



## Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Dear parents/carers,

Another great week of learning at Virginia Primary School, made even more exciting by World Book Day! We have been looking at what inclusion means in the world of politics and what democracy means. Children have been thinking about how people's opinions and ideas are represented in government. Our Key Stage 2 children have been learning about greetings during their Spanish lessons and they have been very enthusiastic about it. Here is what we have been up to:

### Trips and Events

- The Rights respecting Steering Group attended WE day on Wednesday. Our change-makers attended The SSE Arena to see world-renowned speakers, A-list performers and thousands of other young people to celebrate a year of action that is transforming communities and changing lives.
- Year 5/6 girls football team played a tournament at Mile End. They were amazing and were defeated only by the overall winners!
- Year 3 and year 5 started Ludwig's Party singing project run by Thames Music. They will be practicing Beethoven's songs and performing them at the end of May.

### World Book Day

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in costumes for World Book Day on Thursday and to see so many parents attending! We had an absolutely full top hall in what felt like a celebration of the world of books and stories!

The effort that children, their families and the staff put into creating such wonderful and imaginative costumes resulted in a medley of incredible characters roaming around our school for the day. I learned so much about characters I had not heard before and it made me want to go and read more books! I hope it inspired our children and families to do the same. The door covers were, as usual, real masterpieces and reflected the joy of reading a book as a class. Our school council had the very tough job to decide the winners and I will be announcing them next week in Good Learning Assembly.

In the afternoon, all classes took part in buddy reading. The event was a real success! It was delightful to see children of all ages sharing books and stories and talking about the characters and the books that set light to their imagination.

Reading is the most precious gift that we can give our children, so please keep supporting us in sharing stories and immersing the children into the world of books.

### FSU News

Well done to all the children for their fantastic World Book Day costumes. The children looked incredible and we had a such an amazing day sharing stories and pretending to be our favourite characters! Nursery have been reading the story 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. They enjoyed following the seed on its long journey across deserts, seas and mountains until it finally became a flower. This week they have planted their own seeds and are watering them every day. The children have been doing some amazing writing; labelling plants and writing instructions! Reception have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk, and are looking forward to creating story maps next week. We have been looking after our own beanstalks with great care and some have even started to grow. We are



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observing them very closely and are measuring them every day. We will record all our findings in our bean diary!

### Breakfast

I would like to remind parents that have children in KS2 to make sure their child has breakfast before they come to school. KS2 no longer have a piece of fruit at playtime and lunch is not till 12.30pm which is a long time to go without anything to eat.

### Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	90.34%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	93.57%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2	6	7 <sup>th</sup>	99.31%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 3	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	84.19%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	95.67%	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 5	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	98.62%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 6	2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	99.29%	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**Well done year 2.** I am very proud of your attendance! **All year groups now need to improve their punctuality!** Parents please make sure your child is lined up in the playground at 8.55am, so that they are in lessons and ready to start their learning. I would just like to remind you that in accordance with the Tower Hamlets Penalty Notice Scheme you will be fined if your child is late 20 or more times in a term.

### Forthcoming events

9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 4 School Journey
9 <sup>th</sup> March to 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 5 Intensive Swimming every day for two weeks
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 1 visiting Spitalfields Church
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Nursery will be visiting Spitalfields City Farm
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 2 & 3 visiting the Royal Albert Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Year 1 visiting Trinity Buoy Wharf
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Reporting to the Reception class parents
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Reporting to year 6 parents
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 4 Artburst production <b>at 11am – All year 4 parents welcome</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Poetry Slams Assembly at 2.45 – parents welcome
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Achievement Assembly at 9.10
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	Year 1 visiting the London Zoo

### Dates for the rest of this Year

6 <sup>th</sup> April to 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	End of Term	School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Occasional Day	School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Bank Holiday	School Closed
25 <sup>th</sup> May to 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Half term	School Closed
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	Inset Days	School Closed

Best wishes,

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