



## OCTOBER Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

With half term fast approaching, the children and adults have been working hard at evaluating their learning. Many classes have been involved in writing their longer assessment pieces and I have to say, I have been so proud of the quality of the writing!

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

As music and violin lessons have re-started, it has been a joy to see the happiness in the children's faces when the music teachers walked back in the classrooms. Music is such an important part of our curriculum as it helps children in so many ways, particularly to support mental wellbeing.

The children may have mentioned that they are taking part in the daily mile. This is an opportunity for every child to walk, jog or run regularly for a sustained period. Each class will spend some time in the playground to complete the mile weather permitting. We will attempt to continue completing the mile throughout the winter as long as it is not raining or icy. The children have also been involved in the VPS mini marathon which consisted of completing 2.6 miles over the course of two weeks. Well done everyone!

Year 1 went on their first trip of the year; they walked around the local area and identified familiar landmarks such as Arnold Circus, Brick Lane and Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. They really enjoyed getting out of the school and even braved a little rain!

In assemblies we have been looking at what it means to feel left out or excluded from a group and we have been finding out ways to make people feel included.

### EYFS News

Reception have had a brilliant week of learning. We have been creating a garden area outside where we can care for all different types of plants. We looked carefully at different seeds and worked together as a team to repot different herbs. We used our senses to explore the different plants, seeds and soil.

There was a shipwreck in the maths zone this week! The children counted out different pieces of treasure and then found the numeral to match. They compared amounts and said who had most and least treasure. Some children found out exactly how much more they had!

We have been continuing to write our names, forming each letter correctly. All the children have been showing they have a Growth Mindset - they keep on trying and know they can always improve!

### Special Mentions

Emily mentioned year 6 for their excellent attitude to learning all day on Wednesday and for always making her smile!

### Assemblies

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.



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### Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	98.67%	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	3	7 <sup>th</sup>	92%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2	2	6 <sup>th</sup>	97.14%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	99.33%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 4	0	1 <sup>st</sup>	99.26%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 5	0	1 <sup>st</sup>	95.86%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	99.29%	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Well done year 3, I am very proud of your attendance! Well done years 4 & 5 on your punctuality!

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

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Year 4 visiting the Guildhall Art Gallery

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Children will have their class photo taken **(please don't book appointments on this day)**

### Dates for the rest of this Year

26 <sup>th</sup> October to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term	School Closed
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
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,

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