

WEMMS EDUCATION weekly newsletter

Connecting realities, building perspectives

We have had a busy two weeks at school, here is what we have been up to at Wemms and with only 31 one days until Christmas there is still a huge amount to do at school and home.

Anti-bullying Week

The week commencing Monday, 13th November was launched by Kevin and the Anti-bullying ambassadors with an assembly, in which there was a lot of information and some helpful strategies shared with all of Wemms, providing food for thought and raising awareness of a subject that is often avoided. It was great to see the Anti-bullying ambassadors contributing to making our school a safer place for all, thank you. For the whole of this week, we had many odd socks on show each day and on Thursday, Max Green an Actor, Producer, YouTuber, Charity Fundraiser, Autistic Advocate visited the school and delivered a highly motivational speech to the staff and students. It was inspirational, Max is a former recipient of the Diana Award, which is the award that our Anti-bullying ambassadors are working to achieve.



Congratulations to our two students (one year 6 and one year 9) who have been selected to represent London South at the ISA swimming finals in December, following the time trials we did back at the beginning of the month.



Further congratulations to our team of six students who came 6th out of 16 in the Dodgeball tournament on 20th November, which took place in Guildford.

We were pleased to share with you earlier in the week an initiative which is designed to promote and reward good attendance for students. This will be trialled until the end of term and then reviewed accordingly. We are aware that some students will find this concept a hard one to digest but for the majority we believe it is an appropriate and sensible thing to try. For those students for whom it is less applicable, we will work hard to consider alternative means by which to help foster and promote engagement. Thank you for your understanding.

We celebrated Thanksgiving in school yesterday, students were allowed to dress wearing red, white and blue. We followed the Wemms traditions of writing and giving out thank you notes, expressing gratitude amongst the Wemms community for the little things which are often taken for granted. Staff stayed behind to have a traditional American-style Thanksgiving dinner, prepared and cooked by Leah who shared her recipes and traditions to create and provide an authentic themed experience for all the staff.

It is feeling more winter-like with the bare branches of the trees becoming more visible against the pale cool blue skies, the shorter days and longer dark evenings which can be seen when you look out from the windows or doorways of our warm and cozy buildings. The outside areas and grounds give access to numerous areas for playing or walking with evergreen trees and shrubs providing a backdrop of different tints, hues, tones and shades of green around the estate.

Friends of Wemms would like to remind you that on Wednesday, 6th December you are invited to Jingle and Mingle from 6:00-8:00pm, come along and enjoy a festive drink. The Friends of Wemms would also like to say a big thank you for all the donations for the Holiday Shop, more donations are still needed. There is also a request for:

- Christmas Wrapping paper
- volunteers to help set up the Holiday Shop
- volunteers for wrapping and prepping
- setting up, and manning the Holiday Shop

All of us at Wemms would like to say a huge thank you for the Christmas tree that has so generously been donated to us again this year, it is being delivered on Wednesday, 29th November, and is likely to bring with it a lot of excitement and a real sense of how close Christmas really is!

Good luck to those students who have mock exams starting next week, we wish them well.

Upcoming events:

Friday, 1st December – ISA Swimming Competition Final

Tuesday, 5th December – DofE Workshop

Wednesday, 6th December – Friends of Wemms, Jingle and Mingle

Thursday, 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas wreath workshop and Fow Holiday Shop

