



Newsletter

15th October 2021



Dear parents and carers,

This week I would like to update you on the following:

Value of the week

This week we have been focusing on the value of **respect**. During collective worship today, staff shared such a variety of ways in which children have demonstrated this value this week, including the way in which they treat each other, the staff, and the school environment. Certainly, I see this myself each and every day. It is always a pleasure, for example, to see the wonderful manners of the children at the gate every morning and as they move around the building. When in classrooms, the respect that children show towards one another and the classroom staff is really evident too, hugely supporting the progress they make in their learning and the enjoyment they get out of it. A big well done to all the children named below!

Nursery	Luca Grinstead
Reception Peach	Isaac Bernard
Reception Apple	Sincere Cameron
Beech	Aurora Lockhart-Nelson
Maple	Sienna Anderson Pavanello
Birch	Marina Samy-Picoli
Ash	Khadija Alom
Lemon	Jemimah Sallman
Oak	Jara Baliqi
Aspen	Savannah Jeffrey Cenac
Spruce	Sumona Islam
Palm	Umar Ishan
Cherry	Luckymead
Willow	Lauren Hooper
Cypress	Sophia Wu

Half term

This is a reminder that half term begins on the week of Monday 25th October. All children are expected back in school on Monday 1st November, and we will finish at the normal time next Friday.



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Suitable watching

Staff have reported a number of children, across a range of year groups, talking about TV programmes and films that they have been watching that are not suitable for children of a primary age. These programmes often contain explicit scenes, often involving violence or inappropriate sexual references for children of a primary age. With so many options available, along with ease of access with many devices, we appreciate that it is often difficult to keep track of what may or may not be suitable. The link below provides a quick and easy reference for parents to thousands of films and TV programmes, noting their age suitability and any key themes of the show.

<https://www.common sense media.org/tv-reviews>

Attendance

This is the attendance data for this week. As you can see, there are a number of classes that have dropped below 96%. Whilst we recognise that there are a number of illnesses going around at the moment, please try to support in raising these figures for the final week of this half term by ensuring that your child only misses school for exceptional circumstances.

Mango (Nursery)	84.5%
Peach	80.1%
Apple	84.4%
Beech	91.7%
Maple	89.5%
Birch	97.3%
Ash	93.5%
Oak	91.4%
Lemon	98.8%
Aspen	94.4%
Spruce	84.9%
Palm	98.8%
Cherry	98.5%
Willow	91.9%
Cypress	90.8%

Performing Arts after-school club

Anna Fiorentini will be running an additional after school club for 6-11 year olds every Wednesday from 3:45—4:45pm. The cost is £5 per session. I have attached a leaflet with further details. Should you wish to enrol your child, please follow this link and select 'St. Luke's After School Club.'

<https://www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/enrol>



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Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting.

The letter provides information on COVID-19 testing and advises that, in response to potential outbreaks, local health teams may advise additional testing and isolation protocols at your school or college. For example, if a student or pupil is identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, they may be asked to take daily lateral flow device (LFD) tests, while they wait for their PCR test result. In this scenario, they should continue to attend school or college as long as their LFD test results remain negative. Alongside the letter are some [frequently answered questions for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

The letter is aimed at parents of secondary pupils, but all schools have been asked to distribute it. I have attached a copy of this letter to the newsletter.

Holiday activities for children with disabilities

I have attached a leaflet for holiday sport activities for children with disabilities. There are free accessible sport activities at Poplar Baths Leisure Centre during October half term.

It is being run by 'Disability Sports Coaches', who assist in running our Para Sports project events. They would be delighted to welcome children who haven't attended any sports clubs in the past, as well as those who already do. If you have any questions, please contact Emma, whose details are on the flyer.

Free swimming lessons during half term

You will also find attached a leaflet for free swimming lessons for children in Tower Hamlets during the half term holiday. Full details about times and ability access are in the leaflet.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School

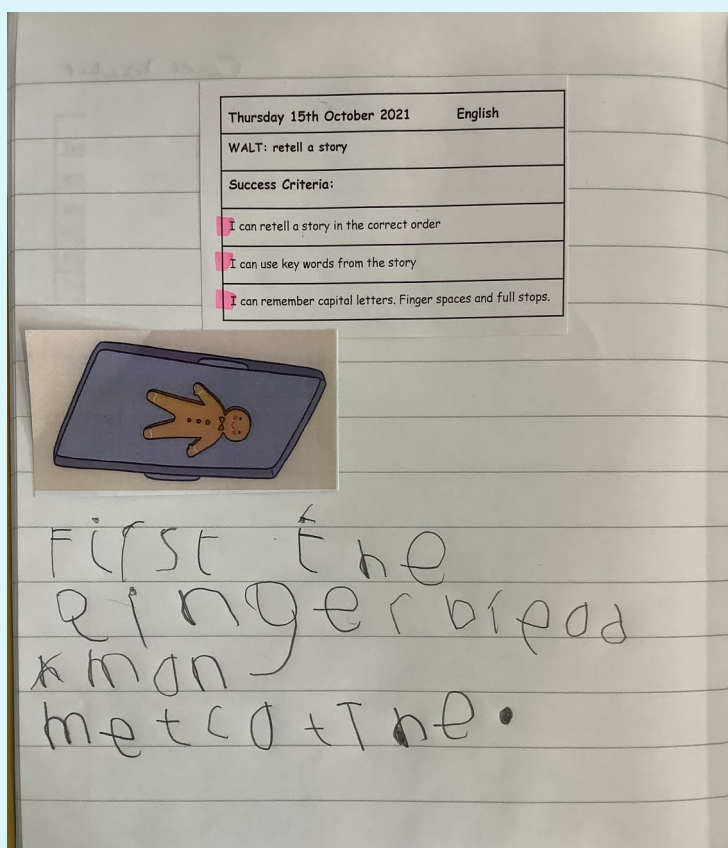
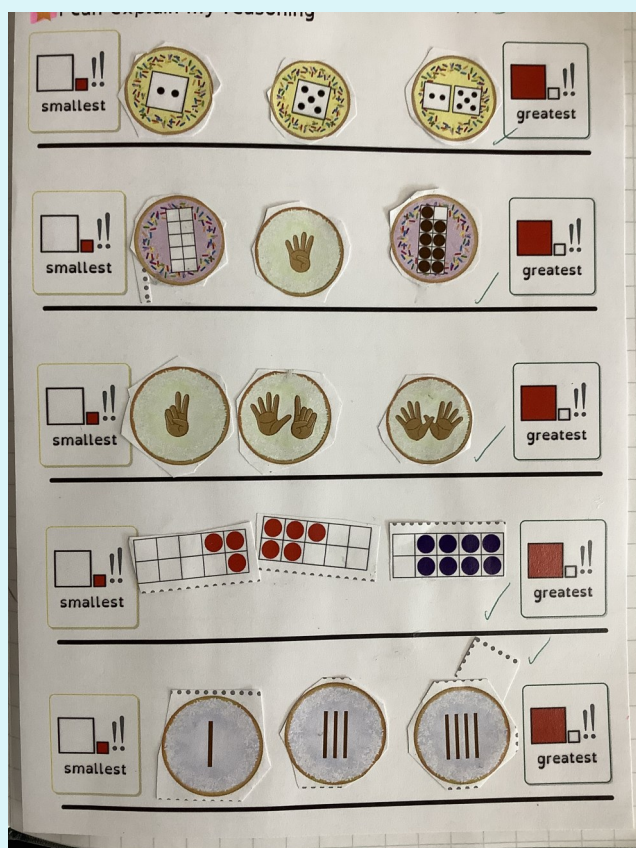


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The children in year 1 have been working hard in their maths and writing this week!





Here is the work of Alfie and Imogen in year 5, who have written a newspaper report on the Battle of Dunsinane at the end of Macbeth.

AWESOME!

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Spine chilling fight of Dunsinane

The battle of Dunsinane saw Macduff take revenge for the death of his family....

PICTURE

'Our country sinks beneath the yoke'

He really wanted to kill Malcolm so that Macbeth could still be King. Macbeth was invincible but when Macduff came he butchered him to death. There was a malicious, messy, massacre battle. The blood thirsty Macduff was killing everyone. The battle was carnage. Deadly! Devious! Stayed! The battle was a massive bloody battle. Brutal, barbaric, both battle.

Pictures of key people/interviews

Macbeth

Macduff

Lady Macbeth

We interviewed Macduff and he said

"I am invincible. I will not go back there."

The battle was deadly. Loads of valiant soldiers were decapitated."

We interviewed Macduff and he said

and he sadly exclaimed "Macbeth never could have killed me I am too ruthless." - The battle was very messy. A big hit! Malcolm! King



Tuesday 12th October 2021

WALT: write a news report

I can use features of a news report in my own writing	Teacher
I can use a checklist to ensure I have included everything	
I can use quotations from the text	

- *1 hateful
- *2 the wicked
- *3 like a pig or cow.
- *4 Macbeth's head was displayed in front of the king on a spear.
- *5 The battle was ~~over~~ gruesome and killed many people but Malcolm became king anyway and I'm happy about it.
- *6 I shall make Macduff in my heart after I have died.
- *7 From the first murder I suspected Macbeth. I am glad it turned out to be him ~~to~~ he has done a vile deed and deserved to be killed. ~~to~~ Macbeth ~~to~~ Macbeth is ruthless.
- *8 Super

amazing
inventions

AWESOME!

HEADLINE
Villainous Husband Destroyed!

The battle of Dunsinane saw Macduff take revenge for the death of his family.
Macbeth has been beheaded.

PICTURE

'Our country sinks beneath the yoke'

Pictures of key people/interviews

Macbeth

Macduff

Lady Macbeth

We interviewed Macduff and he said

"Macbeth is truly malicious. killing the king is dreadful. also blaming it on others is even worse!"

Macduff said

I am delighted to be King of the succeeding Scotland. Macbeth has been seen as very wicked and cruel!



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In year 2, in DT this term we have practised and developed our sewing skills to make our very own glove puppets!

