



Newsletter

28th January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Despite the difficulties caused by the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases amongst staff and pupils, the community at Virginia has remained positive and keen to learn! Nursery will re-open from Monday, we are looking forward to seeing all the children back in school.

Year 2 visited Spitalfield Farm this week and had a fantastic time learning about the animals and all the different jobs on the farm.



Here's what else we have been up to this week:

EYFS News

Nursery unfortunately has been shut due to staff shortage but Reception have had a great week! They visited the "National Space Centre" virtually and asked lots of questions about space. They then wrote advice notes to "Astrid the astrogirl" on how to sleep well in space and not feel lonely. The children have been brilliant despite not having the usual adults to support them. Well done Reception! We are looking forward to welcoming all Nursery children back to school on Monday and hopefully seeing all the staff return soon.

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 2:** have been learning about camouflage and how important it is in nature. **Mia, Hamza, Amaya and Ibrahim** shared their fantastic pictures of camouflage patterns.
- **Year 6:** have been discussing discrimination in PHSE. **Cailey, Mariah, Kayden and Yasin** shared examples of different forms of discrimination such as prejudice and stereotypes. They gave examples and showed informative posters of the different definitions.

Special Mentions:

Pauline mentioned **Stela, Maddie and Sameen** for being inclusive in the playground, **Emily** mentioned the whole of **Year 6** for the maturity they showed during their PHSE sessions and **Barbara** mentioned **Tamara** for her maturity and hard work. **Ahmed** mentioned **Younus** for always playing with him when he is alone, **Noelle** mentioned **Eda** for helping her when she is stuck with her learning, **Saara** mentioned **Ayaan** for catching up so quickly after missing school and **Fatou** mentioned **Sabreen** for being a fantastic pottery teacher.

Parents Evening

Our next parents evening will take place in School over two days; **Tuesday 15th of March and Thursday 17th of March**. We will send appointment slips nearer the time.



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School Early Closure

On the last day of term (Friday the 1st of April) all children will go home after lunch at 1:30. All Nursery children will be invited to attend the Nursery in the morning session. **After School club will not be open.**

Polling Day

The school has been selected to be a polling station on **Thursday the 5th of May**, it will therefore be closed to children on that day.

Forthcoming events

7 th March – 9 th March 2022	Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft
15 th March 2022	Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May
15 th March	Parents evening
17 th March	Parents evening
18 th March 2022	Red Nose Day – information to follow
21 st March – 1 st April 2022	Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks
16 th May 2022	Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales
23 rd May -27 th May 2022	Year 6 school journey to Wales
20 th June -1 st July 2022	Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

Date for the rest of the year

14 th February to 20 th February 2022	Half Term – School closed
21 st February 2022	School Open – Children return
1 st April	School closes for all children at 1:30
4 th April to 18 th April 2022	End of Term – School closed
3 rd May 2022	School Closed – Occasional day
5 th May 2022	School Closed – Polling Day
30 th May to 5 th June 2022	Half Term – School closed
6 th June 2022	School Open – Children return
21 st July 2022	School Closed – Inset day

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher