



Newsletter

11th October 2019

Dear parents/carers,

The wet and windy weather has not stopped us from making the most of our learning opportunities this week. As part of World Mental Health Day, the children have been thinking about “growing a healthy mind” and how to deal with worries and develop self-confidence.

Here is what we have been up to:

Trips and Events

- The children had their photos taken on Tuesday and were put in their book bag. The class photos will be sent home as soon as we receive them.
- The fire brigade visited years 2 and 5 to talk about home fire safety and what to do in an emergency
- A group of year 5 and 6 children took part in a cricket competition. They played extremely well with both teams finishing 4th and 2nd!
- Year 5 should have visited Westminster Abbey, however due to the disruptions caused by the “Extinction Rebellion” demonstrations, we decided to postpone the visit. We are looking into booking it after half term.

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** Siyana, Eshaan, Amelie, Ziyun, have shared that, as part of their work around the 5 senses, they made popcorn! They described how it felt, smelled, looked and tasted.
- **Year 2:** Year 2 visited the Horniman museum last week; Eren, Ariya, Yahya, Akram, Maisha, Mohammed, Aaliyah and Hannah shared what they found out about different instruments from around the world, like the talking drum and the singing bowl.
- **Year 3:** Cara, Ibbi, Farhan and Faizaan explained how to add mentally a two digit and a one digit number by using their knowledge of number facts.
- **Year 4:** In circle time, year 4 have been discussing the difference between telling tales and reporting. They have explored how it may feel when someone tells tales about you and why people would tell tales. Alfred, Kayden, Oliwia, Mariha, Ibrahim, Adyan and Amal performed a fantastic drama piece about trying to sort things out independently instead of running to tell tales.
- **Year 5:** Adeela, Leo, Orson and Leilia read extracts of their amazing writing based on the book “Street Child”. They used figurative language, show not tell, and dialogue to keep the audience gripped and wanting to find out more.
- **Year 6:** Year 6 have been reading a book called “Goodnight Mr Tom”. They are really enjoying the story, the characters and finding out about life as an evacuee and about London during the Blitz. They gave us a sneak peek into the story but said we have to wait until year 6 to find out more!

Special mentions: Ehsan mentioned Isra because she helped him when he was sad. Well done Isra! Lydia mentioned Ziyun and Yusef for their great listening and being rights respecting. I mentioned Sara for her amazing presentation in her books and for taking such pride in her learning.

FSU News

This week we have been reading the book ‘Mr Big Goes to the Park’. Reception looked at all the photos from their trip to the park and then wrote sentences about their favourite piece of equipment. In the nursery the children have been exploring natural objects found in autumn. We made leaf prints and rolled conkers through paint to create some really interesting art! We started



Newsletter

to think about harvest this week too. We looked at how pumpkins are grown and then cut open a pumpkin to look inside...we even had a go at carving shapes into it! Thank you to those who have shared their special place in the world with us, it has been so interesting to find out more about our reception class and their families. A big well done to those children who have been learning their sight words every night, we have lots of confident readers!

Family Learning Day

On Friday 18th October it is Family Learning day there is **no school for children on this day**.

The idea of Family learning day is that we run fun workshops for parents and children to attend together. The only workshop you need to sign up for in advance is Circus skills.

The timetable is as follows:

10am to mid-day - workshops

Mid-day to 1pm we close for lunch

1pm to 3pm. – workshops

Please speak with Shelly or Joan if you are not sure about any of the above and to also sign up for the Circus skills workshop.

Children must be accompanied by their parents or a responsible adult and they must stay with you at all times.

Flu Immunisation

Letters were sent home earlier this week from NHS England offering children from reception to year 6 the flu vaccination. Could you please make sure you return the consent form to school by Wednesday 16th October. If you decide you do not want your child to have the vaccination you must still return the form please tick **NO** and return it.

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	2	5 th	93.10%	7 th
Year 1	1	2 nd	95.86%	6 th
Year 2	1	2 nd	96.43%	4 th
Year 3	1	2 nd	98.63%	1 st
Year 4	3	7 th	97.93%	2 nd
Year 5	0	1 st	96.00%	5 th
Year 6	2	5 th	97.86%	3 rd

Well done 3. I am very proud of your attendance! **Most classes 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.



Newsletter

Forthcoming events

17 th October 2019	Poetry Slams assembly @ 2.45 please come along
18 th October 2019	Family learning day – workshops 10am to 12pm – closed – workshops 1pm to 3pm
28 th October 2019	Year 3 parents meeting at 9am bottom hall re: sleepover
31 st October 2019	Year 3 visiting Stepney City Farm
1 st November 2019	Year 2 Scooter Safety training
4 th November 2019	Year 4 visiting All Hallows by the Tower
6 th & 7 th November 2019	Year 5 Cycle Assessments
8 th November 2019	Year 3 Sleepover from 6pm
12 th & 13 th November 2019	Parents Evening
14 th November 2019	Year 4 visiting the Chocolate Museum
15 th November 2019	Year 3 Family assembly
15 th November 2019	Children in Need – more details to follow
19 th November 2019	Parents Evening
27 th November 2019	Nasal Flu Immunisation

Dates for the rest of this Year

18 th October 2019	Family learning day –details were sent home on Wednesday
21 st October to 25 th October 2019	Half Term School Closed
23 rd December to 3 rd January 2020	End of Term School Closed
17 th February to 21 st February 2020	Half Term School Closed
6 th April to 17 th April 2020	End of Term School Closed
7 th May 2020	GLA Elections 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,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher