



Newsletter

20th September 2019

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a very busy week of learning here at Virginia, we have made the most of the glorious weather with lots of trips out and making good use of our playground and pitch. We have held our very own Virginia Democratic Elections to appoint our wonderful School Council; they will be the voice of all pupils at Virginia to ensure our school continues to improve and to be a happy place for all. Here is what we have been up to:

Trips and Events

- Year 6 visited the Houses of Parliament to see democracy in action.
- Year 5 visited the Ragged school museum to find out about school life in Victorian London.
- Year 4 visited the Museum of London to discover the Roman influence on London.
- Year 4 also visited Millwall Rugby club for a taster session.
- Year 1 had a walk around the local area to identify places of interest important to them.

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** Year one have been working very hard to use concrete resources to help them add and subtract. Ziyun, Asif, Marwah and Sabira showed us how to use counters to find one more and one less.
- **Year 2:** Jazmine, Sameen, Akram, Stela, Maddie, Ishaq, Furkan, Ramisha and Ishaq performed an excellent sketch of the beginning of the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Will the stranger manage to get rid of all those mice?
- **Year 3:** Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age and are reading "Stone Age Boy". Amelie, Archie, Ibbi, Brodi, Hannah and Adam used a freeze frame to explain some of the story.
- **Year 4:** Teo and Zahraa shared all the amazing information about Roman London they collected at the Museum of London. Did you know the Romans were the first to build London Bridge?
- **Year 5:** Year 5 stepped back in time and visited a Victorian School at the Ragged School Museum. Miski, Mahim, Adeela and Ahmed told us how hard life was for Victorian schoolchildren and how lucky we are to come to school today!
- **Year 6:** Kareem, Ismail, Zach and Ihsaan described their visit to the Houses of Parliament.

Special mentions: A huge special mention goes to the newly elected School Councillors, we are sure they will help us to make the school an even better place!

FSU News

The children in the EYFS have had another exciting week. We have been reading a story called 'Monster's Party!' We made party food out of junk modelling materials, ready to sell in our very own role play shop. The children used coloured sugar paper to design and make scary monster head bands. We can't wait to wear them during our party games on Friday afternoon! The reception class have continued to practise writing their names. We have been forming the letters in paint, sand and water. Make sure to continue to practise writing your child's name with them at home. In the nursery the children have been busy exploring the environment. They have used playdough to make cakes and have painted lots of colourful monster pictures! Well done to all the children in the EYFS for a fantastic week of learning.



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Heads Report to Parents

It was great to see so many parents attend the meeting this morning, I hope you enjoyed seeing how much our children experienced and accomplished last year.

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	1	2 nd	96.21%	6 th
Year 1	2	5 th	96.90%	4 th
Year 2	3	7 th	96.43%	5 th
Year 3	1	2 nd	99.31%	1 st
Year 4	2	5 th	96.90%	4 th
Year 5	1	2 nd	98%	3 rd
Year 6	0	1 st	98.93%	2 nd

Well done 3, I am very proud of your attendance! **Year 2 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

23 rd to 27 th September 2019	Year 5 on School Journey to Swanage
26 th September 2019	Year 6 visiting the Museum of Docklands
3 rd October 2019	Coffee morning with Sure start in the parents room @ 9am
3 rd October 2019	Year 5 visiting the Museum of Docklands
4 th October 2019	Year 4 visiting the Horniman Museum
7 th October 2019	Year 5 visiting Westminster Abbey
8 th October 2019	Children will have their class photo taken (please don't book appointments on this day)
17 th October 2019	Poetry Slams assembly @ 2.45 please come along
31 st October 2019	Year 3 visiting Stepney City Farm
6 th & 7 th November 2019	Year 5 Cycle Assessments
8 th November 2019	Year 3 Sleepover from 6pm

Dates for the rest of this Year

18 th October 2019	Family learning day – more details to follow
21 st October to 25 th October 2019	Half Term School Closed
23 rd December to 3 rd January 2020	End of Term School Closed
17 th February to 21 st February 2020	Half Term School Closed
6 th April to 17 th April 2020	End of Term School Closed
7 th May 2020	GLA Elections School Closed
8 th May 2020	Bank Holiday School Closed
25 th May to 29 th May 2020	Half term School Closed
20 th & 21 st July 2020	Inset Days School Closed

Best wishes,

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