

Friday 15th January 2016

Message from the head



Last week in the newsletter we mentioned a project called 'Be the Best you can Be'. This is a programme which we will be involved in all year. It is designed to help children discover their unique potential and give them the power to succeed in life. The programme was inspired by the 2012 Olympic Games and it used the techniques of sports coaching to develop young Londoners. On the 25th of January a BMX world champion called Mike Mullen will be visiting the school to hold a special assembly and talk to children in their classes about how he achieved his dreams and ambitions. We will be asking children to set their own personal goals and then giving them strategies to achieve them and then we will all be working to achieve our personal best. It is all very exciting and I am sure that your children will tell you all about it as the year goes on.

Graffiti

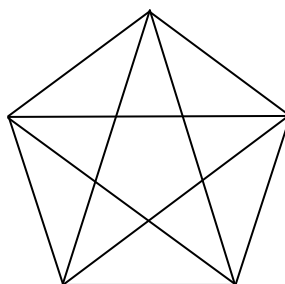
You have probably noticed that we have refreshed our entrance area with a marvellous work of art, which has a piece from every child in the school, and some new furniture. We were sorry to see however that a child has scribbled graffiti on the new bench. Please monitor your children carefully around the school and help us to keep our environment wonderful.



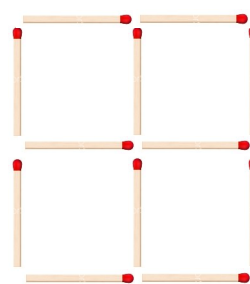
Maths Puzzle—Can you solve it?

The children have been amazing us with the brilliant homework they are bringing in from their maths scrapbooks in years 1-4, and also from elsewhere in the school from the homework matrices. We know from chatting with the children many of you are enjoying doing these activities with your children. With that in mind we have a couple of puzzles for you to try and solve with your children if you would like some extra fun maths to do together. We might be able to find a merit for any children who come to us with the correct answers. They won't be too tough but will get you all thinking. Here is the first couple. If you and your child think you have the answers get them to tell Don or Henry and find out if you are correct. Good luck!

PUZZLE 1: Look at the shape below.
How many triangles can you find?



PUZZLE 2: Can you move just TWO toothpicks and create SEVEN squares?



Nasal Flu Vaccine

The Childhood Immunisation Service recently visited school to give children the nasal flu vaccine. Some children missed out due to absence. They are offering an opportunity for any Year 1 & Year 2 children who missed the original date at school to have their nasal flu vaccination given. If you would like your child to have this vaccination please can you contact them on 020 3317 5076 to arrange an appointment at one of their Health Centres. Please note, they cannot provide this vaccination after 22nd January.

Scooters



A couple of scooters have gone missing over the last 2 weeks from the scooter park. Please don't forget to secure your scooter to the stand and we suggest writing your child's name in indelible pen on its body.

Dates for your calendar

25th January	Hawaii Class to CLC
1st February	Year 5 to the Royal Observatory
10th February	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre
10th February	Tahiti Class to CLC
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
3rd March	Jamaica Class to CLC
4th March	Cuba Class to CLC
8th March	Year 1 to Unicorn Theatre
24th March	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
25th Mar-8th Apr	Easter Holidays
11th April	School Opens—children back
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
30th May-3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

Date for your diary—Sports Day 2016

We have booked this year's Sports Day so put the date in your diary now if you want to come along and cheer on the children. We will again be up on Hampstead Heath. It will take place on Monday the 4th July. We hope you will be able to come along.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

3rd-8th January

Attendance KS1: **Guernsey—97.12%**

Attendance KS2: **Corsica—99.07%**

Early Bird: **Mull Class—0 lates**



Don't forget about the prize draw at the end of the term to win an iPad mini for the children with 100% attendance. Lots of them are talking about it and we're already seeing an improvement in some children's attendance!

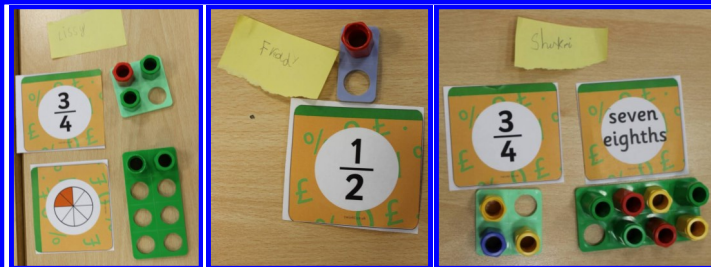
Packed Lunches

Can we ask you to ensure that packed lunches come in with the children in the morning so they put their own lunches in the correct place before school ready for lunchtime, rather than being dropped off later in the morning via the school office once school has started. Thank you for your support with this.



School Uniform

We have seen an increase in the number of children coming in with the wrong uniform on. Please remember it is gold polo shirts and navy blue sweat shirts and fleeces. Boys can wear navy blue trousers while girls can wear navy blue trousers, navy blue skirts, pinafore dresses or shorts. Girls can wear any yellow dress. Thank you.



Year 3 have been looking at fractions this week and have worked hard throughout. They used Numicon to represent a variety of fractions and then compared which ones were equivalent. Here are examples created by Lissy, Timur, Shukri and Freddy. Well done all of year 3!

Fractions in Year 3

Year 2 began the entry point to their new topic, 'water', by paying a visit to the Sealife Aquarium at Waterloo. The children instantly recognised nearby landmarks from their buildings topic, and they even heard the chimes of Big Ben! The first thing they saw was another glass bridge - just like the one at Tower Bridge! But this time they had stingrays and sharks swimming directly beneath their feet! They saw a whole host of sea animals and amphibians! The best part was when they went through the underwater tunnel, then sat outside various tanks to try and capture the sea life through art. Thanks to all the parents who came along to help!



Year 2 @ the Aquarium

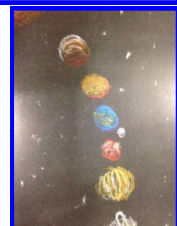
As part of their new topic on traditional tales, Year 1 were lucky enough to spend the morning with the wonderful Giles Abbot. Giles is a storyteller and they were mesmerised by his storytelling skills. They used their superb listening skills and imaginations to picture the stories in their minds. Then they created a scene from the story using a range of art materials. The rest of the school were lucky that Giles was also able to do two assemblies so everyone in the school could hear him telling a story.

Thank you Giles!

Year 5 have begun their new topic: Space Explorers. To kick it off they were put through their paces as they took on astronaut training. Coordination, balance, mental agility, physical endurance and teamwork were all tested. What a group of spacemen and spacewomen we have in our midst! After our training, they created their own pastel drawings of the solar system!



Year 5 Astronauts



As part of their 'Dynamic Earth' topic, this term Year 4 will be learning all about rocks and fossils. On Thursday, the children went excavating in the nursery garden. In the dirt they came across some very interesting looking rocks. On closer inspection in the class, using the skills of an archaeologist, they chipped away and brushed at their finds to reveal the hidden skeletons of some small dinosaurs. They had a great time and are looking forward to learning more about fossils. If you have any fossils you'd be willing to share with the children please speak to Aoife or Matt in year 4.

Year 4 Archaeologists



Storyteller Visit



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Mahad & Ava—Mull, Khedija & Zeineb—Skye, Hanna & Torri-Lee—Jersey, Ayeesha & Emma—Y3, Ahmed & Plator—Y4, Aleyna & Rhys—Y5, Raia & LouLou—Y6

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