



## Newsletter

25th November 2022

### Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 14/11	W/B 21/11
Mango (Nur)	83%	66%
Apple (Rec M)	90%	50%
Peach (Rec C)	82%	48%
Beech (1G)	81%	66%
Maple (1B)	68%	86%
Ash (2R)	91%	89%
Birch (2W)	91%	88%
Lemon (3S)	86%	82%
Oak (3N)	96%	84%
Aspen (4C)	95%	96%
Spruce (4A)	95%	92%
Cherry (5A)	91%	91%
Palm (5D)	94%	96%
Cypress (6W)	98%	90%
Willow (6L)	97%	85%

### Value of the week

Mango (Nur)	Arjun PA
Apple (Rec M)	Frazer
Peach (Rec C)	Layla
Beech (1G)	Alexandra
Maple (1B)	Umamah
Ash (2R)	Amiliyah
Birch (2W)	Saarth
Lemon (3S)	Tasnim
Oak (3N)	Mary-Jane
Aspen (4C)	Whole Class
Spruce (4A)	Whole Class
Cherry (5A)	Emma
Palm (5D)	Saydee
Cypress (6W)	Rocia
Willow (6L)	Beatrice

# RESPECT

## Hearts overflowing with truth and love

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see from the attendance figures published on the left here, it has been a very challenging week, with the youngest children in the school having the lowest attendance.

I am pleased to report that we have not had any further confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever for over a week now, however lots of you are reporting head aches, temperatures and for some children vomiting.

We are also seeing that staff are being affected by the same viruses.

Hopefully, we will get beyond this wave of illness soon and everyone will have developed immunity for the rest of the year.

In school, we are reinforcing the need for rigorous hygiene measures to be followed. If you can take measures at home to also try and reduce the transmission of viruses that would be a big help.

Obviously we want our children to be fit and healthy, especially as the holiday season approaches. My worry as you know, is that I really don't want children to miss out on their learning. Even in Nursery and Reception, where you may feel that they are 'only playing' there is a huge amount of learning taking place every day, including, and very importantly, their Phonics.

I will go home this weekend dearly hoping that next week, we will see more children, and staff, able to return to school.

### New Bank holiday

As you will no doubt have heard, we are going to have an additional Bank Holiday next year, to enable the country to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III coronation. This will take place on Monday 8th May 2023, so in that month there will be two Bank Holidays: 1st and 8th May.

Some of you may be concerned, as we were, that this is the same week that the Year 6 children do their Key Stage 2 SATs exams.

Today we received confirmation that the SATs will go ahead in that week, but everything will happen a day later than planned. This means the first exam paper will be on Tuesday 9th May and the last on Friday 12th May.

If you are a Year 6 parent, please make a note of these dates, and please avoid making any plans for the week beginning Tuesday 8th May. The children need to be in school for that whole week so that they can achieve outcomes for those national assessments, the outcomes that are shared with their secondary schools at the point of transition.

All other assessments will not be affected.

### Parent Governor election

Following the parent ballot to appoint a new Parent Governor to join the governing body of this school, I can announce that Mr. Syed Ali has been appointed.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to all parents who nominated themselves to be considered for the role. We very much hope that they will remain committed to the school and seek other opportunities to show their support and engagement with school life.

We look forward to working with Mr. Ali in his capacity as parent governor.

Please turn over to the next two pages for more from me..

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## Children in Need

It was delightful to see so many children entering into the spirit of Children in Need last week and coming to school in pyjamas, spots and other home wear! Thank you for giving generously. Altogether we raised: £314.90

## Early Years Parent Consultation

Please note below Early Years Parent Teacher meeting dates to discuss your child's Baseline assessment and how they will be supported in school. We ask please that you contact the school office to book in to meet with your child's class teacher.

Class	Teacher	Date
Mango Class	Nina Quinn	Monday 28th November
Peach Class	Georgia Carney	Tuesday 29th November

These meeting will take place via zoom. Zoom links have already been sent out via class dojo's and we will also be sending them out via email. We look forward to seeing you for your appointment.

## United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls

I am pleased to share with you that today is the United International Day for the elimination of violence against women and girls. Sadly, Domestic Violence remains the most significant safeguarding issue in our borough. Clearly women and girls are not always the victims however they are in a disproportionate number of cases.

Today marks the beginning of 16 Days of Activism against gender violence in our borough. The campaign will run until Human Rights Day on 10 December and is an opportunity for everyone to take action to increase awareness of violence against women and girls.

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) & Hate Crime (HC) Team will be holding a conference on 'Bringing Perpetrators to Justice' on Thursday 1st December 2022 from 1 – 4pm. This event will be at Raines House, Raine St, London E1W 3AU. This will be a public event and participants are invited to [sign up to the event here](#).

The conference is for residents and the community of Tower Hamlets, and the aim is to increase awareness and understanding of how Tower Hamlets council are aiming to 'bring perpetrators to justice', which is a key priority within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) Strategy . [Please see click this link for 16 Days of Activism timetable & VAWG poster](#).

## Maths Ninja—Years 3, 4 and 5

I wanted to draw your attention to a letter on the back page from Ellie Williams who is our subject leader for mathematics as well as one of our year 6 teachers.

Ellie is really keen for all children to learn their key number facts and particularly their times tables, not just because of their national assessment in Year 4 but also to enable them to engage with mathematics as it gets harder, with fluency and confidence.

In her letter Ellie says:

'For Ninja Maths to be a success, we ask that parents encourage their children to practise their times tables using their **Times Tables Rock Stars** accounts at home. We also wanted to inform you that the Ninja Maths levels will now replace the weekly times tables assessments that were shared with you at the beginning of the half term as part of the homework.'

Please make a note of the changes that will come up but also know, that any encouragement that you can give from home will impact upon the success of this intervention.

Thank you so much in anticipation, for your support.

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## Christmas parties

You will see in the up coming dates section that we have scheduled for the children to have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December.

We will then have their Christmas parties on that same afternoon. As they will already be in the Christmas spirit and full from their lunch, we will not need any food to be brought in from home. Not having any food being brought in from home, also helps us to keep the children safe, particularly those that have allergies.

We will however ensure that they have lots of fun!

## Special thank you to parents for trips and volunteering

And to conclude this week, I want to say a special thank you to our parents who are helping us so much in school, either through volunteering in the classroom, or by accompanying classes on trips.

This week Year 4 attended two trips, one to the theatre and the other to the Science Museum and Nursery also went on a trip to Christchurch to see a 'Baby to Bach' concert.

Your help in the classroom is immeasurable in terms of its impact, and we could not take the children on these trips without your support. So please know that we are immensely grateful to you all.

I hope you all stay well and keep well this weekend, Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

## Additional links for your information

**Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School**, The award winning part time school for 4-18 year olds offering 20% off their first term and 10% thereafter. [Please click this link for more info](#)

**Free Premier League Kicks Session**, For children with SEND, Saturday 1.00pm-2.00pm Mile End Stadium. Prior booking is required. [For more info click this link](#)

## Key dates coming up:

- Week beginning 28th November: Parents of children in **Nursery and Reception** will be invited to **meet the teacher** to discuss the outcomes of your child's Baseline Assessment.
- Monday 5th December: **Year 6 go to Gorsefield** for their week long residential.
- Tuesday 6th December: **Years 1—3 Christmas Performance**: morning performance at 9:30am and then a repeat performance in the afternoon at 2:30pm.
- Wednesday 7th December: **The Early Years Nativity**: morning performance at 9:30am and then a repeat performance in the afternoon at 2:30pm.
- Thursday 8th December: **PTA Christmas Disco and stalls**, Please note – Y6 will have a party on the same day for their last night in Gorsefield.
- Tuesday 13th December: **Year 4-6 Christmas Performance**: morning performance at 9:30am and then a repeat performance in the afternoon at 2:30pm.
- Wednesday 14th December: Christmas lunch day and children's parties in the afternoon.
- Friday 16th December: The last day of term and school finishes at 2pm. There is no after school care or clubs on this day.
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023: The staff return to work after the holidays and have two INSET days.
- Thursday 5th January 2023: The children return to school and before and after school care resumes as normal.



## School Catch - Up





## Years 3, 4 and 5 are starting the Ninja Maths Challenge!

From next week, in Years 3, 4 and 5 we will be implementing an exciting new maths intervention called '**Ninja Maths**' - a scheme designed to encourage children to learn their times tables and number bonds.

A secure knowledge of times tables is going to benefit your child throughout primary school and into secondary school as well. Learning multiplication is an important foundation for learning different aspects of mathematics such as division, algebra, long multiplication, and even fractions. For students that do not have a solid grasp of the times tables, they may find these other areas hard to understand as well.

Therefore, we have decided to get children engaged with learning their times tables by introducing **Ninja Maths**. Children work their way through the scheme by rapidly recalling each of their times tables and, with increasing difficulty, number bonds. Each 'Ninja Rank' has a coloured level and there are 9 different coloured levels available, but they can **ONLY** be awarded in order. Once a child has worked their way up through all the coloured levels, they begin again with division and subtraction. Finally, they may have a chance to earn the ultimate 'Master band'.

For Ninja Maths to be a success, we ask that parents encourage their children to practise their times tables using their **Times Tables Rock Stars** accounts at home. We also wanted to inform you that the Ninja Maths levels will now replace the weekly times tables assessments that were shared with you at the beginning of the half term as part of the homework.

**Ninja Maths will take place on the following days:**

**Year 3 each Tuesday**

**Year 4 each Thursday**

**Year 5 each Friday**

Below is a list of the Ninja Band Colours and their relevant times table and number bonds for addition and multiplication:

2 x Number bonds to 10 White  
10 x Number bonds to 9 & 11 Yellow  
5 x Number bonds to 8 & 12 Orange  
3 x Number bonds to 7 & 13 Green  
4 x Number bonds to 6 & 14 Purple  
9 x Number bonds to 5 & 15 Blue  
6 x Number bonds to 16 and 18 Red  
7 x Number bonds to 17 & 19 Brown  
8 x Number bonds to 20 Black

We hope that your child will enjoy learning their times tables and gaining their Ninja levels!

Many thanks,

Ms Williams