



## Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I cannot believe Christmas has come so quickly! This week has been such an eventful week. We shared with all of you our Christmas video and we sincerely hope you enjoy it. Thank you to all the families that have emailed us their messages of thanks, we were blown away by the kindness you have shown us. **Happy Holidays to Everyone.**

Here is what we have been up to:

### Head teacher's awards

As it is the end of term, the following children have been selected as they have shown fantastic qualities, effort and embodied our values:

- **Nursery : Grace Worsford** for working so hard this term and trying our best in everything you do.
- **Reception: Amanah Ahmed** for having a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> term in Reception. You have stepped out of your comfort zone and grown in confidence!
- **Year 1: Younus Malik**, for developing a positive attitude towards school and for making great progress in your learning. Your sense of humour
- **Year 2: Ziyah Ali**, for being a model student and showing respect and consideration to all. You never give up and always try your best.
- **Year 3: Aaya Bouneceur** for a fantastic first term at Virginia. You bring so much enthusiasm to all learning and have so much knowledge to share!
- **Year 4: Sarah Begum** for always trying your hardest in everything you do and for being a positive member of the class.
- **Year 5: Marihah Ali** for being a passionate, thought provoking, engaging and energetic member of the class. You always give 100%!
- **Year 6: Alima Miah** for making excellent progress in Year 6. You have grown in confidence and resilience. You are kind and make others feel good.

### Staff awards

**Aoife Year 2**, for taking the plunge and joining VPS permanently! Your experience, care and compassion inspire us all.

**Matthew, Year 3**, for a fantastic start here at Virginia. Your enthusiasm and positivity is infectious!

**Tom, Year 4**, for being a great addition to the year 4 team. You have taken on new challenges fearlessly!

**Rakhi, Nursery** for a great first term. You have enriched our team with you professionalism and commitment to all children.

**Sabreen, Year 1** for your passion, kindness and commitment to champion every child. Thank you!

### Rights Respecting Achievement Awards

- **Nursery: Anas Abdullah** for being so kind and respectful to all his friends. **Lana Miah** for always trying to do the right thing and for being kind to all her friends.
- **Reception: Alamin Siddiq** for always respecting his friends' right to have a voice and showing excellent listening. He is a role model of respectful and safe behaviours as he is always gentle



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and kind. **Alice Findlater** for being a brilliant role model. She listens to her friends and works well in a team, showing kindness and respect at all times.

- **Year 1: Zaynab Haque** for always being an excellent role model. She is kind, thoughtful and respectful at all times. **Yousuf Osman** for being an excellent rights respecting role model to others. He always has a positive attitude and is kind to others.
- **Year 2: Hollie Baxter** for being a positive force. Her ability to consistently respect the rights of her friends means that she works well with everyone, contributing to their right to education. She ensures everyone feels safe. **Adam Ahmed** for always being relied upon to consider and respect the rights of his friends. His gentle nature makes him considerate and kind.
- **Year 3: Yahya Islam** for showing respect to children and adults in both the classroom and in the playground. **Najla Osman** for quickly becoming a confident role model of rights respecting behaviour. She uses her voice and helps others to use theirs when they need.
- **Year 4: Isra Chowdhury** for being inclusive in the playground with our new class members and always recognises everyone else's right to learn. **Farhan Ahmed** for setting such a good example of behaviour and for being such a great role model.
- **Year 5: Sabine Talerma**n for being conscientious, caring, supportive and kind. She follows our class charter, is a great learning partner and role model. **Sam Miah**; his actions speak loudly in the classroom. He listens to others, never forgets the class charter and always exudes positivity.
- **Year 6: Umar Haque** for displaying rights respecting behaviour and always participating and being respectful toward others. **Giselle Yeboah**, for having an excellent start to the year and showing true role model behavior. She is hard working and a great friend, she stands up for her rights and supports others to regulate their emotions.

**Well done everyone! I am very proud of you all.**

### INSET Day

We have decided to take an additional Inset day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January following local authority advice. **School will now open to pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

### Emails/Weekly Newsletters

Could I ask that you add the following email addresses to your contact list and then hopefully the items that are sent to you will not go into your junk mail.

[admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

[vpsyear1class@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:vpsyear1class@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk) (example) change the number to your child's year group so [vpsyear6@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:vpsyear6@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk) Please call if you have any questions.

### COVID-19 reminders:

If your child or any member of the family has COVID-19 symptoms, the whole household will need to self-isolate for 10 days (or until a test is booked and comes back negative). **If children are sent home to isolate please do not bring them out you could potentially be fined £1000.**



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### Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	95.95%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	7	6 <sup>th</sup>	96.98%	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	95.93%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	13	7 <sup>th</sup>	99.30%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 4	6	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>99.31%</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
Year 5	6	4 <sup>th</sup>	95.42%	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>
Year 6	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>	97.78%	3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Well done Year 4, I am very proud of your attendance! Year 3 to Year 1 you now need to improve your punctuality! 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.**

It is really important that children and parents come to school and pick up at the correct times to avoid over-crowding and excessive queueing. The timings for pick up and drop off for each year group are on the website and remember to wait on the other side of the road until your child's year group allocated time, and then queue along the wall in a physically distant manner. Please remember to keep the front of the gates clear at all times. Many thanks for your continued patience and collaboration.

### Forthcoming events

#### Dates for the rest of this Year

21 <sup>st</sup> December to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	End of Term	School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>	<b>School OPEN</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term	School Closed
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
30 <sup>th</sup> March to 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	End of Term	School Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	GLA Elections	School Closed
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half term	School Closed
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional days	School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

**Best wishes, Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher**