

Friday 11th June 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed the improved weather. We have an exciting final half term of the school year lined up including enrichment events such as Earth Day and Keeping Health Week in addition to preparing pupils for transition to new year groups in September 2021. Please check the parent dates sent home this week, these are also available via the website calendar to keep you up to date.

The Year 6 secondary transition day on Thursday 1st July will be going ahead as face to face visits. Families should prepare in advance and ensure Year 6 pupils undertake COVID home tests two days before the visit and on return. Our school will be supporting the process by ensuring consistency in year group bubbles for Year 6 both before and after the visit.

Our school COVID secure risk assessment has been updated in response to government changes as lockdown eases. This can be found on the school website. We have had no cases of COVID 19 and no bubble closures since full re-opening on the 8th March. Our attendance continues to be above both the Hackney and national average as a result of the hard work of pupils, parents and school staff. Thank you! The government recently announced that international travel can gradually resume as destinations are added to England's 'green list'. People should not travel to 'amber' and 'red' countries, and strict rules on testing and quarantine remain in place to protect public health and the vaccination programme. Pupil attendance at school is mandatory and absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. A number of improvements have been planned for the Summer break. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do, there will be another newsletter later this term to update you on the summer term.

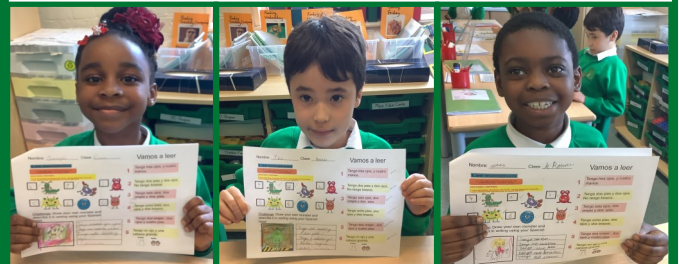
Thank you for your on-going support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 2 SPANISH

Year 2 have been learning to say different parts of the body in Spanish. They then created and wrote a description in Spanish, with support. Finally, they had to read and match Spanish texts to monsters of different shapes and sizes.



YEAR 5 APOLLO

During Apollo sessions, Year 5 have been learning about different musical instruments such as, the woodwind family and the violin family, as well as different types of music that may be suitable for different uses. Children then shared their opinions of music, from two different composers.



SCIENCE DAY

During Science Day, the theme linked to the Avengers and X-Men. Children learned more about scientific concepts by predicting an outcome; planning an investigation; carrying out a scientific investigation; recording results and writing a conclusion. It was an exciting day where children put their scientific skills into practise and helped the X-Men and Avengers save the world!



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.



ECO TEAM SUNFLOWERS

This summer term, the Eco Team have launched a 'tallest sunflower' competition across the school. Eco Team members explained the rules and rationale before each class planted their own sunflower. Classes will monitor their flower's growth each week, with the tallest sunflower at the end of Summer 2 the over all winner.

YEAR 6 KAYAKING

Year 6 visited Laburnum Boat club, to have a go at kayaking. The children learned how to hold and use a paddle correctly, key tips for staying safe on the water and how to navigate the kayak when on the water. Some Year 6s fell in, some capsized, but they all had a fantastic time.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND KEY DATES

Our coffee mornings will continue to run online until the end of the academic year. Please see below for upcoming content and visit the Coffee Morning page in the parent section of the website for historic content. In addition to the coffee mornings, there are a number of scheduled events taking place across the second half of the summer term including celebration assemblies and a PTA event. Please check the website calendar and the parent dates document sent home this week!

Date	Focus
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

KEY DATES

Summer Term 2021

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 31 May 2021—
Friday 4 June 2021

Children Start Date:
Monday 7th June 2021
Staff Training Day:
Friday 25th June 2021

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):

Starts Monday 28th June 2021

Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th July 2021

End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 23rd July 2021

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1st,
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd
September 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th
September 2021

Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th,
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th
September 2021

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 29th
September 2021

World Week & Democracy Day:
Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday
15th October 2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th
October 2021 - Friday 29th October
2021

Children Start Date: Monday 1st
November 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday 9th
December 2021

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 17th
December 2021 at 2pm

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **97.4%**

Well done to Acorn FT Class the overall weekly winners with **100%**

