



Newsletter

1st October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

This week, the children have been focussing on the concept of happiness. What does it mean to feel happy, how do we recognise it? How does it feel in our bodies and our hearts? We looked at other words associated with happiness such as joy, gratitude and cheerfulness. We have started looking at the difference and similarities between these emotions; what does joy feel like and how is it different or the same to happiness? What makes us happy and what makes us grateful? Here's what else we have been up to this week:

EYFS News

Nursery have been settling into their new environment and have been doing so well saying bye to mummies and daddies for the first time! We have been exploring our home corner making delicious food and talking about our families and what we do at home. We've been learning lots of nursery rhymes and singing these with our friends! Outside we have been exploring and collecting lots of natural materials to make collages, talking all about the world around us, what we found and what we made.

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 2** have been learning about musical instruments and how sound is made. **Ismail, Maizah and Zayn** shared the box guitar that they have built. They used elastic bands to create a vibration to make the sound.
- **Year 4** have become historians! **Maddie, Eren, Najla, Aaliyah and Ishaq** told us about their amazing visit to the museum of London and the information they gathered there about Londinium. Did you know that Romans used flowers to create make up? Did you also know that some of Londinium's original wall still stands today?
- **Year 6: Oliwia, Asma, Johnny, Yosef and Kayden** described the book they have been reading called "Goodnight Mister Tom" and read their descriptive pieces from the perspective of Mr Tom, really delving into the character's feelings and thoughts.

Special Mentions:

Emily mentioned the whole of **year 6** and particularly **Kayden** for their focus on zones of regulation and **Tom** mentioned **Steven** for settling in school really well.

Class Open Mornings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the open mornings, it was lovely to welcome you back into the classes after almost two years! We hope you found the sessions useful and informative. If you were unable to attend do not hesitate to ask the teachers for any information.

Absence and sickness procedures

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we need to ensure all children who attend school are accounted for. Should your child be unwell, could we ask you to ring the school between 7:45 and 8:45 to let us know.

Picking your children up

As the playground is quite crowded during pick up times, can we ask that all parents wait for the class to fully come out and settle, and wait for their child's name to be called out. Please do not crowd the group and do not call your child directly but wait for the teacher to send them to you. This is to ensure we safeguard all children and that the teachers know that they have been picked up by their safe adult.

After School club for our working families

As most of you know, we offer after school provision 3:30 to 5:30 every day for working parents. If you are interested in using this service the sessions are £10 per day, please contact the office.

Celebrating your Child's Birthday

Can I please remind everyone when sending in chocolates with your child it must be **Cadburys Heroes**. This is because we have children in school with nut allergies. You can also send in Starburst sweets as an alternative.



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School timings: The timings will be as follows:

Start of the day

8:45 Years 5 and 6
8:50 Years 3 and 4
8:55 Years 1 and 2
9:00 Reception and Nursery

End of the day

3:15 Years 5 and 6
3:20 Years 3 and 4
3:25 Years 1 and 2
3:30 Reception and Nursery

Thank you to all parents and carers for helping the children get to school on time and maximize their learning.

In the mornings, can we ask years 1-3-5 to line up on the left hand side if facing the main gate and years 2-4-6 on the right hand side. **Could Reception and Nursery wait on the other side of the road.** This is so we continue to ensure there is a calm start to the day and we avoid congestion in front of the gates.

In the afternoons, to avoid crowding the playground, could we ask that parents and carers make their way in just before their children's year group is due to finish school? Many thanks for your support.

Forthcoming events

18th October 2021
19th October 2021
7th March – 9th March 2022
15th March 2022
18th March 2022
21st March – 1st April 2022
16th May 2022
23rd May -27th May 2022
20th June -1st July 2022

Flu nasal spray for Reception to year 6
School photographs, please make sure your child is wearing their uniform
Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft
Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May
Red Nose Day – information to follow
Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks
Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales
Year 6 school journey to Wales
Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

Date for the rest of the year

25th October to 31st October 2021
1st November 2021
20th December 2021
21st December 2021
22nd December 2021
4th January 2022
14th February to 20th February 2022
21st February 2022
4th April to 18th April 2022
3rd May 2022
30th May to 5th June 2022
6th June 2022
21st July 2022

Half Term – School closed
School Open – Children return
School Closed – Inset day
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Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher