



## Newsletter

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### Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance this week has been much better. Everyday counts. Please keep this up!

Please note difference	W/B 30/09	W/B 07/10
Mango (Nur)	96 %	95%
Peach (Rec B)	96%	96%
Apple (Rec N)	94%	93%
Beech (1L)	97%	96%
Maple (1S)	94%	94%
Birch (2B)	97%	97%
Ash (2C)	95%	96%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4D)	98%	98%
Spruce (4L)	93%	94%
Palm (5D)	91%	92%
Cherry (5S)	95%	96%
Willow (6G)	98%	98%
Cypress (6S)	95%	95%



**Collective Worship on Monday 14th October will be led by Year 4L, Spruce Class, linked to our value of Respect.**

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the PTA and everyone who was involved in leading last night's Multi Cultural evening. It was a really super event, bringing so many members of our school community together. The food donated was delicious and a real celebration of the breadth of cultures represented in the school. I certainly enjoyed tasting foods that I had never experienced before—such a rich experience for our children to be part of too! The singing and performances by adults and children were a real joy. Every year we look forward to this event, well placed at the start of the year, where we can welcome new people to our community too. Once again, a big thank you to all.

### Christian Concepts

The LDBS are encouraging all Church of England primary schools to educate the children in the Christian Concepts of: Creation, People of God, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation and Kingdom of God. As part of this work, children across the school worked with a London based artist, Sarah Pimenta, to create 6 artworks to represent these concepts. These artworks will be hung in the ground floor corridor, with accompanying text to explain each one. Replacing the logo on this newsletter is an image of the first one representing Creation. For the next 5 weeks, I will share the other ones. I am sure you will agree, the children have achieved stunning work!

### Parent and child Reading Sessions in the classrooms—coming up

We wanted to arrange a time when you could come into the classroom and read with your child. We are hoping that we can share the approaches that we are using to develop the children's reading with you at the same time. We intend on hosting these sessions once a term. The dates for the Autumn term are as follows:

- Year 1: Friday 1st November from 8.45 – 9.15
- Year 2: Friday 8th November from 8.45 – 9.15
- Year 3: Wednesday 20th November from 3pm—3:30pm
- Year 4: Tuesday 19th November from 3pm—3:30pm
- Year 5: Monday 18th November from 3pm—3:30pm
- Year 6: Friday 22nd November from 3pm—3:30pm

For the sessions in the afternoon, please come to the school's main reception and a member of staff will take you up to the classroom. We look forward to reading with you then. Please note, the Early Years have open classroom events scheduled for the Spring and Summer terms, once the children are more settled. The dates for these can be found in the Parent Calendar, circulated at the start of the year, and available on the school's website.

### PTA Christmas Cards

Your child will have been sent home with their sample Christmas card this week. Each child has designed and made their own image, and these can now be ordered as Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs or bags. If you would like to order some, please return the order form, with the correct money in an envelope, to Reception by Wednesday 16th October at the latest. We cannot accept any orders past this date. We raised £692 last year from this project, and any money raised this year will go towards the continued development of the playground. Thank you for your support!

### Secondary Transfer

A reminder to Year 6 parents who have not yet made an application for secondary transfer, that they must do so by Friday 18th October (last day of term) - with the absolute closing date of 31st October.

Parents that require help with making their application, please note following help sessions that are available before the closing date:

**Bow Idea Store on Friday 11 October 9.00am-4.00pm**

**Chrip Street Idea Store on Monday 14 October 9.00am-4.00pm**

**Whitechapel Idea Store on Friday 25 October 9.00am-4.00pm**

Parents are encouraged to go along and no appointment is necessary.

Equally, if you are unsure, and you would like to talk it through with someone, please call the office at school, and either I or Christine Collins, will do our best to help you.

Have a great weekend. Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Nursery</b></u></p> <p>Next week in Nursery we will be working on the last of our All About me topic by talking to the children about what plans they have for the half term. When we come back we will be changing our topic to Celebrations and Festivals, we are looking forward to learning about what special times we all celebrate and how. Please can re remind you to return our books on a Thursday so they can be changed and given back out on a Friday for you to enjoy a different story with your child over the weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Reception</b></u></p> <p>What a fantastic week we had in Reception! The highlight of our week was gardening with Anna and Helen. The children had lots of fun. Next week in Literacy we will be learning about our senses and looking at Non-Fiction books. In Maths, we will be introducing positional language such as under, behind, in front etc. We are also continuing to order and recognise numbers up to 10. In RE we will be learning about what and who Christians believe are important to God. In Understanding the World we will be learning about planting and the different parts of a plant. Just a reminder that you can request for your child's Wow Book on a Friday and it needs to be returned on the Monday. You are encouraged to share some work/pictures/photos/drawings of any activities you have done during the weekend. Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Year 1</b></u></p> <p>In Year 2 next week we will be building on the adventures we have had with our class toys this week. We have had to search for them all around the school because they went missing! We will be writing our own adventure story about toys lost around the school, using 'Lost in the Toy Museum' as a template. In maths we will be looking at the part whole model and continuing our work on addition. In RE we will be answering our big question, 'What responsibility has God given people for taking care of Creation?'. In Topic we will be making information leaflets about how toys have changed over time. In science we are thinking about how animals and humans can be classified by how they move and also what they eat. In DT we will be using our wood-work skills to make vehicles. Have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Year 2</b></u></p> <p>Highlights from this week include travelling back in time to write a letter to Sidney Herbert as Florence Nightingale and making our animal finger puppets! Next week in English, we will be retelling the story of our book, Traction Man Is Here. In Maths, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. We will use practical resources and our knowledge of number bonds to help us. In R.E, we will be reflecting on our Big Question about why Jesus chose the Lord's Prayer as the way to pray. In Science, we will be sampling healthy foods to help us make healthier choices at meal times. We are so proud of how the children have settled in to Year 2 and we're looking forward to a busy week of learning before the half-term break. Have a great weekend.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Year 3</b></u></p> <p>Next week we will be editing and publishing our fantastic stories about Hansel and Gretel. Over the weekend, you can continue to support your child in maths by practicing number bonds to 10 and to 20 - we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to help speed up our mental arithmetic. We also continue with the 8x tables. Thank you for bringing in a great range of topic homework - keep them coming!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Year 4</b></u></p> <p>We have had a brilliant week in Year 4! Next week, we will be taking out two books from the library, one being our accelerated reader book. We can't wait to start quizzing after half term! In maths, we will be starting our new unit, addition and subtraction. In D&amp;T, we are really looking forward to baking Scandinavian soda bread and serving it with a topping of our choice. This is a fun way to end our Vikings topic! It also leads us nicely onto our final piece of English writing for this half term, which will be writing a recipe for Viking bread. Have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Year 5</b></u></p> <p>We have been busy bee's in yr.5 this week. Our trip to Gorsefield has been action packed! The children learnt a range of skills from making a campfire, whittling willow sticks and making their own damper bread. Children learnt how to ride a bike, shooting bulls eye in archery and taking a night walk through the forests of Gorsefields. Next week in Maths we will be problem solving using our addition and subtraction skills. In English we will start to look at poetry and hold our own poets cafe! In science we have been looking at life cycles of plants, amphibians, insects and birds. Next week we will be looking at the life cycle of mammals .</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Year 6</b></u></p> <p>Year 6 are very much looking forward to their respective trips to the Imperial War Museum. The children have thoroughly engaged with the World War 2 topic and we look forward to sharing their homework projects. In maths we will be looking at square and cube numbers and order of operations. In English we will complete our work on Rose Blanche and look at some poetry. Also next week we will cover our music curriculum and take some time to reflect on our physical social and health education. Have a great weekend. Team Year 6.</p>

### Community House News

**Coffee Morning** on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**Keep Fit:** on Wednesdays 9.00am-10.00am in school. Crèche available on site.

**ESOL Life Skills Course:** on every Thursday, To develop your English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life. Assessments to take place on Thursday 10th and 17th October between 1.00pm-3.00pm in the Community House

**Employability Course:** Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to



**Individual School  
photo's on  
Thursday 17th**