the announcement of the winner and runners up.

Book Review Competition

LAST TERM the Primary Phase ran a poetry writing competition and we were all delighted with the quality of the entries.

For Spring Term we are launching a Book Review competition. The review can be on any book of your choice (fiction/non-fiction). You can use a template that your teacher will have in their classroom or make up your own format.

However it must

- be on A4 paper/card
- include the title of the book and author
- explain what genre (type of book) it is
- include a brief description of the book
- include your opinion of the book
- include who you think would enjoy the book

You also need to remember to make it as neat and as attractive as possible. Feel free to

include an illustration and lots of colour.

The competition will have two rounds. We will be selecting the best book reviews and sending them to Northolt library, with the rest being displayed in the Academy.

Those books sent to the library will be displayed for the public to read and the librarian will judge a winner and runner up from Phase 1 and Phase 2. Each winner will receive a £20 book voucher while the two runner ups will receive a £10 book voucher.

We hope that once the entries are displayed in the library you will visit and take a look. The closing date is Wednesday 16th February, so you have almost a month to perfect your entry.

Make sure you write your full name and class on the front of your work.

Good Luck!



Adult Education Centre

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One that can help you be more efficient in your existing job and impress your employer, or even the ability to get a new job?

The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is the internationally recognised qualification which enables people to demonstrate their competence in computer skills.

The record breaking ECDL is the fastest growing IT user qualification in over 125 countries.

ECDL is designed specifically for those who wish to gain a benchmark qualification in computing to enable them to develop their IT skills and enhance their career prospects.

Evening Course

Days: Mon & Thurs

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: £199

For more details on this and other courses please ask at reception, call 020 8841 4511 or log on to www.wlaec.co.uk

Free School Meals

IN LIGHT of the current economic situation that affects us all we would like to encourage you to apply for free school meals for your child.

Application forms are available from the Academy and the criteria is clearly outlined on these.

The application process is strictly confidential and run by the Attendance Team in the High School and the Reception team in the Primary. If your application is successful your child will not be identifiable to any other student or staff member.

Arrangements are made for the funds to be directly credited to the student's ID card on a daily basis.

Remember your PE Kit

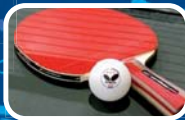
THE PE and Sport Department would like to remind parents/carers that a proper PE kit is vital to ensure maximum learning for students in PE and Sport Lessons.

When the weather turns cold lessons will still be outside, so please ensure that your child has appropriate WLA PE items including tracksuit bottoms and jumper which can be purchased from the Academy Uniform Shop.

In extreme cold weather students are permitted to wear sports gloves and a black or navy woolly hat at the member of staff's discretion.

Community Sports Centre

Half Term Activities February 2011



What would you like to do?



Monday 21st February

Climbing Price £3.50
10.00-11.15am

Go Kart Racing Price: 50p
11.30-12.30pm

Football Price: 50p
1.00-2.00pm

Tuesday 22nd February

Golf Price: 50p
10.00-11.15am

Go Kart Racing Price: 50p
11.30-12.30pm

Football Price: 50p
1.00-2.00pm

Wednesday 23rd February

Climbing Price £3.50
10.00-11.15am

XBOX and Wii Price: 50p
11.30-12.30pm

Football Price: 50p
1.00-2.00pm

Thursday 24th February

Golf Price: 50p
10.00-11.15am

Go Kart Racing Price: 50p
11.30-12.30pm

Football Price: 50p
1.00-2.00pm

Friday 25th February

Climbing Price £3.50
10.00-11.15am

Indoor 5-a-side football Price: 50p
11.30-12.30pm

Table Tennis Price: 50p
1.00-2.30pm

How to book an activity:

An activity booking form must be completed in advance of each session you are looking to take part in:

1. Drop into the Academy and book at Reception
2. Call 020 8842 7930 or 020 8841 4511 and speak to a member of the Sports Centre team.
3. Email us at: cscm@westlondonacademy.co.uk
4. Fax your completed form to 020 8841 4480 and we will call to confirm your booking.
5. Visit our website www.wlacsc.co.uk to download a booking form and view our facilities.

Courses that run over the half term prove to be very popular; we therefore advise you to book early to avoid disappointment. Closing date for bookings is **Saturday 19th February 2011**