

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

KS1 Music Project Performance

What a wonderful fortnight it has been. Years 1 and 2 have enjoyed participating in the fantastic 'Harmony in Diversity' Music and Dance Project. The purpose of the project was to celebrate and appreciate the diversity of languages from around the globe. Pupils distinguished themselves with their enthusiasm, commitment and dedication. As a result, they have performed stunning dance routines inspired by the traditions of Ghana, Hungary and Southern India, sang like angels and collaborated to create their own composition song. If you closed your eyes for a moment, you could easily believe you were in a secondary school; such was the flawless maturity of their performance. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and hopefully pupils and parents will continue to hum, snap their fingers, dance or sing the new songs and dances that have been learnt.



Hyacinth Class Visit to Pizza Express



On Tuesday, Hyacinth Class visited Pizza Express in Stratford, travelling by school minibus. The children began by washing their hands and putting on chefs' hats and aprons. The Pizza Express chef told us about the history of the shop and how margarita pizza got its name. Each pupil had their own pizza base and spread passata sauce over it using a spoon. The chef then gave each pupil a bowl with cubed cheese in. Pupils then sprinkled the cheese over their pizza base. We all used the vocabulary 'spreading' and 'sprinkling' as we performed the tasks. The chef then put our pizzas onto a rack and into the oven. Everyone waited patiently for the pizzas to cook. The chef gave us our pizzas in take away boxes to bring back to school. Everyone really enjoyed the whole experience of travelling on the minibus, going into the restaurant and making a pizza. We especially loved eating our pizzas!



Year 5 Hyde Park visit

To develop a range of physical skills pupils might not experience indoors and enrich their learning in geography, year 5 visited the Lookout Centre in Hyde Park for an exhilarating mapping and orienteering workshop. In spite of the driving rain, spirits weren't dampened as pupils first explored a range of different types of maps, learnt the importance of having a key to 'unlock' the maps, then how to read the 8 compass points and determine where North is. Using a large-scale map of London, they explored key landmarks to locate the River Thames, Hyde Park and all groups were able to find the school by locating key local features such as Manor Park Station. In the centre garden, they identified coordinate points of some of its key features before finally receiving a map of Hyde Park with a

series of checkpoints to find in their groups to complete the orienteering challenge. All groups worked well together to answer questions and take photos as evidence that they had correctly navigated to the targets set in the time allocated. It was impressive to see how secure their prior knowledge was and especially their correct use of geographical vocabulary - the Lookout team were very impressed. We are especially proud of our pupils with SEND who showed great resilience throughout in spite of the terrible weather. We also discovered that there are free discovery days for families which you might enjoy!

Brilliant Club Visit

On Tuesday the pupils went to a graduation ceremony at Goldsmiths University of London. The scholars programme pupils (Brilliant Club) were fortunate to work alongside a PhD student to gain knowledge and skills which will benefit them throughout their school life and enable them to explore the skills needed for university. They had the opportunity to share the knowledge they had learnt during their study sessions and the skills they had gained. They demonstrated how their confidence had developed throughout the course, as they spoke loudly sharing their individual experiences. After a tour of the diverse campus, the pupils were able to experience lunch at the canteen, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Finally finishing their day in the council chamber at Deptford town hall to receive their graduation certificates. Well done to all those who took part.

Debate Mate

Six pupils from year 6 participated in the first round of our local Debate Mate competition which took place at Elmhurst Primary school yesterday. The pupils competed in two rounds, winning the first round. Mrs Mojzes was proud to announce that the pupils spoke confidently and articulately. They used their procedural knowledge accurately by asking for points of information and addressing rebuttals. They are looking forward to further competitions.





Year 5 and 6 boys Handball Competition

On Wednesday, 28th February, 2024, nine boys from year 5 and 6 attended a Handball Competition at Langdon School. Teamwork, encouragement and determination engulfed our team's ethos and this propelled them to the top of their group. That enabled them to get to the knockout stages, which they embraced with successful vigour. They were a credit to Essex Primary, and to themselves, as they competed admirably and skilfully, getting all the way to the final. They just came up short, losing 4-2 in a tense, entertaining match. They received a silver medal for their fantastic effort. Well done boys!

Important Dates

Date	Event / Information
Monday 4th March - Friday 15th March	Year 4 Swimming lessons
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day dress up as your favourite book character.
Monday 18th March	Academic Review Day



Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

All of Bumblebee	Arshiya (Beetle)	Ejaz (Butterfly)	Sarah (Moth)
All of Anaconda	All of Gecko	All of Crocodile	All of Tortoise



Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Zain (Lamprey)	Desiree (Bluefin)	Ilinca (Halibut)	Sabarish (Vendace)
Siddhaarth (Puffin)	Awaais (Kiwi)	Amelia (Grebe)	Tyrell (Nightingale)
The whole class (Baobab)	Shanmugarle (Chestnut)	Abdul Haady (Maidenhair)	Anaf (Redwood)
Fabiha (Orchid)	Denis (Clary)	Yahya (Helleborine)	Affan (Wintergreen)

Walk to School

Classes with the highest percentage of walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	Clary (100%)	1st	Moth, Nightingale, Clary (100%)
2nd	Crocodile (97%)	2nd	Gecko, Crocodile, Lamprey, Kiwi, Wintergreen, Orchid (99%)
3rd	Nightingale, Orchid (96%)	3rd	Turtle, Tortoise, Halibut (98%)



LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL



Attendance Matters! Every Student, Every School, Every day

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time.

Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
Nursery Tiger(am)	92.0	Year 1 Bumblebee	96.4	Year 3 Lamprey	96.0	Year 5 Baobab	95.2
Nursery Rhino(am)	90.6	Year 1 Butterfly	94.8	Year 3 Halibut	97.8	Year 5 Redwood	97.3
Nursery Tiger(pm)	90.5	Year 1 Beetle	95.2	Year 3 Bluefin	97.1	Year 5 Maidenhair	98.3
Nursery Rhino(pm)	81.1	Year 1 Moth	97.9	Year 3 Vendace	96.9	Year 5 Chestnut	96.6
Reception Dolphin	94.1	Year 2 Anaconda	97.3	Year 4 Grebe	99.3	Year 6 Orchid	92.7
Reception Vaquita	91.8	Year 2 Crocodile	96.4	Year 4 Puffin	97.7	Year 6 Clary	94.1
Reception Turtle	93.8	Year 2 Gecko	94.7	Year 4 Nightingale	96.6	Year 6 Helleborine	97.9
Reception Penguin	86.9	Year 2 Tortoise	97.7	Year 4 Kiwi	89.6	Year 6 Wintergreen	97.4
Whole School			95.3%				

School Clubs (Week beginning 4th March 2024)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Football Year 5&6: Boys Football	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Dodgeball Year 5&6: Handball	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 3&4: Boys Football Year 5&6: Dodgeball	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Years 3&4: Handball Year 5&6: Basketball	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 3&4: Basketball Year 5&6: Table Tennis
<u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Handball KS2: Dance Year 5&6: Athletics	<u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Athletics KS2: Handball	<u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Athletics Year 3&4: Handball Year 5&6: Dodgeball Year 5&6 Girls Football Year 6: Debate Club KS2 WonderMaths Club KS2 Guitar Club <u>3:15 - 4:15</u> Year 3-6: Police Cadets	<u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 1& 2 Ukulele Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 : Reading Gladiators <u>3:30 - 4:20</u> Year 1: Reading Warriors	<u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Girls Football KS2: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Tag Rugby

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