



Newsletter 27th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

What a week this has been! Our lovely year 1 bubble has had to go into self-isolation and they have been fantastic at accessing remote learning. Thank you parents and carers for supporting your children with home learning and sending lots of their work to the Year 1 team. In school, we have been looking at what teamwork looks like and why it is important.

Here is what we have been up to:

EYFS News

This week the children in reception have been acting out the story of the Gingerbread Man. We used a story map to help retell the story using actions and story language. We then sequenced the main events in the story and retold it to our learning partners. In the small world area, we have been adding different groups of people together. We have been learning to 'count on' from a number under 10. We are hoping to activate our relative accounts for the children's Tapestry Journals over the weekend, so check your emails to see how to log in!

Sharing Good Learning

All of our assemblies are now on the website including good learning assembly. Click on the assembly's tab to access the fantastic learning the children are sharing.

- **Year 1.** Have been working from home; they sequenced pictures from 'Orion and the Dark' and wrote captions. They have also been practicing their dance.
- **Year 2:** This week, year 2 have been doing observational drawings of musical instruments. They created fantastic drawings full of details and even experimented with shading.
- **Year 3:** Have been looking at the Bronze Age; they focussed on a variety of artefacts. They made predictions about what each artefact may have been used for.
- **Year 4:** have been learning all about teeth. We have learnt the names for the different types of teeth and how to look after them
- **Year 5:** This week Year 5 have been using their amazing grammar skills to create descriptive paragraphs. They really wanted to build tension and suspense before a ghost appeared in the story.
- **Year 6:** Took part in the Tower Hamlets Book awards. They had to read 6 books and and create a presentation based on one. They chose Fire Girl, Forest Boy by Chloe Daykin. The presentation was a brilliant film clip which we are putting on the website for you to watch!

Special mentions:

Lydia, Eki, Sabreen and Barbara would like special mention **all of Year 1**, for the amazing resilience they have shown. They are all working hard at home and trying their best. WELL DONE!! **Aaya** would like to mention **Maddie** for playing with her. **Furkan** mentioned **Matthew** for helping him move from the 'red zone' to the 'green zone' by helping him to manage his feelings. Teo mentioned **Zainab, Khalil and Oliwia** for helping him in maths and **Yosef** mentioned **Maya and Zainab** for playing football with him.

Emails/Weekly Newsletters

Could I ask that you add the following email addresses to your contact list and then hopefully the items that are sent to you will not go into your junk mail.

admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk

vpsyear1class@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk(example) change the number to your child's year group so vpsyear6@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk Please call if you have any questions.



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COVID-19 reminders:

If your child or any member of the family has COVID-19 symptoms, the whole household will need to self-isolate for 14 days (or until a test is booked and comes back negative).

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	5	4 th	100%	1 st
Year 1	0	/	0	/
Year 2	2	1 st	97.14%	6 th
Year 3	13	6 th	100%	1 st
Year 4	8	5 th	98.52%	4 th
Year 5	4	3 rd	97.86%	5 th
Year 6	3	2 nd	98.55%	3 rd

Well done reception and year 3, I am very proud of your attendance! All years now need to improve their punctuality! 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.

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

Forthcoming events

Dates for the rest of this Year

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
29 th March 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
30 th March to 9 th April 2021	End of Term	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
19 th & 20 th July	Occasional days	School Closed
23 rd July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher