

Friday 8th October 2021

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to all of the dads, uncles, granddads and significant male family members who came to spend a morning in school. We had an amazing **221** family members attending. The children were very proud to show off their learning and the feedback was very positive.

Reading at home is very important and we regularly restock on home reading books to make sure that there is good choice for children. Please help us to stock enough books in the school by making sure that home readers are returned and by checking under beds, sofas and in bedrooms to check that none are left behind. After the half term holiday we will be restarting our Friday morning 'stay and read' sessions for Nursery and Reception Classes. Look out for more information about this in the coming weeks.

Next week we are celebrating World Week with a range of activities for children on the theme of 'movement'. Children will explore the causes and consequences of human movement around the planet and make links to themselves and their families. At a time where movement around the globe has been greatly limited, resulting in, for many, challenges and separation, the week will celebrate how movement of people has allowed the school community to be as rich and diverse as it is today. We will also be undertaking Democracy Day during this week and children will elect new school council representatives. Children's work from World Week will be displayed during our International Evening which takes place in the **playground** from **3:30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Please come and join us!

If you are a Hackney resident and your child is in Year 6, born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, please apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2021. To ensure that your child gets a Secondary place make sure you don't miss the deadline. Please ask at the school office if you require further information or support with the application.

Thank you for your on-going support!

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Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

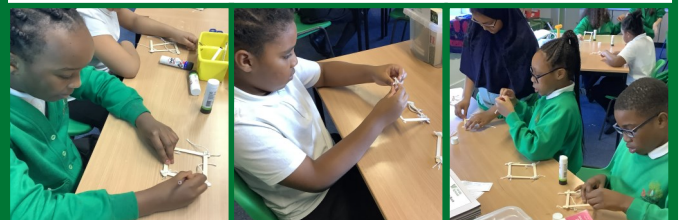
## YEAR 4 GARDENING

Year 4 gardening workshops took place this week. During these sessions, children learned more about natural fibres and started the process for making linen. In groups they sorted and checked the quality of flax stems, which were grown in our school garden.



## YEAR 5 ART

This week in art, children made their looms, ready to create their final weaving outcomes next week. They worked together using lollipop sticks, glue and string to create a secure square structure, similar to that of the Anglo-Saxons.



## YEAR 3 HOCKEY

This term children in Year 3 are learning to play hockey in PE. This week, the children learned how use to hold a hockey stick and to keep control of the ball. They were able to rehearse this skill, while passing the ball with a partner.



**WE ASK CHILDREN TO READ AT HOME EVERY NIGHT.  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND SIGN THEIR HOME SCHOOL DIARIES.**

## YEAR 6 SCULPTURE

In art, Year 6 have been exploring the process of developing sculptures. Using Henry Moore's work as inspiration, the students planned and manipulated clay, to create their own nature sculpture using a range of techniques and tools.



## NURSERY MATHS

This week nursery have been exploring shapes and patterns. Children have been using shapes to design cakes for a teddy bear picnic, using colours to identify tower patterns and feeding our shape monsters their corresponding shapes.



## PARENT DATES

We have organised a series of drop in sessions for parents based around curriculum, safety, wellbeing and relationships. They run from **9:15am** on Friday mornings and are open to all. Coffee mornings are a great opportunity to meet other parents and school staff, as well as an opportunity to understand how we approach learning with children in school.

Date	Focus
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Spelling and Vocabulary:</b> How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Science:</b> What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Phonics and handwriting:</b> How can I help my child to learn to read? How can improve my child's handwriting?
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Wellbeing:</b> What does mental wellbeing mean and how do I speak to my child about this?
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Art:</b> How do I find inspiration for creative art projects at home on a budget?
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>ICT:</b> What apps does my child use in school?
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Christmas Holiday Activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?

## KEY DATES

### 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 makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **95.5%**. **Well done to Apple Class**, the weekly winners with **99.3%**.

