

Covid update

Unfortunately there has been a positive case of Covid this week in year 6 this week, meaning that some could not go on the camping trip or London trip due to the requirement to self-isolate. It was very difficult news to deliver and the children, parents and staff were understandably, very disappointed. We are working hard to reduce further risk of infection in school. There are strict systems of control that remain in place. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this. Parents are reminded to please wear masks and socially distance themselves. It is also important to engage in regular LFT testing to support infection detection and control. **Please see the information regarding local vaccination services across Camden accompanying this newsletter.** We are looking forward to welcoming 6Y back to school on Friday!



Race to Health and Sports Days

Brecknock are currently second in the Race to Health. We have travelled an impressive 18,697 miles! The children and staff have done a sterling job and the finish line is in sight. Just one more push in our pursuit of that gold medal! Keep going everyone! **We will be getting into the Olympic spirit next week as we look forward to more active and healthy activities in our sports days for KS1 and lower KS2.** Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we cannot invite parents to spectate but will share lots of lovely photos and films of the events.



Reading Rocks!

Many of our KS2 children have been receiving certificates for their reading road map challenges. So many have already received a bronze or silver certificate to mark the achievement of reading up to 10 books! Some children have read even more to achieve gold - no platinum certificates yet though! **The initiative is having such a great impact on children's love and enjoyment of reading, particularly children who have been reluctant in the past to dive into a book.** Look out for summer reading challenges in our local libraries. More information to follow.



Reducing our Carbon Footprint

The school has taken on an **exciting new partnership with Power Up North London.** PUNL is a non-profit community organisation that enables local people to tackle climate change by delivering renewable energy projects. Last term, **Year 3** had a workshop, linked to their STEAM project, focusing on sustainable energy in the school building. The teachers had an introductory session and next week will complete surveys with the children about the energy consumption within our building. **We will be looking to make the buildings more energy efficient in the autumn term** so this is a really exciting and important project that aims to make us a more sustainable organisation.



2021-22 Class Arrangements

On Monday, you will be informed of the class arrangements for next year. Please look out for the letter to know who your children's classteacher will be and transition arrangements. **Reports will be sent out to families on Monday 12th July** and parents evenings will take place **online on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July.** Look out for your **email to book these through the booking system.**

Really Wild

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time in **Epping forest this week.** They went wild for two days, with campfire fun, cheeky squirrels and lots of exploring. **They greatly missed the year 6 friends that could not attend due to self-isolation rules.** **We are planning something special for those children on their return.** Our London trip children learnt new talents on the ice and tried some nature art on the heath! **Please see the wonderful pictures on pages 5, 7 and 8 of this newsletter.** **Huge thanks to the staff for their support and commitment on these trips.**



Have a wonderful weekend.

Helen

D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th July

End of year School Reports go home

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2021/2022 Classes announced

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th July

Virtual Online Parents Evening - schoolcloud

Thursday 22nd July

End of the School Year - School Closes at 2pm

Wednesday 1st September

INSET DAY - Staff Training. School Closed

Thursday 2nd September

School reopens - first day of Autumn Term 21/22



Please remember to phone the school before 9am, if your child is not going to be off school that day. Press option 1 to leave a message - giving your child's full name, class and the reason for the absence.

Wellbeing Tip of the Week

Connecting With Nature

Now that the weather is improving and restrictions are easing, we can start to find ways to reconnect with nature. It was reported that going for walks was one of our top coping strategies during lockdown, and 45% of people felt that being in green spaces was vital for their mental health. What can we do:

- **Use your senses** - Take some time to reflect in natural surroundings using all of your senses. When you're outside; listen out for birdsong, look for butterflies, smell the grass, or notice the movement of the clouds.
- **Bring nature to you** - Sometimes it's hard to access natural places because of where you live. Bringing new plants in the house is a great way to have something natural to see, touch and smell – pots of herbs from the supermarket are a good start. This can also be a fun learning activity to do with the whole family. If planting isn't for you, you can read stories or watch TV programmes about nature to try to connect and help you reflect.

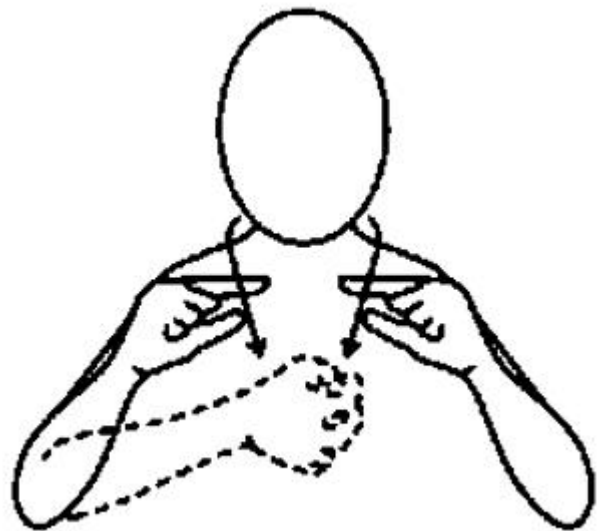
Combine Nature with Creativity -

Try combining creativity with your natural environment e.g. taking part in creative activities outside, like dance, music, or art. You could also increase your sense of connection by taking photos, writing, drawing or painting pictures of the landscape, plants or animals. Try to notice how you feel after being in nature. If you feel a lift in your mood, maybe this is something you could try doing everyday!



Sign Of The Week:

Medal



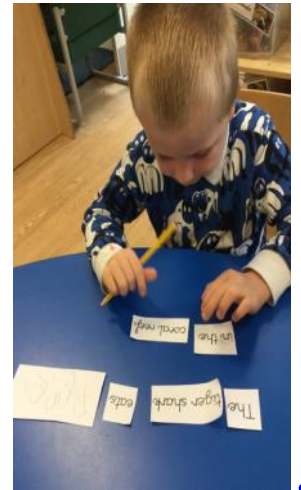


This week in the Nursery they have been exploring different countries with different environments and climates. They have compared Greenland (an arctic environment), Somalia (a desert environment), England (a city environment) and Brazil (a rainforest environment). It has been wonderful to see how their learning has influenced their aeroplane small world play. The children have enjoyed role playing with the aeroplane small world. Khalid decided to travel to the desert in Somalia and Ayub decided to travel to the arctic.



Reception have had lots of fun this week. In maths, they have been making 2D shape monsters- with googly eyes! They discussed the shapes and their different properties- how many corners and sides the shape has and whether it is a curved or straight sided shape.

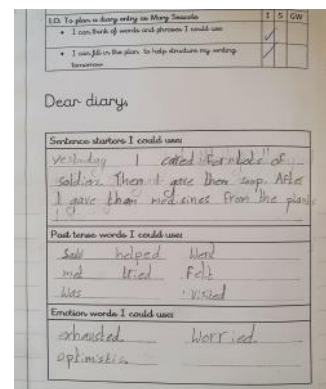
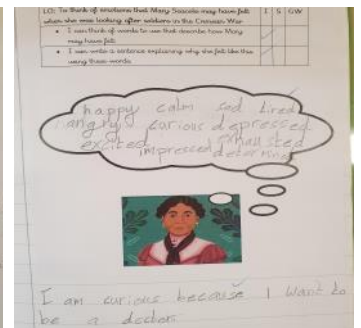
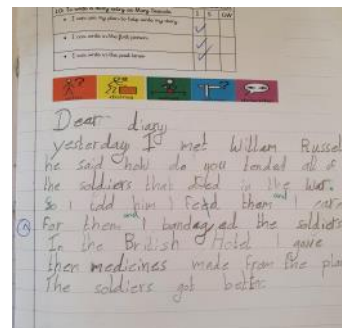
In Literacy, they have continued to create super sentences in our talking tripods. They have thought of and written loads of exciting adjectives to describe the animals that they have learned about from the continent of Asia.



1Y followed instructions and made their very own African necklaces. They really enjoyed it and listened carefully throughout.



This week Year 2 have been writing a diary as if they were Mary Seacole during the Crimean War. They had to reflect on the previous day when she looked after wounded soldiers in the British Hotel that she founded. Their diaries were fantastic and really expressed everything she must have felt.



Year 3

Year 3 did some planting in the playground to attract pollinators with Cath from School Food Matters. It was wonderful to use their skills and knowledge about planting and pollination and put those to test! Despite the rain it was a fun session. They are looking forward to their trip to the apiary at Holland Park next week!



Year 4

Money, money, money! This week, Year 4 have been learning all about money. They have been looking at how to make different amounts using specific denominations as well as, comparing different amounts. They loved using the money, albeit plastic and will be moving onto estimating money, a very valuable skill for the future!



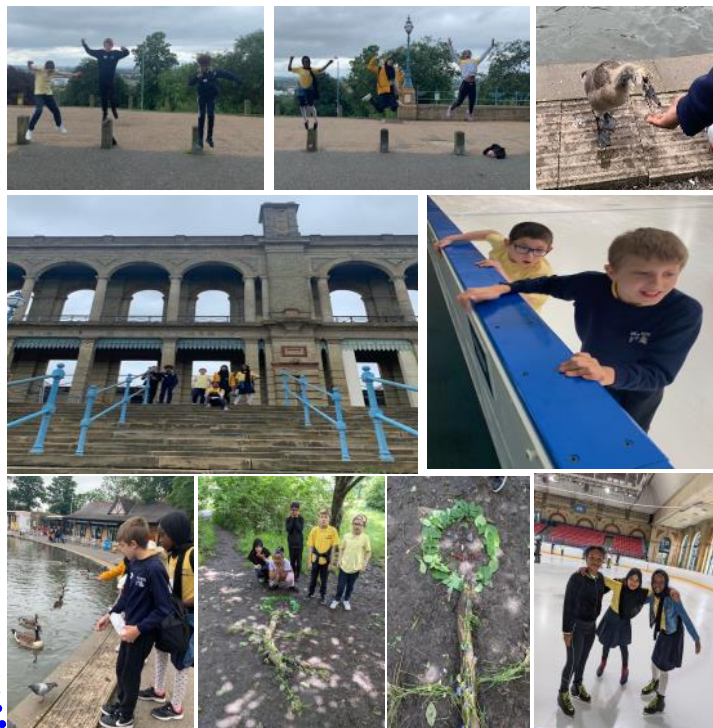
Year 5

Year 5 have started their new History topic, The Early Islamic Civilisation. To begin, they discussed where in history this period took place and then they sequenced key events in chronological order from the Early Islamic Civilisation.

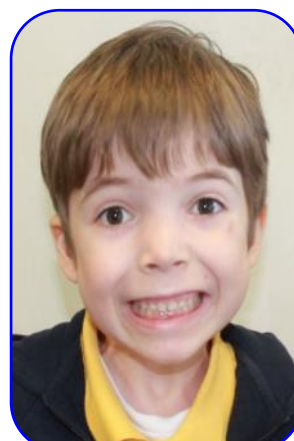


Year 6

With half of year 6 on the camping trip and half self-isolating, those few that have been in school were treated to ice skating at Alexandra Palace, fed the ducks and a picnic at Hampstead Heath. Some had never been ice skating before but they did amazingly and had such a fun day.



★ Here are our Stars of the Week! ★





The climate crisis affects us all. Every week we will be offering a suggestion for a positive climate action you can take yourselves, as part of the bigger changes we need to make as a global community.

Action 25: Take part in plastic free July, sign up here to get tips and tricks and to keep motivated <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/> Try making your bathroom as plastic free as possible, swap liquid soaps for soap bars, get a bamboo toothbrush and try refills for your cleaning products.



Did you know almost all plastic is made from petrochemicals which are derived from fossil fuels like oil and gas? Production of plastic is responsible for about 5% of greenhouse gas emissions which are the gases that are warming our planet. Discarded plastic is also polluting our earth and seas, destroying marine life, harming humans and other animals.

It's becoming easier and easier to go plastic-free, so go for it!



