

Newsletter: 25th June 2021

# Dear parents/carers,

Another excellent week of learning, socialising and fun here at Virginia. Here's what we have been up to this week:

### **EYFS News**

Nursery have had a great week exploring on a 'journey through London.' We have been learning about different transport, from cars and buses to the London Underground, and the children's experiences of this. We have learnt about different London landmarks and the children were very fascinated by the Tower of London and the Ravenmaster. We received a special letter from the Queen and a gift of the Crown Jewels to look after, inspiring lots of lovely mark making of letters back to the royal family. We learnt the names of the members of the royal family and have been busy making models of Buckingham palace.

# **Sharing Good Learning**

The following children shared their learning this week:

- Year 2: have been reading George's Marvellous Medicine; Sabira, Isra, Danyal, Aiyanah and Maryam shared their instructions to make their own "marvellously disgusting" medicines.
- Year 4: talked about the local trip to Brick Lane where they searched for signs from the past. They discovered so many interesting facts about the different communities that lived here. Noureddine, Ayesha and Mariam talked us through many of those facts. Did you know that the Brick Lane Mosque was first a Synagogue and then a Church and was built in 1743?

**Special Mentions: Lydia** would like to mention **Eshan** for his wonderful reading, **An Quin** would like to mention **Hamid** for the 5 great goals he scored. **Matthew** would like to mention **Aaya** for not giving up and developing a growth mindset, **Sara B** would like to mention **Hannah** for making her happy. **Tom** mentioned **Isra** for stepping outside her comfort zone and reading one of the must read books, **and Hannah** mentioned **Manha and Tanisha** for always playing with her. **Theo** mentioned **Fatou and Ihsan** for their growth mindset and independence. **Yosef** mentioned **Marihah**, **Zahraa and Angelina** for always making him laugh.

#### **Summer School Uniform**

Could I please remind you that the uniform is as follows:
White polo shirt or T. shirt / Shorts Black or Navy – **NOT Grey**Black trainers / Black/Navy or Brown Sandals with **secure straps and no open toes** 

# Reminder

Year 5 (September 2021) school journey, thank you to the parents that have paid. Can I please remind the other parents that your £100 contribution needs to be paid by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Face Masks**

Could I please remind parents and visitors that you must wear a face mask when entering the school/office.

# **Amazing Achievement**

One of our lovely parents Sabeha had never ridden a bike before last year, and now she'll be doing a 100km cycle ride (for charity) this Sunday. This is an incredible achievement and we wish her good luck on her endeavour.

If you'd like to find out more about this or donate to her charity of choice here's the link:

Cambridge to London (Women Only)





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Response to the Positive Relationships (Health, Relationships and Sex Education HRSE) Consultation Survey and information sessions for Parents and Carers.

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to the Parent Consultation Survey. Following your responses and the statutory guidance by the Department for Education (DFE), recommendations by Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives Team and the PHSE association, we have now created a draft Policy and programme of study for years 1-6 which we intend to launch in September 2021. We would like to share with you the programme of study and the resources before we begin teaching so we have organised zoom parent sessions for each year group.

The sessions will take place as follows:

For current **Year 2** parents and carers: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June 4:00 to 4:30 For current **Year 3** parents and carers: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June 4:45 to 5:15

We will send you the zoom invites closer to the time. If you have siblings in multiple year groups you are welcome to attend one or all meetings. Each meeting will focus on the programme of study in general and we will focus on resources for each specific year group.

## **Attendance and Punctuality Table**

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	2	4 <sup>th</sup>	94.67%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	3	6 <sup>th</sup>	97.67%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	97.78%	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	2	4 <sup>th</sup>	95.17%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	98.62%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5	12	7 <sup>th</sup>	98%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 6	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	98.57%	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Well done year 4, I am very proud of your attendance. Year 5 now need to improve their punctuality! Parents please make sure your child is lined up at the allocated times, 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.

## **Forthcoming events**

6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Reception class trip to Ravenscroft Park
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Sports Day- Nursery & Reception classes in school / Yr.'s 1-6 @ Mulberry
	Academy Shoreditch
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 3 Sleepover – <b>6pm -8.30am</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 4 parent's meeting via Zoom @ 9.30 Re: School Journey Swanage
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 2 trip to Haggerston Park
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 1 trip to Victoria Park
21st July 2021	Leavers assembly via Video
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Achievement assembly via video

## Dates for the rest of this Year

19 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional Day	School Closed
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset day	School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Occasional day	School Closed

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher