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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this half term. World Week celebrations were again a great success and included a fantastic turn out of families at our international food evening. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the rich diversity in our community.

As the weather changes across the next few weeks, children will be bringing more items to school including hats and gloves as well as coats and jumpers. Please make sure that your children's things, even distinctive items, are named to give us the best chance of your children being reunited with any lost property.

The dark evenings make it even more important that children keep safe, particularly when crossing roads. There is a new online support for parents looking for more information about keeping children safe including a collection of articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on-line. Take a look at <https://www.rospa.com/policy/road-safety/active-travel-hub/parents-and-carers>.

Our Year 6 parents will now be thinking about secondary school options. The deadline for secondary school applications is the 31st October. We have members of staff on hand to help so if you need support, please call the school office.

During the first few weeks of the school year we have continued to ensure a focus on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as knowledge of key maths skills such as essential confidence in times tables recall. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home by using Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. You will also have received the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return on Monday 4th November 2024 at 8.55am.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Reminders

PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



Book Bags

Children should bring their book bags to school each day – please make sure these are of a reasonable size. School book bags can be purchased through our uniform provider.



Fine Motor Skills

This week in EYFS, children have been strengthening their fine motor skills in the physical development area. The children practised pinching the golf tee in place with one hand and then tapping them in with a hammer with their other hand. This helped them to improve their hand-eye coordination and keep them engaged and challenged!



Spanish Vocabulary

This week, Year 2 have been concentrating on expanding their vocabulary related to various fruits. To enhance their learning experience, they have incorporated actions to aid memory retention and engaged in writing sentences in Spanish to reinforce their understanding.



Still Life

This week, Year 4 had the opportunity to put the finishing touches on their still life art pieces which were inspired by the renowned artist Paul Cezanne. They used everyday objects to create a still life setting in their classroom before sketching their initial drawing. When painting, they mixed colours to create different tones within our paintings.





International Evening

Orchard celebrated International Day this week. Children came to school dressed in their cultural dress. During International Evening, parents, carers, families, teachers and children came together to celebrate our cultural diversity. We ate traditional food, watched performances, and showcased our projects and class stories.



Viridis Velo Race

This week, children from across the Federation participated in the Viridis Velo Race at Springfield Park alongside other schools in Hackney. It was a success with pupils taking home both gold and bronze medals. Well done to all who took part!



Key Dates

EYFS & KS1 D&T Day
Tuesday 12th at 12:45pm

KS2 D&T Day
Wednesday 13th November at 2pm

Sycamore Class Assembly
Thursday 14th November at 10:30am

Holly Class Assembly
Thursday 14th November at 11am

Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 15th November

Cedar Class Assembly
Thursday 21st November at 10:30am

Poplar Class Assembly
Thursday 21st November at 11am

Walnut Class Assembly
Thursday 28th November at 10:30am

Elder Class Assembly
Thursday 28th November at 11am

Year 6 Seasonal Sing-Along
Wednesday 4th December at 2:45pm

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.

Date	Focus
Friday 8th November	<u>Phonics</u> : What are the different phases of phonics and how can I support my child at home?
Friday 15th November	<u>Behaviour and Culture</u> : How does the school promote a culture of kindness?
Friday 22nd November	<u>Hackney 10x10</u> : The Hackney 10x10 Programme is a new initiative to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 amazing activities by the time they are 10 years old.
Friday 29th November	<u>Wellbeing</u> : What tools and strategies can I teach my child to support their mental health?
Friday 6th December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 21st November	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?

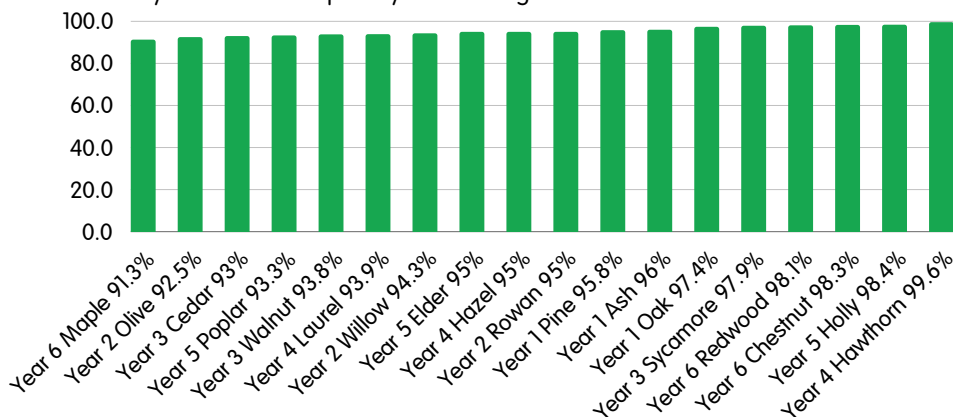
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.1%.

Well done to Year 4 Hawthorn Class, last week's winners with 99.6% 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.



Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term ends on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2:00pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



School Uniform

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