



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the month of December, we have a range of seasonal events and concerts lined up. We have listed some of these on the back of this newsletter but please also look out for posters and information on our website. Each year group will be performing a selection of themed songs to which parents are invited. Nursery and Reception classes will undertake a traditional performance which is always very popular so please make sure you arrive in good time. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays to ensure no day is wasted. Children are expected to attend school every day until we break up on Wednesday 20th December 2023.

You will receive your child's termly report at our Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th December 2023. This will give more information about their achievements so far, as well as learning targets for the coming term. A letter inviting you to parents' evening along with details of the online booking system will have been sent home to you, if you have not seen it, please check in your child's book bag. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress as well as take up the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work. Therefore, if you have not seen the letter, or are finding it difficult to make an appointment please call the school office so that we can help. Contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

Reception places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. This admissions process is for children aged 3 and 4 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) who will start reception class at primary school in September 2024. All parents should apply by 15th January 2024, even if your child is already in the nursery class. You can access the application form at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

As the weather gets colder children will be bringing more items to school including hats, gloves and scarves. To help us, please make sure all items are named. We currently have a number of lost property items that we cannot return to children because their names are not written on them. If you have an item missing, please come to the school office to view the lost property storage.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza has an important role in looking out for children and making sure their voices are heard. Ahead of the General Election, 'The Big Ambition' project is giving children in England a chance to speak up and share what matters most to them. Please scan the QR code on the back of this newsletter for you or your child to submit your views. The Commissioner will then pass on their thoughts to the government, ensuring their views are fairly represented and heard by the most senior members of England.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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Reminders

Curriculum Newsletters

Don't forget, curriculum information can be found on the school website year group pages!



Scooters and Bicycle Parking

Please park scooters and bikes in the allocated parking areas taking care to store them safely and securely.



DT Day Outcomes

Last week, the children in EYFS enjoyed participating in DT Day with their grown-ups. In Reception, children practiced their cutting and rolling skills to create a castle out of cardstock and glitter. In Nursery, children explored different materials and textures as they created igloos out of plastic cups, cotton wool and sprinkle snow.



Identifying UK Countries

The children in Year 2 have been using atlases to locate countries that make up the United Kingdom. They have also learned about the capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Over the next few weeks, they will be comparing the geographical characteristics of each country as well as learning about rural locations.



Climates Around the World

In Humanities, Year 3 are learning about 'Climates around the World'. They have been rehearsing a range of essential skills, such as identifying the main climate zones and being able to use features of a map. In their explanations and written outcomes, they have also practiced using unfamiliar technical vocabulary such as arid and tropical.





Debate Mate Induction

Children from Years 4 and 5 visited the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster to receive their Debate Mate induction. They were able to see professionals debating the argument: 'Should Superheroes be banned?' They put their questions to the opposition and were later able to judge the strongest response.



School Council Meeting

Last week, the School Council led an excellent meeting in front of their peers. The newly appointed head boy and head girl supported the meeting around Times Tables Rockstars. They also introduced the upcoming Mini-library competition looking at book corners in Lower School and mini libraries in Upper School.



Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM (2) 2023

Year 3 Sycamore Class Assembly - 9:05am
Year 1 Pine Class Assembly - 10:30am
Year 5 Holly Class Assembly - 11:00am
 Thursday 23rd November in the New Hall

Year 3 Cedar Class Assembly - 9:05am
Year 1 Oak Class Assembly - 10:30am
Year 5 Elder Class Assembly - 11:00am
 Thursday 30th November in the New Hall

Parents' Evening - School Finishes at 1:45pm
 Thursday 7th December

Winter Fayre - New Hall
 Monday 11th December at 3:30pm.

EYFS, Year 1 & 2 Pantomime - in school
 (Pupils Only)
 Wednesday 13th December in the afternoon.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Pantomime - Hackney Empire
 (Ticket Holders Only)
 Thursday 14th December in the afternoon.

Parent Reading Celebration for EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2
 Friday 15th December at 9:00am

Festive Jumper Day & Lunch
 Tuesday 19th December all day.

Last Day of Term
 Wednesday 20th December
 School finishes at 2:00pm.

INSET Days
 Thursday 21st December 2023
 Monday 8th January 2024

Children Return to School
 Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8:55am.

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These give you an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as 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 24th November	<u>Wellbeing</u> : What tools and strategies can I teach my child to support their mental health?
Friday 1st December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 8th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Workshops (9:00am start)	
Thursday 23rd November	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?

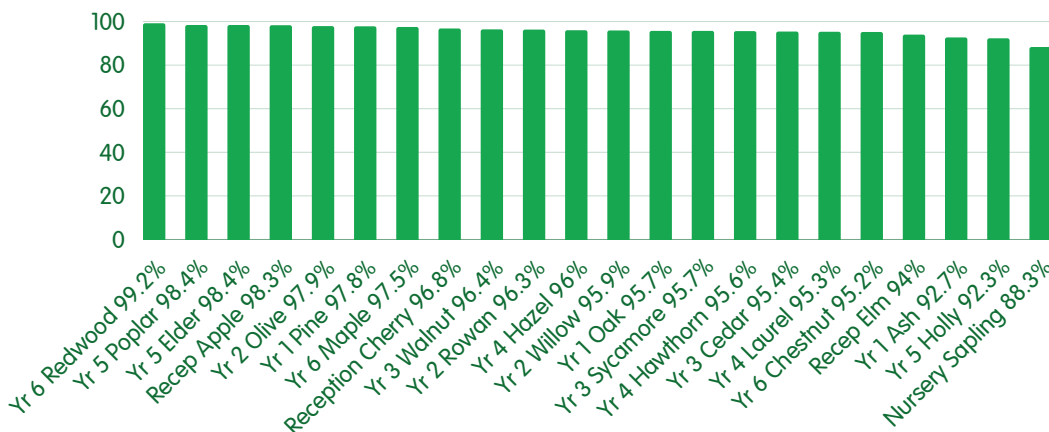
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.9%.

Well done to Year 6 Redwood Class, last week's winner with 99.2%.

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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