



## Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear parents/carers,

What an exciting last week of term we have had! We have been thinking about how to deal with our emotions and how we can use our words to describe how we feel. In celebration of black history month, we have looked at the life of people that have made a difference in the world; Rosa Parks, the Obamas, Nelson Mandela and Maya Angelou to name a few. I have also been lucky enough to read some of the children's writing across the school. A fantastic range of poetry, non-fiction and fiction writing which has blown me away. We have so many budding authors here at Virginia. 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 Rights Respecting Steering Group had a workshop which focused on climate change and climate action. This year they would like to focus on tackling air pollution.
- Year 6 celebrated a World War Two Day, walking through their classroom door was like stepping back in time! The children were dressed as evacuees from London, there was a rations table at the back of the classroom and an air raid shelter at the front. What a fantastic way to bring all the learning to life!
- On Thursday we had our first Poetry Slam of the Year! Thank you to all the parents who came to see the wonderful performance poetry. The children are growing in confidence and thinking of ever so many ways to present the poems. I can't wait for the next one.

### FSU News

Well done to everyone for a fantastic half term! This week we read a non-fiction book called 'At the Weekend' and thought about the things we get up to outside of school. In the book we learnt about going to a cafe, so we opened our very own 'Virginia Cafe' outside. The children pretended to prepare all kinds of meals using different herbs and vegetables. They role-played being cooks, waiters and customers! The nursery children have been enjoying learning about numbers 1-5 by singing 'Five Little Men in Flying Saucers' and 'Five Current Buns'! The children also made self-portrait collages, thinking carefully about their expression. We hope you all had a great half term and look forward to hearing all about it when we return.

### Family Learning Day

Today we celebrated our family learning day. It was fantastic to see so many families coming into school to enjoy fun learning together. Bag decorating, keyring making, cake baking and origami amongst the great activities on offer. I hope everyone also enjoyed learning circus skills and bike training. Thank you to all who attended and who organised this to make it such a successful, joyful event.

### Signify Technology

We would like to give a big thank you to Signify Technology who donated 9 Yoga mats to the school this week.



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### Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	96.12%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	97.41%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 3	4	7 <sup>th</sup>	99.14%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 4	3	6 <sup>th</sup>	96.06%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 5	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	99.17%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 6	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	98.67%	4 <sup>th</sup>

Well done 2. 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

28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Year 3 parents meeting at 9am bottom hall re: sleepover
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Year 3 visiting Stepney City Farm
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Year 2 Scooter Safety training
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 4 visiting All Hallows by the Tower
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 5 Cycle Assessments
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 3 Sleepover from 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Parents Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 4 visiting the Chocolate Museum
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 3 Family assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Children in Need – more details to follow
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Parents Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Nasal Flu Immunisation

### Dates for the rest of this Year

21 <sup>st</sup> October to 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Half Term	School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	End of Term	School Closed
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	GLA Elections	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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