



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Children are now settled into the routine of the new term. We hope you were able to join us for our recent coffee morning to learn about how communication with parents works within our schools. Our website is updated regularly with key diary events including coffee mornings, class assemblies and trips, news, and community information. Term dates can be found on the back of the fortnightly newsletter to help you plan ahead for holidays. If you have suggestions or comments, our school office has a parent comment box that can be used to share your thoughts.

This week we welcomed significant males into school to learn alongside children. A big thank you to those who came along! There are also special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our International Evening in October to look forward to.

Physical activity in school is very important and we aim to provide a range of opportunities for structured physical games at playtime, and a range of physical activity curriculum clubs after school in addition to designated weekly PE lessons. PE days were shared on the curriculum newsletters sent out last week. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. One of the reasons that children are asked to change into their PE kit at school is for hygiene purposes. For example, the children learn that when they exercise, they sweat, and it is good practice to not wear exercise clothes all day. Changing for PE in school also allows younger children to develop their independence and learn how to dress themselves. For example, putting jumpers on, managing buttons, putting shoes on, and tying up laces.

Our curriculum is further enriched with a range of opportunities for children beyond classroom learning including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5, and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

We have again been celebrating some wonderful holiday homework projects relating to current curriculum learning. It is always very helpful if you can talk with your child about their school learning at home, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to support their research as this has a positive impact on class learning. During their time with us, children will learn about a range of local and global historical events, as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, and inspiring educational opportunities, which, with your support, will ensure they become enthusiastic lifelong learners.

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

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### Key Messages



Have you visited the Hackney Local Offer 'things to do' page? Scan the QR code for more information, or visit:  
<https://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/kb5/hackney/localoffer/results.page?localofferchannel=7>.



Smart shoes for school please. We expect children to wear comfortable black school shoes. No boots or trainers please!

### Role-Play Laundry Day

Children in EYS have been busy in their home corner area, learning how people washed their clothes in the past and how we wash our clothes today. They have also been using the role-playing laundry facilities such as a role-play iron to straighten out their clothes.



### The Great Fire of London

Year 2 have been very excited to be learning about the Great Fire of London. In History lessons, they have been using pictorial historical sources to order and find out more about the 5 days of the Great Fire. They have worked well in pairs, reading and using the pictures to match the events.



### Evolution and Inheritance

Year 6 enjoyed a self-guided trip at the Natural History Museum, linked to their Science topic: Evolution and Inheritance. They loved exploring the different exhibits, looking at how humans and different animals have evolved over time to adapt to their environments while coming face to face with the Father of Evolution himself, Charles Darwin.





## Exploring Outdoors

EYFS have enjoyed exploring their outdoor learning area. They have used lots of tools to dig in the sandpit and build fantastic sand castles with friends. They have also practiced balancing as they travelled across the outdoor obstacle course outside.



## Chess Lessons

Year 3 had their first chess lesson with their specialist Chess teacher. The lesson focused on the names of the pieces and how they can move across the board. They also incorporated the use of technology to make their first lesson more accessible.



## Key Dates

**AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023**

Black History Month  
Whole month of October

Year 4 Hawthorn Class Assembly  
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 2 Willow Class Assembly  
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 10:30am

Year 6 Maple Class Assembly  
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 11:00am

Year 4 Hazel Class Assembly  
Thursday 12th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly  
Thursday 12th October 2023 at 10:30am

Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly  
Thursday 12th October 2023 at 11:00am

World Week  
Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023

International / Traditional / Cultural Dress Day  
All day on Thursday 19th October 2023

International Evening  
3:45pm - 5:00pm on Thursday 19th October 2023

Last Day of Autumn Term 1  
School closes at 3:30pm on Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term Holiday  
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Children Return to School  
Monday 30th October 2023

## 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 give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with one another to 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 6th October	<u>World Week</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school?
Friday 13th October	<u>Online Safety</u> : What does our curriculum teach about being safe online?
Friday 20th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Morning	
Thursday 12th October	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?

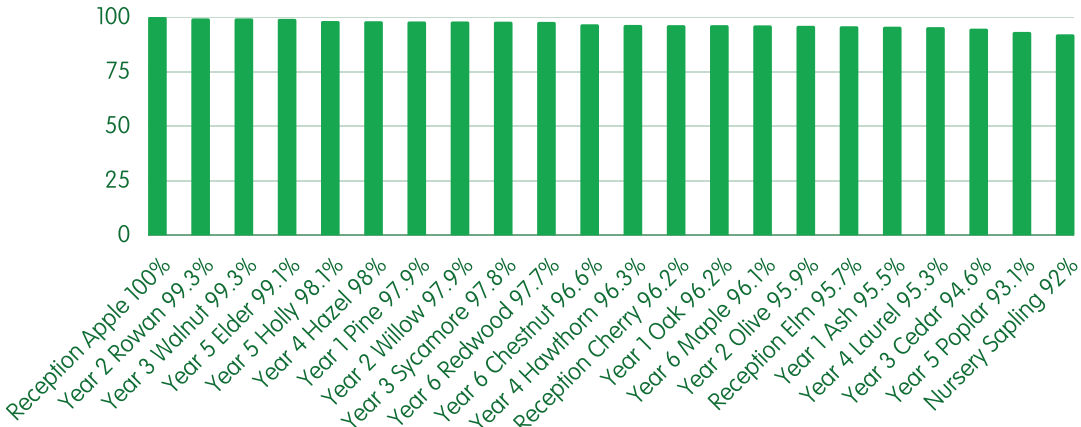
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.7%.

Well done to Reception Apple Class, last week's winner 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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