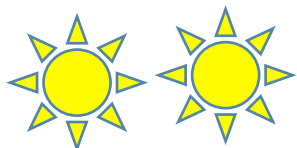
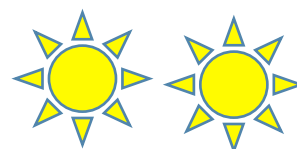


# MAKING EACH DAY EXTRAORDINARY



School Newsletter 27th April 2015

*'Start of Summer' Edition* - bringing the sunshine feeling to Wix



**Wandsworth 24 Game KS1 Maths Tournament 2015:** with Mrs Tunesi – Representing our school! In February a group of three year two children represented the school at the Wandsworth Year Two Mathematics Tournament. The children did exceptionally well and one pupil was placed as individual second place out of all the schools that participated.



**World Book Day:** We celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. All children and members of staff came dressed as their favourite book characters. The day was incredible and the costumes were awe inspiring. During World Book Day Week some classes had drama activities led by the company 'Perform'. We also had fabulous poetry workshops facilitated by Jared Louche. The children were inspired by a visiting author, Sophie Brozec, who has written a bilingual book entitled 'Elodie'. During the week we held a very successful book fair. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who visited the book fair as you spent £812.78 and as a result the school was given £427.67 commission to spend on books.

**Mosaic Entrance:** Over a period of 6 weeks the children in Year 4, 4B, Year 5 and 5B worked alongside artists from Creative Sparkworks to produce a mosaic for our front entrance, based on the fable The Hare and the Tortoise. After collecting unwanted plates and crockery from home, they learnt about the design process as well as the production of the mosaic. Each child then got to help cut and place the mosaic pieces onto the specially created boards. All of the children were at the unveiling ceremony where Mrs Kodjovi-Stapp cut a ribbon and thanked everyone involved, including Mrs Marchesi for organising it all. The children were delighted to see the final product on display for all to see.



**Parent Open Evening:** It was great to see so many of you at the whole school Parent Open Evening recently. We had over



180 parents visit their child's classroom, chat with the teacher and see their child's work. It was so lovely seeing your children explaining their work in their books to you with so much excitement and pride. Thank you for your positive and enthusiastic feedback to both the class teachers and myself about the open evening.

**Big Pedal Challenge:** A huge thanks from Miss King to all parents, carers, children and siblings who took part in the Big Pedal Challenge. Wix did really well, with 27% of us cycling or scooting in on our best day overall: a fantastic effort! The organisers wrote to us and said *"A fantastic congratulations to Wix Primary School for coming 9th of all the schools in Wandsworth & Merton and 5<sup>th</sup> of all the schools in Wandsworth in this year's Big Pedal!"* The 10 day challenge culminated with our successful Superhero Day, which raised £182 for Sustrans, the sustainable travel charity. Miss King and I had great fun drawing raffle tickets and giving out lots of prizes to lucky winners. And for those still scooting and biking to school, please join me for the last Bikers' Breakfast on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.



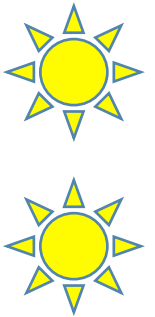
**Football:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> March a group of twelve children from Wix represented the school in a football match against St. Bedes Primary School. The football match took place on Clapham Common. All the children represented the school well and showed excellent sportsmanship.



**Circus Skills:** Year 3&3b were lucky enough to have two taster sessions with a professional Circus performer as a reward for earning so many dojo points. They learnt to walk on stilts and spin plates." It's really quite difficult you know! We had so much fun!







**Spring Hat Parade:** On 25<sup>th</sup> March we had our annual Spring Hat Parade. The event was absolutely wonderful! The children all sang songs in both French and English and paraded their amazing spring hats proudly to marching music.







**Wix Parliament:** On Thursday (23rd April) the Year 5 and 5B classes were visited by Battersea MP Candidate, Will Martindale, as both classes are studying topics based on governments and democracy, prior to the General Election. Mr Martindale was invited to visit Wix to outline his reasons for becoming involved in politics, and why he would like to become MP for Battersea. He started by describing how the country is divided for voting purposes (well done to Nora who remembered that it is split into 650 constituencies) and the main political parties. After this he asked pupils to join him at the front to represent the main areas into which the £750 billion national budget is divided. The children were then encouraged to guess which areas received the most money, and were very surprised at some of the answers! Many decided that more should be spent on health and others were overheard saying ***"I can't believe the defence budget is only £43 billion!"*** This was followed by a Q&A session where Mr Martindale fielded a range of interesting questions ranging from ***"Who inspired you to get involved in politics?"*** to ***"How will you help less well-off people with housing and jobs in the local area?"*** A very informative afternoon finished with a Radio Wix interview conducted by My Gayle and Radio Wix Club members – Adnan, Adam, Lola-Rose and Lauren. Year 6B visited the Houses of Parliament and Year 5's parent assembly included an interesting debate from Wix Parliamentary Candidates about 'How do you propose to improve education for primary pupils?' Some interesting ideas indeed...



**Gardening Zone Update:** Ms Tunesi, Ms Shepherd, Ms Doyle and their families decided to carry on working over the whole Easter holidays to finish the next phase of development of 'Fingers and Thumbs'. We cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work!!! Thanks to the PTA for the funding to help us develop this.





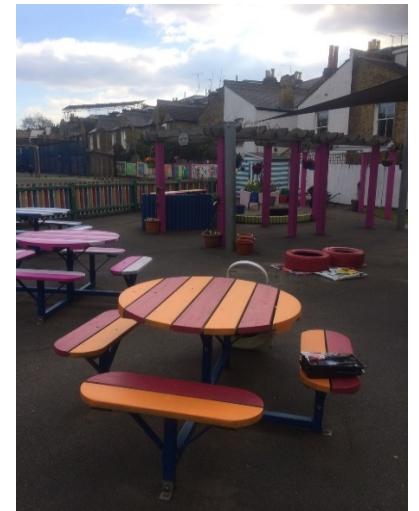


#### Parent Assemblies this term:

29<sup>th</sup> April 5B, 6<sup>th</sup> May Rec, 20<sup>th</sup> May Yr1B,  
10<sup>th</sup> June Yr1, 17<sup>th</sup> June Yr3, 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Nursery, 1<sup>st</sup> July Yr 4 & 4B, 2<sup>nd</sup> July RB, 8<sup>th</sup>  
July Yr 2 & 2B, 16<sup>th</sup> July Yr 6 & 6B Leavers  
Assembly.

#### Upcoming Dates:

11-15<sup>th</sup> May: SAT's Tests for Yr 6 pupils  
21<sup>st</sup> May: 100 Year Anniversary Performance  
10<sup>th</sup> June: Action Against Hunger Run  
21<sup>st</sup> June: Summer Fair  
16<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers Barbeque  
17<sup>th</sup> July: Break up for holidays (Eng & Bil)



#### **Parent Zone:**

- ❖ Make your child the star of the magical story 'The Magic Chair' – This book is £14.99 and is personalised not only with your child's name but also by appearance with 30 beautifully illustrated pages. If interested go to: [www.magicchair.co.uk](http://www.magicchair.co.uk).
- ❖ The Annual Wix Parent & Teacher Quiz Night is on Friday 8th May, 7.30pm, in the school hall. Tables can be 6-10 people. You can either submit your own table, or sign up by yourself or in a smaller group, and we will place you with others on the night. Booking forms will follow shortly. Any queries, see Christel (PTA).
- ❖ Please help us at the end of the school day by vacating the school site with your children as promptly as possible. There are no staff supervising in the playground after school as they have other commitments, and we are keen to make sure that all children are safe.