

Friday 6th May 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we celebrated Families' Week and children learnt about the different family structures in our modern society. Children had opportunity to discuss how some families have a mum and a dad, some live in single parent families, some have foster parents, some live with their grandparents and some have same-sex parents. The focus of the week was to show the children that as long as the family environment is a loving one it does not matter how it is structured. A huge thank you to our wonderful community for attending the grandparent afternoon tea and 'significant females' for joining classroom learning sessions.

Next week Year 6 pupils undertake their important Key Stage 2 tests. Parents of Year 6 children can help during this week by making sure that children get a good sleep and that they get to school in good time. We are offering all Year 6 children a breakfast so that they can meet with their friends and relax before the tests start. They have worked hard to be ready and this is an opportunity to show all that they have learned during their primary education. Good luck and do your best Year 6! In the week before half term we also take the opportunity to undertake termly assessments of all children in Years 1 to 5 in reading, writing and maths to see the progress that has been made and organise any additional support that might be needed. You will receive an update on this in the termly report that you receive at parents evening in July.

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and they sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always do our best to remind children to pick up their jumpers and to help find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labelled with both a first name and surname. Our schools continue to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t shirt and green shorts.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

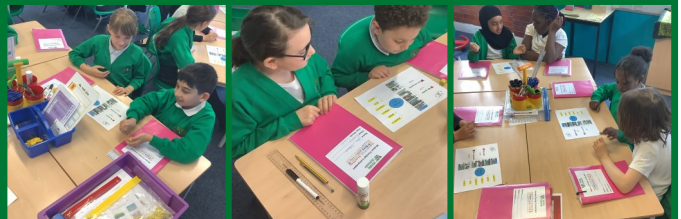
EYFS OUTDOOR LEARNING

Reception pupils have been enjoying learning in our outdoor area. They have explored the natural world around them by observed the change of season, practised retelling stories with puppets and developed their motor skills by scooping and pouring in the water tray.



YEAR 4 SPANISH

During Spanish lessons this term, Hawthorn Class have been learning how to say and describe where they live in Spanish. To support this the children have used strategies to recall key vocabulary linked to this unit.



YEAR 2 PE

In PE, Year 2 have been learning how to jump over hurdles. First, they practised different types of jumps and identified which one would work best. Then they combined sprinting with jumping to successfully jump over the hurdles at a pace, then worked as a group completing relays against each other.

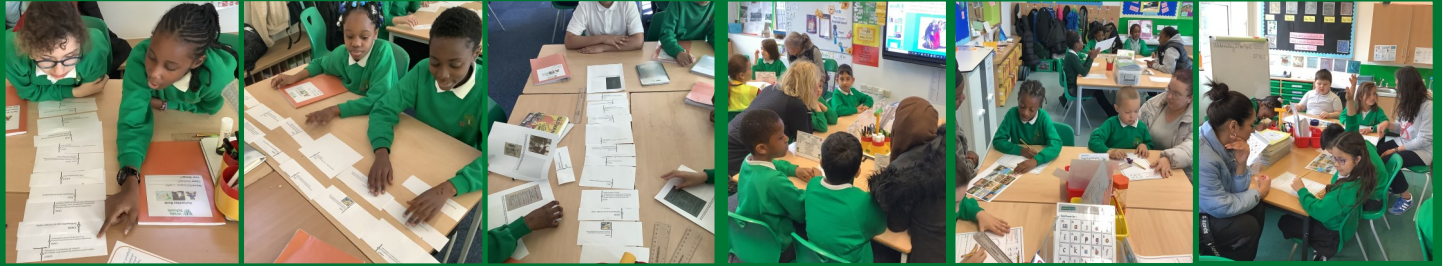


YEAR 6 HISTORY

SIGNIFICANT FEMALE VISIT

Year 6 have been developing their knowledge of the fight for women's suffrage, using primary & secondary sources and by exploring key events. Pupils researched and then discussed what they believe the decisive events were to women gaining the vote.

Last Wednesday, we held our 'Significant Female' morning across the school. It was fantastic to see so many adults supporting learning in our classrooms. Thank you to all those significant females who gave up their morning to support this event!



COFFEE MORNINGS

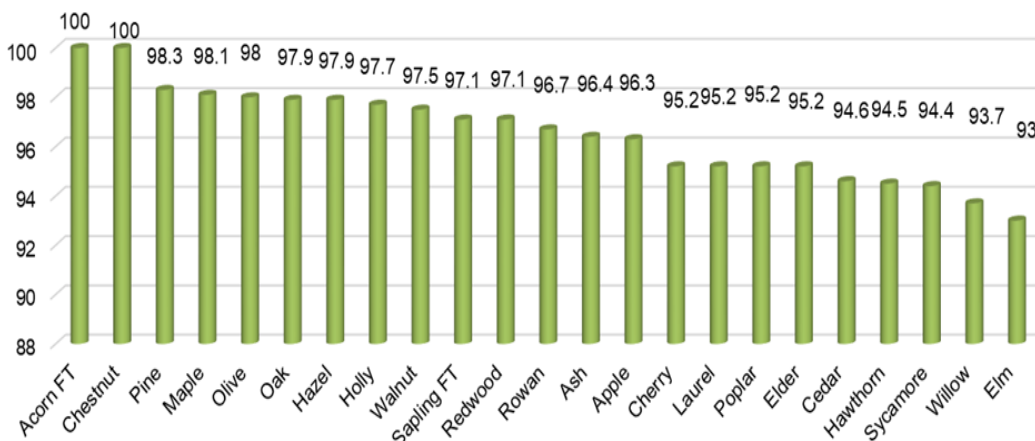
As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the hall on the ground floor at 9:15am.

Date	Focus
Friday 13 th May	Reading: How do we teach comprehension skills?
Friday 20 th May	Science: How best can I support my child to develop their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)
Friday 27 th May	Maths: How can I support my child to learn times tables?

We have a number of events lined up for later this term including a sports day, our Viridis Federation music concert at Hackney Round Chapel, class celebration assemblies and the Year 6 leavers production in the final week of term. Please look out for further announcements in this newsletter, on posters around the school as well as on our website and twitter.

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
 Whole school attendance for last week was **96.4%**
Well done to Chestnut Class
 the weekly winners with **100%**.



KEY DATES

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April 2022
Children's Start Date: Tuesday 19th April 2022
Families' Week: Starts Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022
Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Monday 23rd May 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th June 2022

Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 7th July 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 22nd July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Training Day: Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Children's Start Date: Monday 5th September

Meet the Teacher: Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September 2022

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 28th September 2022

World Week & Democracy Day: Monday 17th October 2021 – Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

Children Start Date: Monday 31st October 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 8th December 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm

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