



Newsletter

1st July 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 20/06	W/B 27/6
Mango (Nur)	91%	96%
Apple (Rec M)	97%	92%
Peach (Rec C)	91%	84%
Beech (1S)	95%	93%
Maple (1R)	90%	91%
Ash (2R)	98%	95%
Birch (2N)	98%	96%
Lemon (3S)	92%	95%
Oak (3B)	99%	95%
Aspen (4D)	96%	92%
Spruce (4A)	94%	93%
Cherry (5O)	98%	98%
Palm (5G)	98%	97%
Cypress (6W)	94%	98%
Willow (6L)	90%	94%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Eliza
Apple (Rec M)	Alexandra
Peach (Rec C)	Leroy
Beech (1S)	Jaya
Maple (1R)	Kendrick
Ash (2R)	Liyana
Birch (2N)	Ayaan
Lemon (3S)	Whole class
Oak (3B)	Whole class
Aspen (4D)	Luca
Spruce (4A)	Hannah
Cherry (5O)	Sonny
Palm (5G)	Danny
Cypress (6W)	Ava Lilan
Willow (6L)	Eloise Sophie

RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week got off to a magical start with the Music Concert. A big thank you to Mr. Griffiths and the tutors who worked tirelessly with the children to prepare them to perform and make sure that the concert ran smoothly. I defy anyone not to have been inspired by the children's responses. We recognize that many of the children learn their instruments outside of school, but our concert gives them the opportunity to perform, alongside the children learning in school, and performing is such a vital part of learning to apply an instrument.

Another piece of great news is that Harriet Pickering, our SENCO, has returned from her maternity leave today. A warm welcome back to Harriet. All day I could hear children who were delighted to see her!

Parent governor election

I am delighted to let you know that we have received seven applications for the post of Parent Governor on the school's governing body. It is so exciting to have this level of interest in being involved in the leadership of the school.

Because we only have one post, we will have to hold an election.

This week, I will be in touch with each of the applicants, to get a photo of them and also a statement that can be shared with you. This will all be shared with you in next Friday's newsletter and then you will have a period of time to read the information provided, speak to the applicants if you wish to and then submit your votes.

The first meeting of the governing body in the new academic year is scheduled for 13th September and so hopefully we will be able to have the new Parent Governor in post by then.

Thank you to all seven applicants for nominating yourselves for this really critical role—the voice of the parent community in the leadership of the school.

New teachers for next academic year

It is time for us to share the changes to staffing for next year and also who your child's teacher will be.

We are very sorry to have to let you know that two teachers will be leaving our school at the end of the year and they are Ms. Chloe Reader and Ms. Ocen. Both of them joined the school at about the same time, they have made positive contributions to our school and the children they have worked with and we will be sorry to see them go. We do however wish them all the very best with the next phase of their professional lives.

We have however successfully recruited to the teacher posts. We have recruited Mr. Naseem Ahmed who is currently teaching in Year 5 and we have also recruited a teacher called Ms. Chauhan who joins us after already teaching for several years at a different school. We really look forward to welcoming Ms. Chauhan to our school and to working with both of these new teachers in September.

Furthermore, two of our staff are changing roles in September. Natalie Waterson who is currently working in Year 5 will be one of our Year 2 teachers in September working closely with Ms. Bell. Additionally Nina Kerr, will be moving from Year 6 to lead our Nursery in the new academic year.

For children in Nursery, because the children are being split into two classes, parents will receive a slip by Tuesday 05 July to confirm who their teacher will be. The two teachers in Reception next year remain Ms. Georgia and Ms. Tamsin.

With regard to the children currently in Reception classes, parents will receive an individual slip by Tuesday 05 July, to inform you who your child's new teacher will be. This is because when the children come into Reception, very often we are meeting them for the first time if they have not been in Nursery and so we don't always get the balance right across the classes. Also, during their first statutory year in school, the children form their friendships and because of the nature of our way of working in Reception, your child's close friend may be in the other class.

For this reason, when the children move up into Year 1, we always take a fresh look at the classes, so that emerging dynamics are catered for and we seek to ensure that the classes are more balanced in terms of characteristics for the rest of the time that the children are in school. The two Year 1 teachers in September will be Mr. Griffiths and Ms. Bingham.

For the rest of the school, i.e. children in Years 1–5 currently, a table can be found later in this newsletter to show who your child's class teacher and support staff will be in September.

RESPONSIBILITY

This information was shared with the children this afternoon. On Wednesday next week, Ms. Chauhan will be joining us, and the children will spend the afternoon with their new teacher for September.

Whilst this will be enough to support transition for a lot of children, some children will need more support. We think we know who those children are and further work is planned to support them in getting ready including the use of social stories.

However, if you are concerned about your child, please do not hesitate in letting me know and I will make sure that we make additional arrangements for them.

A nod ahead to next year re uniform

When walking around the school, I see a fair number of children not wearing the school uniform.

I realise this is often because of children wearing their PE kits, but I suspect the flexibility around PE kits, has merged in to other days of uniform wearing to.

The last thing I want to do is point out the lack of uniform for a child because this can be embarrassing for them, so if you are thinking about uniform for next year like I am for my children, please make sure that all items are either: navy blue (shorts, trousers, skirts, leggings, pinafores etc.), or white (t shirts for PE, polo shirts for uniform) or black—shoes/trainers.

Whether or not they are in uniform or PE kits, the only colours we should see are: navy blue, white or black.

With best wishes for the weekend, Rebecca Abrahams

Additional links for your information

[Stay and Play sessions— A free play area for children with disabilities and their families](#)

[Parents evening presented by Phoenix Outreach Service](#)

[Moving Up 2023 – Secondary School Information For Year 5 Parents/Carers](#)

[HMRC update on £500 tax free summer cash boost for parents](#)

[Holiday Childcare Scheme Bookings Now Open for Summer 2022](#)

[Parent and Carer Council Meeting \(PCC\), Saturday 2nd July, 10.45am–12.30pm, online via Zoom](#)

[Let's Talk SEND Event: Preparing for Adulthood, Tuesday 5th July, 4.30–6.30pm at the Osmani Centre](#)

[Information on supporting families to encourage older relatives to take up the Spring Booster COVID-19 vaccination](#)

Key dates coming up this term:

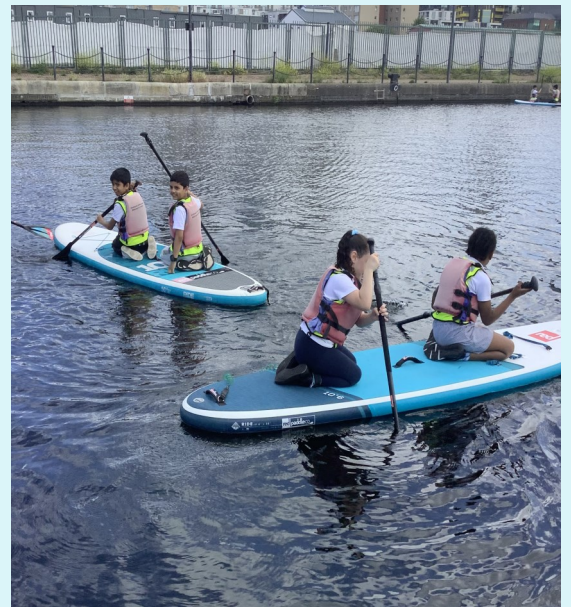
- Tuesday 12 July—**Reception Graduation** for their parents
- Thursday 14 July—**Year 6 production** for their parents
- Monday 18 July— **Year 6 Leavers' Mass**
- Wednesday 20 July—**Year 6 Prom**
- Thursday 21 July—**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

New Classes for September 2022

	Current class	New class name	New class teacher and support staff
Year 1	Maple class—Chloe Reader	Birch class	Ms. Watterson with Ms. Bell, Ellie Murphy and Khairun Bibi
	Beech class—Mr. Stein	Ash class	Ms. Rothon with Kabita Kamaly and Natalie Trew
Year 2	Birch class—Ms. Amanda	Oak class	Ms. Amanda with Samantha Witter
	Ash class—Ms. Rothon	Lemon class	Mr. Stein with Sarah Daley and Lee Norwood
Year 3	Oak class—Ms Bell and Ms. Bingham	Spruce class	Mr. Akinyemi with Zin Ahmed
	Lemon class—Ms. Sheppard	Aspen class	Ms. Chauhan with Tina Stevens
Year 4	Aspen class—Ms. Dewan	Cherry class	Mr. Ahmed with Isabelle Frail
	Spruce class—Mr. Akinyemi	Palm Tree class	Ms. Dewan with Alasma Ulhusna
Year 5	Palm Tree class—Mr. Griffiths	Cypress class	Ms. Williams with Steve Hammond
	Cherry class—Ms. Ocen and Mr. Ahmed	Willow Class	Ms. Lukwesa with Rita Ashirif

Lou Rae will also be working with both Year 6 classes

Dockland's Sailing Centre Trip



Class catch up

In Birch Class we learned about Charles Macintosh and his famous invention in Science this week. We went on to test materials to see how waterproof they were.



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The children have also been continuing to impress us in Collective Worship.

Each week our collective worship revolves around a school value and a story from the Bible. This week we have been looking at Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is facing Jerusalem where he will willingly give up his life on the cross. He challenges those who say that they will follow him.

The children discussed these big questions in class based on this reading.

Reception – Year 2: What is the most precious thing in your life?

Vanya: My teachers

Nahiyah: Jesus

Emma: God

Ernie: My cat because whenever I'm sick she sits next to me

Jaya: My parents because they love me

Year 3-4: Is there anything or anyone you would give up the most precious thing in your life for? Why/why not?

Taysia: I would give up everything for my mum because of everything she does for me.

Jess: I would give my favourite toys to my friends because I really love them.

Year 5-6: Would you be willing to give up something to obey/follow God?

Nadira: A phone isn't so important, family and friends are more important

Patrick, Umar and Tanisha said they would be willing to give up money or football to follow God.

Cypress class felt that they would like to say they would be willing to give up something to follow God, but it would depend on what they were asked to give up. They would not give up their lives or another person's life.