

# The WDPS Chronicle

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The new year is off to a great start at WDPS, with Spring term bringing us all new and exciting learning opportunities. Here is your first 2020 update from the classrooms of William Davies.

## Y6 Embrace War-Time Spirit

Year 6 took a trip back in time during a string of recent educational visits to support their learning about the Second World War. The class has enjoyed visits to the Churchill War Rooms, the Imperial War Museum and HMS Belfast. Phew, what a busy few weeks!



Year 6 enjoy their visit to the Imperial War Museum.

## Y3 Get to Grips with Nature at Local Wetlands!

Year 3 recently made a visit to Europe's largest urban nature reserve, the Walthamstow Wetlands. They wrapped up warm and headed outside, before having close encounters with herons, millipedes and other woodland creatures! The class also had an opportunity to do some pond dipping and classified some of the creatures they found. Congratulations to the class for being so adventurous and getting involved with local nature!



Year 3 spot newts, splash in puddles, and become woodland detectives at the Wetlands.



## Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact phone number, please inform the school office. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergency or illness.

## Important Dates

School reopens for all children  
Monday 24th February

Reception Read Together  
Friday 28th February  
9.00 a.m.

World Book Day 2020  
Thursday 5th March

Y2 Reading Cafe  
Thursday 12th March  
9.00 a.m.

## Debate Success

Congratulations to our resident debating team, who triumphed in a local competition at Elmhurst. The team, from Y5 and Y6, have been training at our after school debate club.

## Absence

If your child is absent please notify the school office via phone on  
0208 472 3864

For more information regarding absence and attendance, please visit our website.

## Reception Call in Some Helpers!

Reception received a visit from some special visitors as part of their learning about people who help us. Nurses came to tell the class about the ways in which they help others, and gave the children a chance to experience what their jobs involve.



Reception learn about the important jobs that nurses do for us.

## WDPS in Kenya!

Ms Zoric and Ms Sultana send their greetings from Kenya, where they are currently participating in an education exchange with a rural Kenyan school. Their visit is part of an exciting global education partnership being developed between schools in Newham and Kenya. The partnership will bring Kenyan teachers on a visit to our school later this year!



Ms Zoric and Ms Sultana meet the teachers at Nyatwere Primary School.

## Appreciating Music at WDPS



Children at WDPS got to appreciate the magic of live classical music when a string quartet visited children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 recently. What a special experience!

The new year has only just started, but there are so many exciting things happening at our school! Have a great half term break!



Times Tables Rockstars encourages children to practise their x-tables, improving their fluency.

Here are this month's top scorers:

1. Zakariyya, Y5
2. Harun, Y5
3. Khadija, Y5

Children at WDPS can play TTR using the app, which is available to download for free. The app is available on all iOS and Android devices, and is designed to work best on touchscreens.

## Visit your Local Library

Classes across the school have been making the trip to Green Street Library to take a look at their fantastic range of books.

The Newham libraries team are running a range of exciting, and free, activities during the holidays for children in Newham to enjoy.

Head down to your local library during the break and get involved!

## Governor Election

There will be a parent governor election in March. If you think you would like to support our school by standing for this important role, please speak to Ms Norris.

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