



OCTOBER Newsletter

23rd October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

What an exciting last week of term we have had! We have been thinking about belonging and how each of us is unique and different. We have been describing what makes us different and the same and how important it is to celebrate each other's uniqueness. Here is what we have been up to:

Trips and Events

- As part of their topic 'Londinium', Year 4 visited a Roman amphitheatre at the Guildhall Art Gallery. The children were so excited to be on their first trip of the year! They walked all the way to the gallery and had the museum to themselves! They learned about Roman London and the Roman legacy.
- 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! The children recorded their poems and each class watched the performances. I can't wait for the next one.

Poetry Slam

- **Year 1:** Boogied and hopped and wiggled their way through 'Hopalookangaroo' by John Agard
- **Year 2:** Gave an excellent rendition of 'Sick' by Shel Silverstein, I was convinced until they all said they were well enough to go out to play!
- **Year 3:** Performed 'Said The Boy To The Dinosaur' by Colin McNaughton
- **Year 4:** In a big circle, they brilliantly performed 'The Dinosaur Rap' by John Foster
- **Year 5:** Performed 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley
- **Year 6:** Gave us a moving rendition of 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae

EYFS News

Reception have been exploring different parts of the school this week and they noticed some interesting changes in the leaves on the trees! Elkhan bought a leaf to show the class that he had found on the way to school. We could see so many different shades of orange, yellow and brown! We experimented with primary colours, mixing them to try and match what we could see. It rained on Wednesday and the children observed how dark the classroom was as the clouds covered the sun. In the dark, we used torches to explore light and shadows, creating some scary images on the ceiling with our hands! Nursery have been exploring numbers by singing lots of number rhymes and using puppets to count our fingers. We have been playing lots of sensory games to help us recognise our shapes, colours and to help us mark make the first letter of our name. We have made a dinosaur park role play area in Nursery with a restaurant upstairs! We've had lots of fun exploring language and mark making inside. We have learnt a lot this first half term including turn taking and learning to be independent. We've worked so hard!

Pick up and drop off

Can I also remind parents who drive to school to please switch their engines off whilst waiting for their children. Pollution from idling vehicles is extremely harmful.

New start times from Monday 2nd November 2020

I wanted to thank all parents and carers for supporting our arrangements for dropping off and picking up children. The system is working well and we are trying to minimise waiting times for parents particularly as the weather gets colder and wetter. For this reasons we have revised our start times, which after half term will be as follows:



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Year Group	Start time	Finish time	Location
Y5 and Y6	8:45	3:15	Main gate
Y3 and Y4	8:50	3:20	Main gate
Y1 and Y2	8:55	3:30	Main gate
N	9:00	3:20	Back gate
Reception	9:00	3:25	Back gate

It is really important that children and parents come to school and pick up at the correct times to avoid over-crowding and excessive queuing. 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.

Reminder

As part of our safety measures, only **small** book bags are allowed in school, please do not send children with large rucksacks.

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	1	2 nd	98.29%	5 th
Year 1	1	2 nd	97.95%	6 th
Year 2	1	2 nd	100%	1 st
Year 3	1	2 nd	98.67%	4 th
Year 4	0	1 st	99.63%	2 nd
Year 5	5	7 th	99.31%	3 rd
Year 6	2	6 th	97.79%	7 th

Well done year 2, I am very proud of your attendance! Well done year 4 on your punctuality.

Forthcoming events

6th November 2020

Children will have their class photo taken (**please don't book appointments on this day**)

Dates for the rest of this Year

26 th October to 30 th October 2020	Half Term	School Closed
21 st December to 1 st January 2021	End of Term	School Closed
15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term	School Closed
1 st April to 16 th April 2021	End of Term	School Closed
19 th April 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
6 th May 2021	GLA Elections	School Closed
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half term	School Closed
23 rd July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher