

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It is also most definitely gardening season again and children have been busy planting and sowing in our fantastic school garden. We look forward to our traditional home grown vegetable and salad sale later in the term. As well as eating healthily, it is also very important that children are well rested for school each day and ready for a day of learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and that they don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. Seemingly innocuous games can present risks if not monitored and children can be put at risk through contact made as a result of online gaming. We teach children the risks of being online but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are safe. Netware is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world by visiting [www.net-aware.org.uk/](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/) and keep a close eye on your child's online activities.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. Although we have members of the senior team stationed at exits, please could all parents ensure that they collect their children from the line in the playground and not before, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We have also recently reviewed our emergency management policy, so that we are prepared in case of a major incident outside of the school which means that we have to keep exits closed. In this exceptional situation we would send all parents a text to inform them that the school has entered a 'lock down' and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building. In the highly unusual situation, please be assured that the intention is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

All children will have been set homework tasks and projects for half term. Please support them with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children have the opportunity to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, counting money and of course sharing a book.

We hope that you have a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing children safely back on Monday 3rd June at 8:55am.

Thank you for your support.

**Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher**

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### Reminders

#### PE Kits

Check the year group newsletter for PE days and ensure children have their PE kit with them.



#### Bikes

Please make sure bikes left at school have a lock.



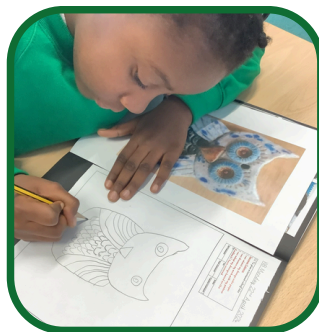
### Farm Visit

This week, Reception enjoyed a visit to Spitalfields City Farm for their topic 'On The Farm'. They learned all about the animals that live there, their habitats and the food that they eat. They were even lucky enough to see all the baby animals that have been born this Spring!



### Clay Tiles

In Art, Year 2 have been learning about 3D forms. They have researched and designed clay relief tiles. They have used their knowledge of animals in the local environment from their science lesson to sketch their chosen designs onto paper.



### Data Charts

This week in ICT, Year 3 practised collating their data using Google sheets. They created a table of data and turned this into different types of charts. It was really exciting seeing the all the ways that their data could be presented!





## Mayor's Music Award

Earlier this year, one of our pupils won the prestigious Hackney Mayor's Music Award which is given to children from around the borough who show an aptitude for music. The award was presented by the Speaker for Hackney Council at Hackney Empire. If you are interested in the per lessons offered, please speak to the office.



## Viridis Velo Team

The Viridis Velo Team participated in the Young Hackney Primary Schools Cycling League last week where they came second overall, winning multiple medals in gold, silver and bronze. Please join us in congratulating them, we are very proud!



## Key Dates

### SUMMER 1 (2024)

**Science & Technology Day**  
Wednesday 22nd May 2024

**Science Fayre**  
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 3:30pm

### Term End and Start

The first half of the summer term ends on Friday 24th May 2024, and Summer 2 starts at 8:55am on Monday 3rd June 2024. [Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.](#)



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 24th May	<u>Eco-team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?

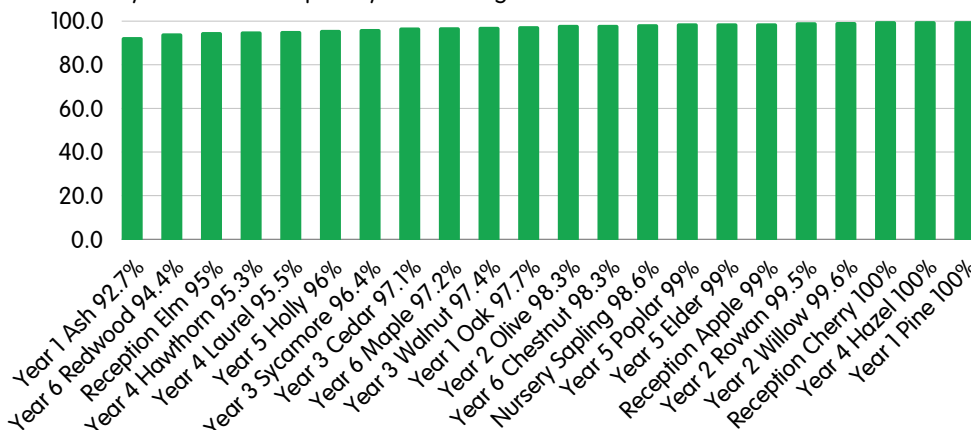
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97.3%.

Well done to Reception Apple Cherry, Year 1 Pine class and Year 4 Hazel class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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