



## NOVEMBER Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

The children have come back to school rested and ready for another half term of learning. This week we have been looking at the Gunpowder Plot and how traditions have been preserved to remind us of events that shaped our history.

As we enter a new phase of national lockdown we will continue to review our safety measures and risk assessments to ensure we minimise risks for all. Here is what we have been up to:

### EYFS News

Reception have had a fantastic first week back after the half term holiday. They have enjoyed being back in school, playing and learning together again. On Wednesday we have a session with our music teacher, Mercedes. The children have been singing, dancing and moving in time with the beat. Elijah, Bayan and Omar enjoyed experimenting with their dance moves. There's been lots of writing going on in the EYFS this week...Omar wrote his name under his favourite toy, Bayan labelled different animals in the outside area and Jayda and Noelle helped write a shopping list in the mud kitchen! Remember to check the blog to see your home learning challenges this weekend!

### Sharing Good Learning

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

- **Year 1:** have been reading the book 'Orion and the Dark' and the children role have been writing about their fears.
- **Year 2:** have been reading the book 'The Bear and the Piano' they wrote amazing persuasive paragraphs to explore the reasons why bear should move to the city.
- **Year 3:** have been reading 'The incredible book eating boy' and have learned how to punctuate speech accurately.
- **Year 4:** have been writing their own descriptions for their mouth-watering chocolate bars, they made me wish those chocolate bars were real!
- **Year 5:** have started reading 'A Christmas Carol'; they were looking at the new language in the book and making predictions.
- **Year 6:** completed a very tough maths challenge which involved investigating cube numbers. They persevered through it and had a lot of fun exploring all options.

### Special mentions:

**Joan** would like to mention all the children for being absolute superstars during their photo shoot.

**Khadijah** would like to mention **Sam** and **Kayden** for playing with her. **Johnny** would like to mention **Teo** for working really hard. **Alice** would like to special mention **Aseeya** for being a really helpful member of the class

**Tayyibah** would like to special mention **Yahya C** for being a good learning partner and a good friend because he played with him and helped him in maths

**Ayaan** would like to special mention **Amelia** for being a great learning partner and for helping him when he is stuck with my learning

### Parents Evenings by Zoom

Could I please ask you to return your reply slips by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November



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### New start times from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

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.

### Parents Evening – Year 1 to Year 6

Letters went home on Thursday for you to complete and return to the school. If you have not already done so could you, please make sure you return the bottom part of the letter by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 1	15	7 <sup>th</sup>	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 2	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 3	8	4 <sup>th</sup>	99.32%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5	10	6 <sup>th</sup>	93.10%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	8	4 <sup>th</sup>	98.57%	6 <sup>th</sup>

Well done years 1, 2, 4 and the reception class, I am very proud of your attendance! All year groups now need to arrive at school on time!

### Forthcoming events

#### Dates for the rest of this Year

21 <sup>st</sup> December to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	End of Term	School Closed
15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term	School Closed
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	End of Term	School Closed



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19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Inset Day

School Closed

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Bank Holiday

School Closed

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

GLA Elections

School Closed

31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Half term

School Closed

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Inset Day

School Closed

**Best wishes,**

**Barbara Lo Giudice**, head teacher