

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been Keeping Healthy Week and the theme was 'Everybody Can'. Children have participated in exciting sporting activities such as wheelchair basketball, mini golf and football coaching. Children have engaged in discussions that challenge sporting stereotypes relating to gender, ability and disability. Today we held our annual sports day. Thank you to all the parents who came to show their support.

Our Parents' Evening is next Thursday, 6th July and the school day will end for all children at 1:45pm to allow this to happen. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment on our online system or by calling the school office. At this meeting you can collect your child's summer term report with targets and look at their class work. Please make sure that you talk through the report with your child, celebrating where they have done well and encouraging them with their next steps ready for their move into a new year group next year.

A group of Year 5 children recently visited Tenerife as part of the Hackney Erasmus project. They have been speaking to children in assemblies and to teachers at a conference sharing both their experience and their learning from the trip. The children and our Spanish teaching team, Ms Colbron and Ms Perez Perdomo, have successfully established school to school links and relationships with our partner school which we aim to continue beyond the end of this project.

We are all looking forward to celebrating Hispanic Day on Tuesday 4th July. During this day there will be a special assembly and dinner menu. Speaking Spanish will also be encouraged! Children are also invited to wear red and yellow.

There are now three weeks left of the Summer Term. During this time children will be following their usual timetables and routines at school including starting to work in new school books so that they are ready for the September start. We will also be celebrating their achievements over the year, and we welcome parents to join the year group assemblies. You will have received an invitation for this, but the dates are also on the back of this newsletter.

On Tuesday, 11th July we will be holding our annual Federation Festival of Music at the Round Chapel with performances from our talented musicians and choir. Parents are invited to join us from 1:00pm.

**Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher**

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### Reminder

Our Attendance Challenge is running between 26th June and 14th July. 100% attendance each week will result in an entry into our prize draw! The winner this year will receive tickets for a family day out to a top London attraction of choice!



Don't forget to book a Parent Consultation slot for the 6th July either online or by calling/visiting the school office.



### Demonstrating Number Bonds

During last week's coffee morning, the children in EYFS enjoyed showing their parents how they use ten frames and numicon to find number bonds to 10. They also demonstrated how they write their number sentences down, being careful with their number formation.



### Pointillism Paintings

In Art, Year 1 have been creating their own seascape pictures inspired by the famous artist George Seurat. They have used cotton buds and paint to create their own versions of a pointillism, a technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of colour are applied in patterns to form an image.



### Architects and Engineers

On Science and Technology Day Year 5 became engineers, architects and mathematicians, looking at how construct bridges. They observed stronger shapes and how much it would cost to buy the materials. The children then made their bridges in teams of five to six. It was a very enjoyable day!



## Skating Sessions

This term, our KS2 children have had the pleasure of attending ice skating sessions at both the stunning new Lee Valley Ice Centre ahead of its official opening day, and at Queens Ice Rink. For some, it has been their first time experiencing the enjoyable and memorable adventure and cannot wait to go again with their families.



## Year 5 at PGL

Year 5 had a lot of fun and learnt a range of skills during their trip to PGL. They partook in climbing, problem solving, fencing, and danced the night away at their 'farewell disco'. They enjoyed exploring new activities while working with children from Southwold and Hoxton Garden. Many of them faced their fears and smashed their new challenges.



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM (2) 2023

Year 5 PGL Residential Trip  
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June 2023

Keeping Healthy Week  
Monday 26th - 30th June 2023

Sports Day  
Friday 30th June 2023

Hispanic Day (pupils only)  
Tuesday 4th July 2023 (children can wear red and yellow)

Hackney Year 6 Transition Day (pupils only)  
Thursday 6th July 2023

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 6th July 2023

Year 5 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Friday 7th July 2023 at 2:30pm (new hall)

Year 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Monday 10th July 2023 at 2:30pm (new hall)

Federation Festival of Music  
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 1:15pm (The Round Chapel)

Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 2:30pm (new hall)

Year 1 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Thursday 13th July at 9:15am (new hall)

Year 3 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Thursday 13th July at 2:30pm (new hall)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (I)  
Monday 17th July 2023 at 9:15am (new hall)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (2)  
Monday 17th July 2023 at 2:15pm (new hall)

Summer Fayre (Orchard Friends event)  
Friday 14th July 2023 at 3:30pm (playgrounds)

Children meet their class teacher for September (pupils only)  
Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 2pm

Year 6 Disco (pupils only)  
Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 3:30pm

Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 9:15am (new hall)

End of Term Finish Date  
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 2pm

INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Friday 21st July 2023

Children's Start Date (Years 1 to 6)  
Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8:55am

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 7th July	<u>Summer Holiday activities:</u> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 14th July	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event:</u> EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.

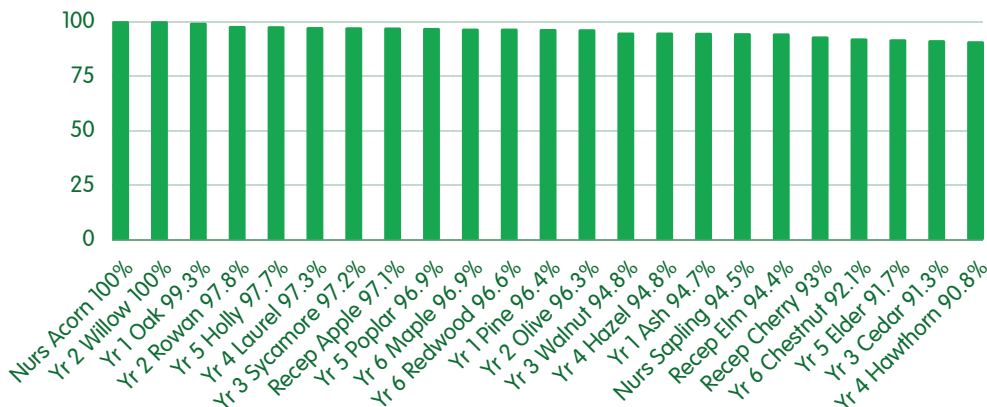
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was **95.7%**.

Well done to Nursery Acorn and Year 2 Willow class, last week's winners with **100%**.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that **WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME** and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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