



## Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Dear parents/carers,

Despite the stormy weather we have still enjoyed all our learning in and out of school. We have focussed on what inclusion means in school particularly for the children and adults that may need support, and how we can be mindful of others and helpful. I would like to wish all our children and parents a restful half term. Here is what we have been up to:

### Trips and Events

- Year 3 have completed their intensive swimming sessions every day this week and really enjoyed it, they are becoming very confident swimmers!
- KS2 children took part in a basketball competition at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, they played really well as a team and showed fantastic skills.
- All classes took part in our poetry slam, thank you to all the parents who attended and enjoyed the performances.

### Poetry Slam

The following classes performed these poems:

- **Year 1:** performed the poem: Daddy fell into the pond by Alfred Noyes
- **Year 2:** performed the poem: Rainforest by Brookhill Primary School
- **Year 3:** performed the poem : Rain falls down by Margot Henderson
- **Year 4:** performed the poem: Whipping up a storm by Jill Townsend
- **Year 5:** performed the poem: Island my Island by Margaret Bateson
- **Year 6:** performed the poem: Human family by Maya Angelou

It was so amazing to see the children performing in such a variety of ways; we had musical instruments to complement the beautiful poem about the rain, we had actions and movement in the rain forest poem, as well as props and flags for the poem about human family and fantastic use of clapping, stomping, whistling and whispering to represent the storm coming and going. What a group of creative confident performers we have here at Virginia!

### FSU News

This week nursery has been reading non-fiction books about dinosaurs. They looked carefully at the different dinosaurs and chose their favourite. Some dinosaurs managed to get stuck in the ice yesterday too! The children enjoyed trying to get them out whilst observing what happened as the ice melted. Reception have been practising counting in 10s this week! They have also been learning positional language using the football in circle time. Well done for a fantastic half term everybody, we hope you have a wonderful break!

### Completing Forms and Permissions

Can I please remind parents that all forms/permissions need to be **completed by the parent** not the child and it also needs to be completed in **ink, pen or biro**.



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### Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	81.38%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	0	1 <sup>st</sup>	98.57%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2	4	7 <sup>th</sup>	97.24%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	91.07%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	98.67%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5	0	1 <sup>st</sup>	98.62%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 6	1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	94.29%	4 <sup>th</sup>

**Well done year 4.** I am very proud of your attendance! **All 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.

### Forthcoming events

26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Year 5 visiting the Police Museum
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	World Book Day
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
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 at 11am – All year 4 parents welcome
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

17 <sup>th</sup> February to 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Half Term	School Closed
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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