



OCTOBER Newsletter

12th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

What a great joy it has been for all of us to hear the sound of happy children playing in our playground. The return to school has been fantastic! Children are settling back in the routines and their engagement and enthusiasm is wonderful to see.

We have been focussing on ensuring the children feel happy and safe in school and that they have time to re-socialise with their friends and peers.

Today we celebrated world book day and children came in school in their wonderful costumes. As ever, the creativity and resourcefulness of our children, families and staff has blown me away. It will be so hard to choose the winners, but we will announce them next week and they will be given the opportunity to select a wonderful book to take home.

Unfortunately we are unable to share our world book assembly because not all children have permission to appear on the website or social media but please do take a look at the wonderful pictures we have shared on twitter!

EYFS News

Reception have had a fantastic week. It has been so wonderful to have everyone back learning, exploring and playing together. We have been extremely busy! As part of our 'Animals and Us' topic we used our senses to explore raw sheep's wool, then washed it so we could use it. Once the wool was clean we were able to spin it to make yarn. We also dyed the wool using food colouring. We weren't exactly sure how... so we experimented with different amounts and methods! We have been role playing vets, building towers out of 3D shapes, and making patterns. Make sure to practise your sight words over the weekend!

Sharing Good Learning

As we have purchased cameras for all our classes, we were able to do a whole school good learning assembly on zoom. It was so great to see different classes interact and celebrate each other's learning.

- **Year 1:** have been reading the book 'Begu' and the children have been writing fantastic speech bubbles for Begu who is lost. **Raina, Sophia, Zaki, Yusuf and Ilyas** shared their speech bubbles.
- **Year 2:** have created amazing "all about me" books. **Ecrin, Zain, Hamid Sabira and Holly** shared their likes and dislikes and described themselves in great detail.
- **Year 3:** have been creating acrostic poems, cinquains haikus. **Aaya, Ramisha, Mohammed, Tanzil, Aaliyah and Samia** shared their cinquains, a very creative effort!
- **Year 4:** have been researching the work of Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak. Inspired by her amazing work, **Cara, Archie, Isra and Tanisha** shared their colourful abstract animal pictures.
- **Year 5:** have been enjoying creative writing inspired by a range of pictures. **Asma, Johnny and Sam** shared their evocative and descriptive short stories.
- **Year 6:** have been exploring the work of American artist Alexander Calder. **Sabrina and Zuzanna** shared their amazing 3D Calder inspired playgrounds designed to bring joy.

Special mentions:

Every teacher mentioned their class for settling back into school life so eagerly. **Ruth** mentioned **Shezan** for his impressive writing. **Theo** mentioned **Hannah** also for amazing writing. **Emily** mentioned the fantastic food committee (**Giselle, Sabrina and Zuzanna**) for their professionalism and excellent leadership skills. **Winston** mentioned **Ahmed** for being a great learning partner,



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Mariyah mentioned **Fatou** for settling in so well in her new class. **Cailey** mentioned **Johnny** and **Alfred** for playing so well with her.

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	5	6 th	100%	1 st
Year 1	6	7 th	98.67%	6 th
Year 2	3	2 nd	100%	1 st
Year 3	3	2 nd	100%	1 st
Year 4	0	1 st	99.31%	5 th
Year 5	3	2 nd	98.67%	6 th
Year 6	3	2 nd	100%	1 st

Well done years 6,3,2 and reception, I am very proud of your attendance! All years except year 4 now need to improve their punctuality.

Thank you to all the families who have returned the chrome books, chargers, cases and whiteboards that were borrowed during the lockdown. Could I ask those who still have the Chrome book cases at home (soft black cover) to return them on Monday the 15th of March please?

Also, thank you to all the families for your patience and support when dropping off and picking up the children. Can I remind everyone that you must wear a mask when you visit the office.

Dates for the rest of this Year

29 th March 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
30 th March to 9 th April 2021	End of Term	School Closed
3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
6th May 2021	GLA Elections	School Closed to children, learning will be done remotely
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half term	School Closed
19 th & 20 th July	Occasional days	School Closed
23 rd July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

Have a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe, healthy and kind

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher