



Newsletter

13th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

It's been a whirlwind of a week here at Virginia! Year 4 travelled to Sayers Croft for their school journey and had an amazing time, and today we have all come into school wearing white and red for Sports Relief. In assemblies we have been focusing on using our voice to instigate change and have had a look at the impact of environmental activists like Greta Thunberg and Tia Kansara. Here is what we have been up to:

Trips and Events

- From Monday to Wednesday Year 4 went on School Journey to Sayers Croft
- Year 5 have started their intensive swimming sessions at the Olympic Pool
- On Friday, Year 1 visited Spitalfields Church to learn about sacred places

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** Eshaan, Ayana, Hollie, Amira, Rayyan and Zaheer have shared how year 1 have been learning to read time and they made clocks to help them.
- **Year 2** Year 2 have been reading a book called "Lost and Found" Hannah, Tayyibah, Yahya and Mikayeel shared their own version of the story.
- **Year 3:** Aaliya, Salman, Cara and Ibrahim talked to us about the book they have been reading called "Mind the gap" it's a collection of poetry so they shared their favourite poems.
- **Year 4:** As you know, year 4 went on school journey to Sayers Croft this week. Mariah, Johnny, Uzayr, Oliwia, Hannah and Yasin shared their experiences and what made them step outside their comfort zone.
- **Year 5:** Year 5 were attending their swimming lessons.
- **Year 6** Cathy, Prisca, Aqilah, Zhraa, Jubayra and Ameera shared the speeches they delivered at St Hilda's community centre about women empowerment on International Women's day. They were absolutely inspirational!
- **Special Mentions:** **Khadijah** mentioned **Yousif** for supporting and encouraging her during the low ropes obstacle course. **Adyan** mentioned **Sabine and Asma** for taking care of him during the night walk. **Yusef** mentioned **Miski** for being a funny buddy reading partner.

World Book Day Winners

It was such a pleasure to witness the amazing effort everyone made to make our World Book Day a success! The outfits were imaginative and absolutely fantastic. Our school Council had the very difficult task to choose the winners.

Best Door Cover: Year 3 with their amazing cover of "There's a Pharaoh in my bath" .

Nursery: Ayub (Paddington Bear) and Saraya (Little Red Riding Hood)

Reception: Younus (Cat in the hat) Sophia (Peter Pan)

Year 1: Zaid (Mr Bump) Siyana (Cat in the hat)

Year 2: Ariya (3 little pigs) Sameen (Hungry caterpillar)

Year 3 Adam (the enormous crocodile) Brodi (Alice in wonderland)

Year 4: Alfred (Augustus Gloop) Mariah (Willy Wonka) special mention to Hannah's amazing effort as the book fairy

Year 5: Leilia (Luna Lovegood) Leo (Squeeze Juice)

Year 6: Mikayel (Gangster granny) Cathy (the "Bang" original dictionary)

Staff Winner: Salma (Norman the Snail)

I will be taking the winners to Waterstones to buy a book of their choice after Easter.

FSU News

Nursery have been thinking about animals and how they grow this week. They have read the book 'I Love Animals' as a class and have been learning about baby animal names. In maths they have been sorting objects into different groups and in phonics they have been listening to different animal sounds. They have also been creating some fantastic animal artwork! Reception have been keeping a bean diary as they observe, measure and record



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the growth of their bean plants. Today we had to find a metre ruler as some are now over 30cm tall! They have used their story maps to retell and then write Jack and the Beanstalk. The children in reception have been working really hard to learn all their blue sight words this week - please remember to practise at home!

Industrial Action

The NEU together with Unison have announced a planned industrial action on March the 24th, April the 2nd and 3rd. This may mean disruption to our school day and possible closure of some or all year groups. I will endeavour to keep you informed and give as much notice as possible.

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Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	3	4 th	79.31%	7 th
Year 1	4	7 th	91.43%	5 th
Year 2	3	4 th	93.79%	4 th
Year 3	1	1 st	88.66%	6 th
Year 4	1	1 st	96%	2 nd
Year 5	3	4 th	96.55%	1 st
Year 6	1	1 st	94.29%	3 rd

Well done year 5. 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

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

Dates for the rest of this Year

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

Best wishes,

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