



## Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Last Saturday we hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Boundary Fun Palace. Despite the rain, so many children and families from our community enjoyed the activities and workshops on offer. A big thank you to the volunteers and organisers for making it such a successful event. Today we celebrated Hello Yellow day to raise awareness for young people's mental health and raise vital funds for the charity Young Minds. It was lovely seeing the children wearing yellow and so on board with the cause; thank you all for your generous donations!

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

### EYFS News

This week Nursery have been talking all about themselves, things they like, things they dislike and they have been making their self-portraits using mirrors and oil pastels. We have been talking about all of our different features, how many eyes we have, nose, mouth, ears, the colour of our hair and eyes and practising drawing circles, big and small. We shared all the things that make us special, how we are similar and different and we decided that the most important was that we are all kind and look after each other. Reception took their first trip out to explore the local area this week with a visit to Ravenscroft Park! They enjoyed playing imaginative games on the rocks and grass, challenging themselves on the equipment and thinking of their own ways to move around and play games. In class they have been experimenting with water colours, mixing the paints and using different sized brushes for effect. Thank you to those families who have sent in photos this week, we have loved hearing all about who is special to our children. If you haven't managed to yet, please send in your family photos to the class email address.

### Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1** visited Highgate woods on a senses scavenger hunt! **Georgia, Bayan, Hamood and Elijah** shared their fantastic journey by train, explained what they discovered using their different senses. They saw different types of trees, smelt lots of flowers and plants and felt different textures around the woods.
- **Year 3 Amira, Yousef, Zain, Saara, Tailei and Asif** shared their learning around different types of rocks. They described the properties of sandstone, granite, chalk, slate and marble. **Aryan** also read out the poem he wrote about how much he loves VPS!
- **Year 5:** went on a local walk around the Boundary Estate. **Sarah B, Archie, Sarah C and Hannah** described how they searched for evidence of Victorian times and discovered how and why Arnold Circus was built.

### Special Mentions:

**Isra** mentioned **Sinead** for helping her in maths, **Sarah B** mentioned **Firdaus** for checking on her when she was upset.

### Absence and sickness procedures

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we need to ensure all children who attend school are accounted for. Should your child be unwell, could we ask you to ring the school between 7:45 and 8:45 to let us know.

### Picking your children up

As the playground is quite crowded during pick up times, can we ask that all parents wait for the class to fully come out and settle, and wait for their child's name to be called out. Please do not crowd the group and do not call your child directly but wait for the teacher to send them to you. This is to ensure we safeguard all children and that the teachers know that they have been picked up by their safe adult.

### Late to school

Please ensure your child comes to school on time. We have had too many late children this week and this means they miss out on crucial learning. Please check your child's drop off and pick up times below:

### Emailing newsletters

Some parents have fed back that they were unable to open the newsletters emailed to them. Apologies for the inconvenience. Moving forward we will not email the newsletter but we will publish it on our website by 5pm every Friday.



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### School timings

The timings will be as follows:

#### Start of the day

8:45 Years 5 and 6

8:50 Years 3 and 4

8:55 Years 1 and 2

9:00 Reception and Nursery

#### End of the day

3:15 Years 5 and 6

3:20 Years 3 and 4

3:25 Years 1 and 2

3:30 Reception and Nursery

In the mornings, can we ask years 1-3-5 to line up on the left hand side if facing the main gate and years 2-4-6 on the right hand side. Could Reception and Nursery wait on the other side of the road. This is so we continue to ensure there is a calm start to the day and we avoid congestion in front of the gates.

In the afternoons, to avoid crowding the playground, could we ask that parents and carers make their way in just before their children's year group is due to finish school? Many thanks for your support.

If you are dropping off your child by car, thank you for switching your engine off. Idling causes pollution which is extremely damaging to children's lungs.

### Celebrating your Child's Birthday

Can I please remind everyone when sending in chocolates with your child it must be **Cadburys Heroes**. This is because we have children in school with nut allergies. You can also send in Starburst sweets as an alternative.

### Forthcoming events

18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

7<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

21<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> May -27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

20<sup>th</sup> June -1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Flu nasal spray for Reception to year 6

School photographs, please make sure your child is wearing their uniform

Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft

Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May

Red Nose Day – information to follow

Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales

Year 6 school journey to Wales

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### Date for the rest of the year

25<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

14<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

4<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

30<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Half Term – School closed

School Open – Children return

School Closed – Inset day

School Closed – Occasional day

End of Term – School closed

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Best wishes,

**Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher**