

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

Happy Half Term!

Message From Mrs Coldham (Head of School)

Today we leave for the half-term holiday and what a half term it has been! We have really enjoyed this half-term, being able to get outside more often (weather permitting) and enjoy our PE lessons. We have also loved the new lunchtime menu especially the all day breakfast. School reopens on Monday 7th June 2021 and the gates open at 8.40am. The gates do close promptly at 8.55am so please arrive before this time to ensure that you are on time for school.

Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills Club

Starting on Tuesday 15th June, our very own Mrs Hardmeat will be running a multi-skills after school club for children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2). More information on how to book a place will be sent out to you after the half-term holiday.



Sun Shelters

Our new sun shelters are beginning to take shape. Hopefully, the weather forecast will take a turn for the better when we return after half-term and they will get plenty of use!



Reading Book Amnesty

We have quite a few school reading books missing so please look high and low over the half term holiday. If you find any reading books, please return them to school on Monday 7th June 2021 - no questions asked!

Transition Week

The week commencing July 12th is transition week for Year 6. We are hopeful that this will be able to go ahead and will get to spend a week at their secondary school. We will provide more information, closer to the date.

Catholic Life

This week in school we have celebrated Pentecost. In RE we have acted out the scripture using drama and Year 3 and Year 4 have made Pentecost mobiles, showing the different elements of the Holy Spirit.

Children this week have planned some very reverent class worships which all children have participated in respectfully.

This week our Statement of Belief has been: **I know how to show that I am sorry.**
This week our Act of Kindness has been: **Give someone a compliment.**



School Safety

Please remember that children must arrive at breakfast club with an adult. This is because there is no staff supervision until they are in the school building and breakfast club staff cannot leave their designated zones. Thank you.

On Tuesday, the children evacuated the school safely and we were visited by the Greenwich Fire Brigade. We are hoping to invite them into school to talk to the children about fire safety.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week:
95%

Class winners:
2JH

Dates For Your Diary

	Summer		Term
7th June	School reopens	8th July	Year 6 Production
7th June	Year 5 Growing Up talks	8th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
9th June	KS1 Dance Workshop	9th July	Year 6 Reflection Day
18th June	Be Spirited Day/Wear it Bright - non uniform day (£1 donation)	12th July	Transition Week for Year 6
23rd June	FS2 Height and Weight check	21st July	School Closes for Summer holidays
25th June	Year 6 Height and Weight check		
2nd July	Sports Day		
5th July	Sports Day - back up		
7th July	Year 6 Production		



AROUND THE PHASES

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EYFS This week in our Religious Education lessons we have studied Pentecost. The children have learnt about the wind and flames visiting the apostles and about how we call this the birthday of the Church. The children chose to express their learning by making streamers, flame crowns and birthday cards. They have also enjoyed dancing. Children have made some fabulous flame paintings and written some excellent sentences too.

For Design Technology Week, the children have planned and made a minibeast sock puppet. Thank you for continuing to support us and your child by providing socks and extra materials!



Phase 1

We have had an extremely busy and creative week in Phase 1. For D&T week, the children have researched, designed, built and evaluated their own moving vehicles. They were given a design brief of that it had to be suitable for their chosen toy and be strong enough. Our 'Whacky Races' today really put that to the test!

In Year 1, the children have read 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' They have chosen a crayon colour and have written their own letters pretending to be that crayon. Why don't you ask your child which crayon they chose to be?



Phase 2



What a busy, creative week we have had! Have you ever wondered what an Iron Age house would look like? Take a look at our fantastic structures. The children were asked to build a structure that would withstand an invasion. We researched, designed and made prototypes and final structures using slot and triangle techniques to reinforce them. We put our structures to the test by throwing paper cannon balls at them! As part of our D&T week, we have also made pulley systems that could have been used to assemble Stonehenge.



In 3ME and 3/4LI, the children have completed leaflets to persuade the public to help save the rainforest. The children have become very passionate about this subject and have asked to set up a school eco-club. In 4CB, the children have made their own twisted fairy tales and have produced their best pieces of writing yet! We finished our guided reading book (The Firework Maker's Daughter) much to the excitement of the children.

Phase 3

Phase 3 have had another superb week, in history the children have written detailed diary entries as Howard Carter recounting the finding of Tutankhamun's tomb. In PE the children are continuing to practise and improve their catching and fielding skills by applying them to cricket matches. This week has been our D&T week and our challenge was to create fairground rides which used electrical circuits and components. The children have excelled themselves at designing and building wonderful models that use motors to power them. They have evaluated them thinking carefully about what improvements they would make next time. After half term, phase 3 will be studying Japan and as part of this they will have a karate experience day on Thursday 10th June. Pupils will need to come in their PE kit on this day instead of their usual PE day. Enjoy the half term break.

