

The WHPS Weekly

Monday 26th February



'A Night at West Hampstead' Special

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just before the half term break, we hosted 'A Night at West Hampstead'. It is undoubtedly one of the highlights of my WHPS year. Music is my passion outside of school and our music evening is one of my favourite things about being headteacher at West Hampstead Primary School.

It is an opportunity for children of all ages, musical experience and abilities to come together and perform for our community.

We had children from the Early Years performing in British Sign Language. We had children performing at all different stages of their musical journey, with some of our performers only recently starting to learn to play an instrument! We had collaborative duets, trios, quartets and ensemble groups where children had been practising together and had learnt to perform as a collective. Finally, we had group performances where children and adults combined to share songs from our assemblies and recent concerts with the 'Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment'. What an amazing opportunity to bring all of this talent and enthusiasm together!

This week we look forward to seeing even more of our parents and carers at Parents Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. This will be an opportunity to find out a bit more about how your child is doing at school. I will be floating around the school or in my office. If you would like to speak to me about anything, please just pop in!

Have a great week!

Sam Drake, Headteacher

EVENTS THIS WEEK

MONDAY:	Seine Class Swimming PM
TUESDAY:	9:15-10:15 Prospective Parents Tour 3:40-6:30 Parents Evening
WEDNESDAY:	Mersey Class Swimming PM Yr6 Dodgeball Competition 3:40-5:30 Parents Evening
THURSDAY:	Y3 The Place Workshop PM
FRIDAY:	Royal Academy visit Nursery 2:45-3:15 Golden Time 3:30-4:00 PSA Costume Sale

A Night at West Hampstead

Last half-term was finished off with a bang when we had the triumphant return of our music celebration - A Night at West Hampstead. Children from Reception age all the way up to Y6 came together to show off their musical prowess both individually and as part of various ensembles. Parents were treated to a beautiful art display on the ground floor hall, showcasing work from Nursery to Y6, before being ushered upstairs to the middle floor hall for a night they would not soon forget. There was something for everyone - from funk on the drum kit (Lucas Y3 Thames) to Renaissance madrigals rearranged for recorder (Tasha Y3 Thames)



This year, not only the children performed to their parents and peers but we persuaded some of the staff to perform as well! Bradley Jones (trumpet), Ed Parr (trombone), Emanuelle Fitzotti (guitar) and Clea Thomasset (flute) all wowed us with some beautiful renditions of well-known tunes. As a parent remarked, "Normally you'd have to pay £20 to hear something like that!"



It wasn't only the exceptionally musically talented members of staff who came forward to perform, but some of the teachers you see every day. Miss Woodfield played her bassoon in a trio with Clea and Orla (Y4 Seine) and Mr Drake took on a starring role in the final performance of the evening! KS2 singers sang I Just Can't Wait To Be King from The Lion King with Mr Drake taking the part of Zazu - we hope the children performing in that number enjoyed their one opportunity to be sassy to Mr Drake with impunity!



Whilst it was a lovely opportunity for us to celebrate the music which children learn in their individual lessons, it was equally wonderful to see the progress the children have been making in their lessons in class! A huge congratulations must be given to the children in all year groups who do not have private music lessons but who chose to return to school to take part in the ensemble performances such as Y6 brass, Y4 recorder and KS1/ KS2 singing assembly. It was magical to see so many children on stage making music together!



The entire event was recorded and photographed by Mr Beynon so, if you missed the live performance, you can view it as many times as you like (as well as see a photograph of your child performing) on our website. Visit the creativity page and head to the A Night at West Hampstead 2024 tab to relive it!



Huge congratulations to the children who performed! They all did amazingly well and everyone left (if you will permit the pun) on a high note. We are already looking forward to an ever bigger performance next year - we hope we can persuade you to join us then!

The Staff of West Hampstead Primary School.



WORLD BOOK DAY GIVEAWAY

**Free
books!**

The PSA is giving every child a free book on World Book Day. Pick up your book from the playground after school on

Thursday 7th March





Get out your baking tins and warm up your rolling pins as **West Hampstead Primary School** presents.....

The Big Book Bake Off!

Each year group will design, create and decorate a tantalising treat based on their class book.

Our bake off judges will be coming to your class to choose one winner. On your marks, get set, **BAKE!**

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

**Tuesday 5th
March 2024**

Costume Sale

After school
Friday 1st March



Please leave any donations
with the office.





WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

Dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday 7th March 2024

We can't wait to see all of the amazing characters come to life across the school.

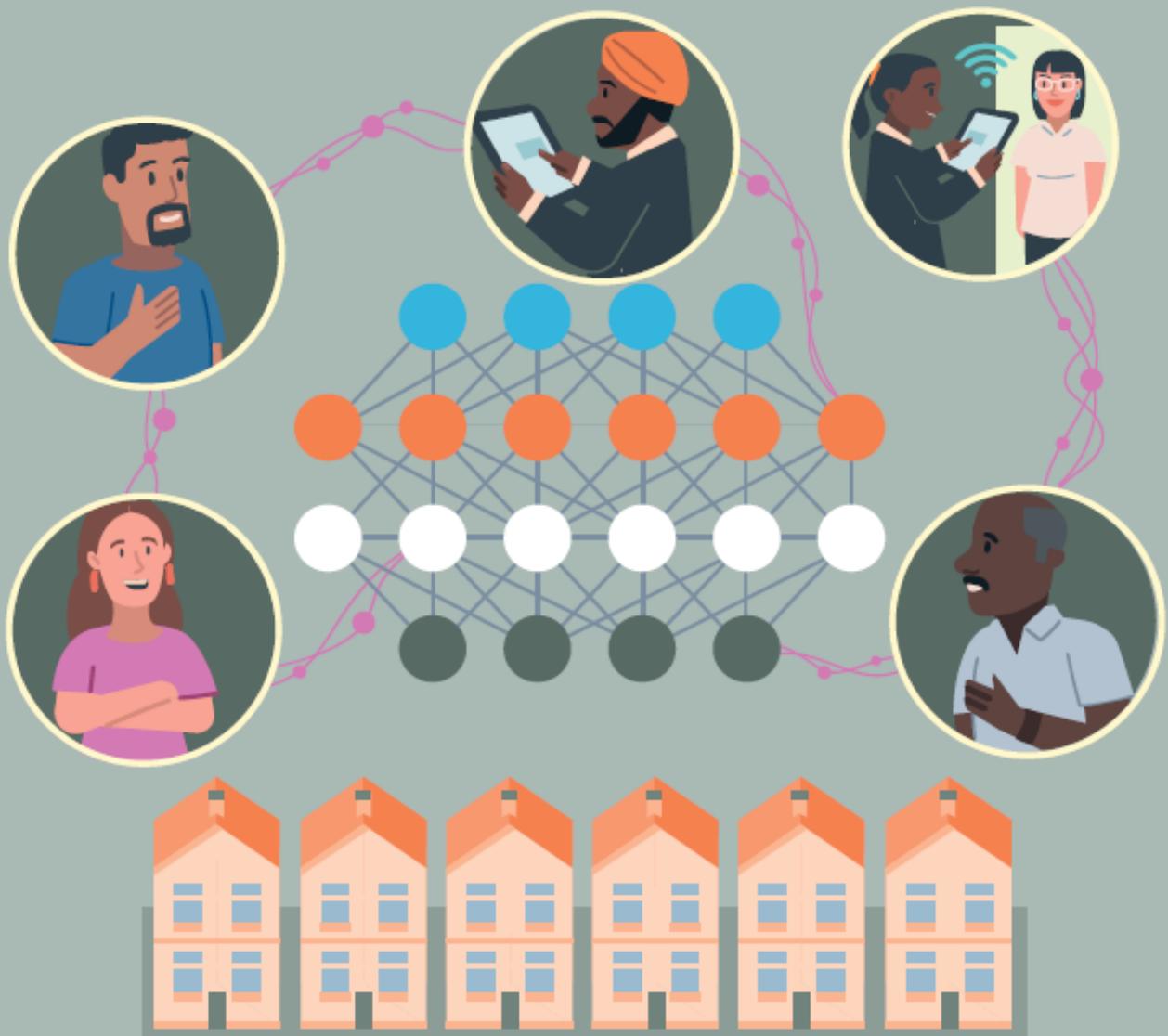


**Dressing
up ideas**



Camden Talks Data

An open event discussing how
Camden Council uses data



SCAN TO REGISTER

Sidings Community Centre
Wednesday 6th March
6-7:30pm
camden.gov.uk/en/camden-talks-data





Camden Foodbank URGENT EASTER APPEAL

Please help us to feed local people in food poverty

EVERY £40 RECEIVED IN CASH DONATIONS PAYS
FOR ONE EMERGENCY PACKAGE*



A well balanced 3-day emergency parcel for 1 person could mirror the photo above.
(Cost per package may vary according to availability).



What are the different ways you can donate food to help local people at Easter?

Deliver food in person*

Day	Time	Address
Everyday	8 am - 10 pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Penton Street, London NW1 0JH
Tuesday	11.30 am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Friday	11.30 am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Sunday	10 am - 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD

Send by online shopping*

Day	Time	Address
Any Tuesday or Friday	11.30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD

*Camden Foodbank is closed for Easter from 27th March 24 and reopens 5th April 24.

How to donate money?

INDIVIDUAL GIVING THROUGH JUST GIVING for Camden Foodbank through <https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3445418> 100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank. We would be grateful if you can also select GIFT AID which will increase your donation.

FOR CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER WAYS OF GIVING
<http://camdenfoodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>



Camden foodbank 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD 07 871 248704 - (Foodbanks only)
info@camdenfoodbank.org.uk <https://camden.foodbank.org.uk>

Registered charity 1074766



Food & Money for Camden Foodbank

Camden Foodbank make up long life emergency food parcels to support local people in food crisis. In order to make up well balanced food packages we need any of the items listed below:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Pasta/Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Jam/Honey/Peanut butter
- Tea
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Cooking oil
- Longlife juice
- Longlife milk
- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder
- Shampoo/Soap
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Easter eggs