

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children are now settled back into school routines and curriculum learning. Alongside the curriculum entitlement, children have lots of opportunity to enrich their school experience including half termly trips linked to learning and whole school enrichment events. This week we welcomed significant males into school to learn alongside children. A big thank you to those who came along! There are also special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our International Evening in October to look forward to.

Across the Federation we have a core set of values with a focus value explored in assemblies and through our PSHE curriculum each half term. We are currently exploring the value of equality. Equality has to do with sameness, just like in mathematics. An equal sign tells us that both sides of the equation are exactly the same. We explicitly teach children about equality to support children to understand that we should treat all people equally. We support children to understand that we are all different, and we are all equally valuable in the world. It is through promoting equality and diversity and recognising and respecting differences that we can all live in an society.

Physical activity in school is very important and we aim to provide a range of opportunities for structured physical games at playtime, and a range of physical activity curriculum clubs after school in addition to designated weekly PE lessons. PE days were shared on the curriculum newsletters sent out last week. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. One of the reasons that children are asked to change into their PE kit at school is for hygiene purposes. For example, the children learn that when they exercise, they sweat, and it is good practice to not wear exercise clothes all day. Changing for PE in school also allows younger children to develop their independence and learn how to dress themselves including putting jumpers on, managing buttons, putting shoes on, and tying up laces.

Hackney have launched a language of the month focus to recognise and celebrate the home, heritage and community languages, in addition to English, which are spoken by Hackney pupils. In our primary schools there are 160 different languages spoken and in our secondary schools 144 languages! The language of the month for September is Turkish. Did you know there are 2199 Turkish speakers in Hackney? Look out for our posters which have key phrases you can learn together.

Thank you for your support.

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

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Reminders

Bikes and Scooters

Please store bikes and scooters in the designated areas safely and securely.



School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



Autumnal Art

This week, EYFS have been enjoying making autumnal themed art. They used a variety of materials such as coloured paper and tissue paper to create vibrant leaves. They enjoyed mixing and layering different textures. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine as they explored colours and shapes of the upcoming season!



Dribbling

Year 2 have been focusing on improving their dribbling skills. They have shown great progress in maintaining control of the ball while dribbling and can confidently change direction of the ball with their feet. Their ability to keep the ball close and under control while moving demonstrates good technique and awareness on the field.



Clay Models

This week, Year 6 explored a new artistic media, clay modelling. Focusing on sculpting this half-term, inspired by the work of Henry Moore, they dug their hands into the skills of moulding, shaping and structuring their clay into a range of dynamic shapes. They're now ready for their next steps: to design their own piece à la Henry Moore!





Bring A Significant Male

This week, pupils across the federation enjoyed celebrating Significant Male Day. They welcomed important male figures in for the morning. They engaged in a variety of activities with the children, such as snakes and ladders and discussed the importance of positive male role models. Thank you to all that came!



Bike Bus

Orchard pupils were excited to get back on their bikes this academic year with 30 pupils and 6 parents joining the first bike bus! They rode to school together in a fun and safe group, it was a great way to enjoy an invigorating ride to school while promoting team work and a healthy lifestyle!



Key Dates

Black History Month
October 2024

Willow Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd October at 10:30am

Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd October at 11am

Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 10th October at 10:30am

Maple Class Assembly
Thursday 10th October at 11am

World Week
Week of 14th - 18th October

National Dress Day
Thursday 17th October

International Evening
Thursday 17th October at 3:45pm

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 4th October	<u>Homework Support</u> : What strategies can I use at home to help my child with their homework?
Friday 11th October	<u>World Week</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school?
Friday 18th October	<u>Online-Safety</u> : What does our curriculum teach about being safe online?
Friday 25th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 17th October	<u>Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting</u> : How to develop your child's handwriting?

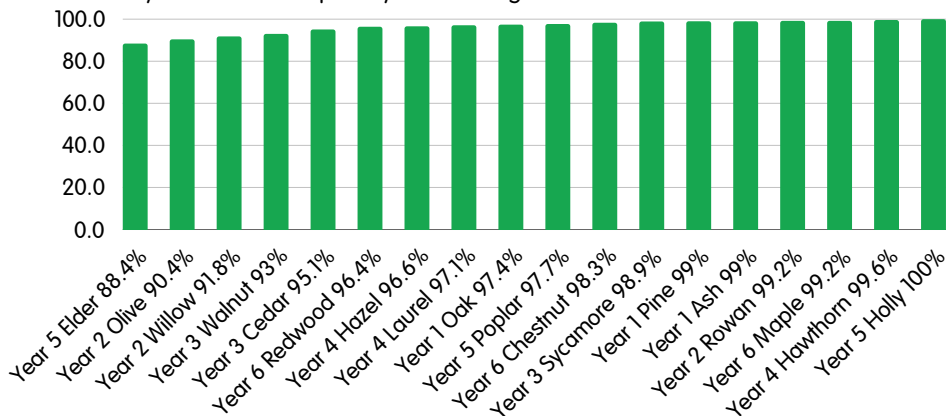
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.1%.

Well done to Year 5 Holly 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.



Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 25th October 2024 at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



School Uniform

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