



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th March – Issue 24

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the slightly delay in getting the newsletter out this week. Hopefully all our families have enjoyed the weekend.

As the Easter holidays are fast approaching, I wanted to remind everyone of the many opportunities across Newham to engage in holiday activities and holiday camps. We are hoping to run our own JAG holiday camp from the 8th -12th April (2nd week of the holidays) if there is enough interest from parents. Make make sure you sign up with this link

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/whats-on/>

There are also several HAF (Holiday Activity and Food) running across Newham. If you would like to find out more please do get in touch with Mrs Clarke who can help you get signed up. Or have a look at what's available by following this link: <https://eequ.org/newhamhaf>

It is really important to plan ahead for the holiday periods, so that children have sustained periods of activity away from their screens and devices.

Last week our Year 6 children did really well during their MOCK SATS and I was really pleased to see how maturely they approached their test papers. This preparation will be of great assistance when they sit the SATS tests in May.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers this Wednesday for Parent Consultation Evening. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Book Fair and an Art Exhibition. Please make sure that you have booked your consultation time before Wednesday.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Ms Von

Nurturing and Growing Together

Online Safety - Screen Time

This week we think about the amount of screentime we are all having: adults and children alike. Research suggests that by the age of 8, children are having almost 3 hours of screen time outside of school and this rises to over 4 hours by the time they reach the age of 12. This increases to even more hours at the weekend!

What are the risks of too much screen time?

- **Negative impacts on children's wellbeing.** [Research found that 9-10-year-old girls feel more negative impacts](#) from being online than other children. This includes feelings of FOMO and impacts on body image.
- **Pressure to stay online** from friends, or worries about missing out on what others do can make it hard for children to 'switch off'. This might result in late nights and a negative feeling towards their devices.
- As children become more active online there is an increased risk of **encountering online safety issues such as inappropriate content, cyberbullying and grooming.**
- Passive screen time such as scrolling social media or watching TV could have a **negative affect on their physical and developmental wellbeing.** This might include trouble sleeping or focusing, mood swings, or weight gain and body pains due to inactivity.

And just like Archie, it's important to recognise that **balance is the key to success. Read on to find out how Archie reduces his screen time.**

[Part Five - Archie and the Two-Headed Lizard King](#)



Year Three - Garden Museum

Year 3R visited the Garden Museum as part of our Plants topic. They engaged in practical activities, exploring the chromatography of leaves. The children explored the adaptation of drought tolerant plants and discussed the importance of leaves. Lots of fun was had by all!

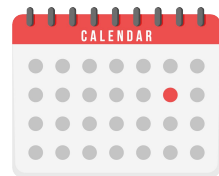
Here is a sample of their day expressed through pictures



It was great to see everyone so actively engaged !!



Dates for the Diary



19/03/24 - 3L Visiting Garden Museum
20/03/24 - **26/03/24** - Book Fair after school
20/03/24 - Parents Evening
21/03/24 - Bollywood Dance Workshops
22/03/24 - Flamenco Workshops
22/03/24 - **27/03/24** - Identity Week
25/03/24 - Reception Parents Drop-in Maths Workshop
25/03/24 - 3G Visiting Garden Museum
28/03/24 - School closed for Staff Inset
29/03/24 - **12/04/24** - School closed for Easter Break
15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term
Every Friday 8-9am - Parent Toddler Group

Year Six Pupil Leadership Weekly Reflection

Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month? Eating a healthy, balanced diet and drinking lots of water each day keeps your brain and body super healthy. What you eat and drink directly affects how you learn in school each day.



Sofia- 6P

We have noticed quite a few unhealthy packed lunches being brought into school. Check out the link below and choose some healthier alternatives to enjoy in school each day.

[Healthy Packed Lunch Ideas](#)

Attendance at Star

Did you come to school everyday this week?

Which classes achieved the highest attendance?

Who will get the attendance cup?

Last Week's Results

Reception

RB - 95.2%

RP - 96.7%

RU - 95.7%

Year 1

1B - 85.7%

1R - 94.8%

1S - 93%

Year 2

2P - 98.5%

2S - 98.6%

2V - 93.7%

Year 3

3G - 98.1%

3L - 93.8%

3R - 90.4%

Year 4

4H - 92.8%

4L - 93.6%

4S - 95.2%

Year 5

5N - 95.2%

5R - 95.5%

5RK - 91%

Year 6

6H - 85.9%

6P - 94.1%

6R - 90.7%

Whole school attendance - 93.7%

Happy Leaves



This half term we are celebrating pupils who have shown good examples of **POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**.

The winners in this week's assembly were...

<i>Nursery</i> <i>AM - Blake</i> <i>PM - Mia</i>	<i>Reception</i> <i>RU - Aadil</i> <i>RP - Sofia</i> <i>RB - Rune</i>
<i>Year 1</i> <i>1B - Ana Clara</i> <i>1R - Waleed</i> <i>1S - Chace</i>	<i>Year 2</i> <i>2P - Farheen</i> <i>2S - Emmy</i> <i>2V - Ayman</i>
<i>Year 3</i> <i>3G - Hiba</i> <i>3L - Hannah</i> <i>3R - Gabriele</i>	<i>Year 4</i> <i>4H - Ana</i> <i>4L - Posi</i> <i>4S - Ayan</i>
<i>Year 5</i> <i>5R - Deborah</i> <i>5RK - Precious</i> <i>5N- Zubair</i>	<i>Year 6</i> <i>6H - Falak</i> <i>6R - Rafael</i> <i>6P- Matthew</i>

Golden lunches

Class teachers select one pupil per week to have a golden lunch with the Headteacher or Deputies. This is awarded to those that show the **most progress** or make the most effort in their learning!

This week's winners

Reception

RB - Aariya

RP - Amna

RU - Noah

Year 1

1B - Yeva

1S - Eva

1R - Sasha-Rose

Year 2

2V - Frankie

2S - Rares

2P - Magnius

Year 3

3R - Mahir

3G - Dragos

3L - Vinnie

Year 4

4H - Bishan

4S - Junior

4L - Isabelle

Year 5

5R - Rayhan

5RK - Delaney

5N - Timur

Year 6

6H - Anaya

6R - Sekeen

6P - Tyler

House Points

Teachers, lunch staff, support staff, school leaders and our office team have been awarding house tokens all week. Pupils have received tokens if they have demonstrated children's rights, shown good leadership skills and have excellent learning behaviors.

Congratulations to the winning house... results below!

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS



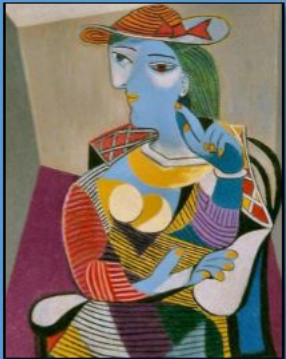
Da Vinci

333



Monet

308



Picasso

289



Van Gogh

307



**WINNING
HOUSE**

DA VINCI

Weekly Newsletters

All the information you need in one place!

The following pages contain our year group newsletters with all the information about the upcoming week.

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Nursery NEWSLETTER



WEEK BEGINNING 18.03.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,

During this week, Nursery will continue learning about patterns that can be spotted around them. We will be using describing words to comment on these patterns, while looking at similarities and differences.



We will be cooking a multicultural salad to celebrate the diversity of our Nursery.

This week, we will introduce a new sound: d-d-dinosaur.



We will also continue to play with Go Bot Turtle Robot - we will practise giving digital instructions in order to sequence the Go Bots journey around the room.

STAR MOMENTS



I am mapping my bridge.



Smell nice!



Hmm... what shall I order?



I am writing m, a, s, t.



Yummm!



I write my name.



Well done to all of the Nursery children for their amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning.

This week, our **Growth** happy leaves go out to:

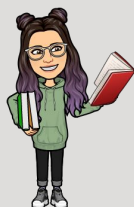
AM - Blake

PM - Mia

OVER TO YOU

- Play "I spy something beginning with..." and "I spy something that rhymes with..." (sounds introduced so far: **m, a, s** and **t**).
- Play board games to practise **turn taking** and **counting**.
- Encourage children to help set out the dinner table developing a sense of **responsibility** and **counting skills**.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



- Well done, Antonia! We all loved seeing your confident counting and mark making on Tapestry.
- Happy Ramadan to those celebrating. Thank you Zack for sharing your beautiful display.



- Please keep on sharing your WOW moments from home on Tapestry. Your teachers love seeing them!
- We are accepting donations for unwanted kitchen items to replenish our muddy kitchen
- Last day of school: **PM - Tuesday 26th March, AM - Wednesday 27th March**

Any Questions?



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Reception NEWSLETTER

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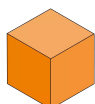
THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In Reception this week, we will still continue to read some poems from our 'Book of Fantastic First Poems'!

Fred Talk



In maths this week, we will be learning about 3D shapes! This is a completely new concept to children in Reception and we know they're going to be great! Our aim is to not only recognise 3D shapes but also to build with 3D shapes!



Parents Evening will be on **Wednesday 20th March 2024**. Please make sure you have booked a slot with your child's class teacher.

Remember to join our Mastery number maths drop in sessions- Monday 08:00am - garden room



STAR MOMENTS



My cup is full!



My stairs are 8 feet long



We are making our own playdough!

I have 7 cubes!



I made small balls!



It's a rainbow



DON'T FORGET...

- P.E. is on Tuesday - children need to wear their P.E. kit to school.
- Wear your Fit Friday kit on Fridays. If you haven't purchased this yet, the P.E. kit will be acceptable. Follow the link to purchase your personalised kit: <https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/back-to-school>
- Please ensure your child has at least a set of **spare clothes** in their bag (top, bottom, underwear and socks) as well as a pair of wellies to be left in school.
- All your child's belongings must be **clearly labeled**.
- Share your WOW moment from home on Tapestry. Your teachers will be thrilled to see them.
- We are accepting donations for plastic bottle tops, cork bottle tops, cardboard, toilet/kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes and empty food packets.



Over to you. HOME LEARNING

Here are some links that you can use to watch phonics videos to support your child's learning:



Blending



How to say the sounds

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Year 1 Newsletter



STAR moments

GOLDEN LUNCH

Every week a child from each class will be chosen to have lunch with the Headteacher for their outstanding work.

1R: Sasha Rose
1S: Eva
1B: Yeva

Happy leaves this term will go to children who have shown **growth** and **support**.

Talk to your child about how they can develop greater independence and what they can do to cope when things are not going well.

1R: Waleed
1S: Chace
1B: Anna Clara



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Spring 2: Express Yourself



Fred talk to read



2 rows of 5



English:

As writers, we will be continuing our phonics journey using our Read Write Inc books. Children will be learning new sounds, reading and writing everyday.

Maths:

As mathematicians, to build on our learning from last week about multiplication, we will be looking at Arrays.

RE:

As theologians, we will continue to learning about Christianity. We will be reflecting on what we already know to help us create Dedication and Christening cards.



Geography:

We will be looking at the geographical similarities and differences between the U.K. and Russia.

Art:

This week we will be using stencils and various colours linked to our emotions to create our final piece of work for this term.



Science:

As scientist, This week we are going to be scientific detectives. We will be finding clues to see if we can prove it is Spring!



Computing:

This week we will be creating and debugging simple programs using the Bee Bots.

Don't forget...

- **Read everyday for 10 minutes.** We will be giving out three reading books; an Oxford book, a decodable RWI book and a read for pleasure book. We expect all children to have read everyday with a comment written in their record books.
- **Fit Friday will be carrying on as usual on Friday,** again children must come to school wearing Fit Friday t-shirts and trainers.
- **P.E. day is on Monday.** Please wear black bottoms and a white t-shirt.
- **Bug Club and Mathletics** is still mandatory for 5 or 10 minutes daily, on a Friday each class will announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions. Please encourage your child to read as it builds their confidence and vocabulary.

Over to you...Home learning

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

Pupils must:

- Log on and use **BUG CLUB** daily (please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use **MATHLETICS** daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. **Phonics session videos** will be sent regularly.
- Extra RWI phonics - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Mathletics



Read Write inc. Phonics

**Week beginning
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**Year 2
Newsletter**



On Wednesday 20th March 2024 it will be parents evening. Please make sure you have booked a slot with your child's class teacher. If you have any problems regarding parents evening please contact the office or the year 2 inbox. A music reminder that recorders can be purchased through parentmail for £2. They use the recorders for a year and a half of learning in music so it is encouraged to buy your child their own one.

Happy Leaves



Our Happy Leaf for Spring 2

- ★ Positive Relationships (RSHE topic)
- ★ Happiness (rigHts)

2S – Well done Emmy! You have become really aware of your own personal boundaries. You can express what you like and dislike when playing with friends and know how to ask for support when something makes you upset. Well done!

2P – Farheen, you always brighten up each day with your beautiful smile. You always come into school with a positive attitude ready to learn and face any challenges. Keep this up!

2V – Ayman you have been a star this week because you are showing good listening skills which is positively reflected in the quality of your work! You have made your teachers very happy! Well done!

Our learning... Express Yourself

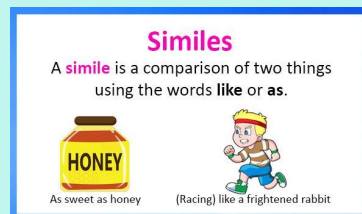
Maths:

We will be thinking about exchanging money and change. We will use our maths skills to help us.



English:

We continue delving into poetry and look at features of a poem and well as similes.



Geography:

We will use our geographical vocabulary to compare human features of London and New Delhi.



Art:

We will evaluating our art work.

Don't forget!

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings for 5 minutes and their reading everyday. Each week your child needs to complete their homework and hand it in on Friday morning.

Homework will now be on Google Classroom too.

Please also continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars.

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Year 3 Newsletter



Attendance is Key: Please ensure that your child is at school every day so that they do not miss out on important learning.

Happy Leaves

3G - Hiba: For her positive attitude toward and valuable contributions she makes during class discussions.

3L Hannah for always forming positive relationships with others and using them to support her and others.

3R - Gabrielle for her enthusiasm when it comes to her learning and she's not afraid to take on challenges.

Golden Lunch recipients:

3G: Dragos

3L: Vinnie

3R-

Congratulations to the children who achieved this week and to those who had the golden. Very proud of your resilience and dedication to education!

Express yourself!!

We have lots of exciting lessons planned:

English: In English we will be completing Reading, Spelling and Grammar tests to assess our ability to understand Fiction and Non-fiction texts. We will be drawing inferences and explaining words in context.

Maths: In Maths, we will be begin looking at Time. We will be exploring am and pm. We will then be reading 5 minute intervals on an analogue clock.

Science: In Science we will be reflecting on our learning and adding any new learning to our thinking frames.

Geography: We will become Weather Forecasters. We will be creating weather reports for the UK and Spain and comparing the weather conditions in each country

RE: In RE we will be enjoying Holi Dance Workshops. A special visitor will be engaging us in different activities to celebrate this Hindu festival.

Art In Art we will be exploring what we know about symmetry and how we can use nature to create symmetrical patterns.

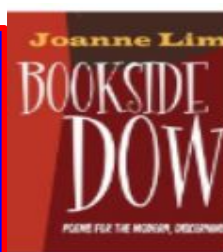
Don't forget!

Children will be given weekly spellings to practise for 5 minutes each night. They will be tested on Fridays. We politely ask children to practice the strategies and extend themselves by using the words in a sentence so that they understand the meaning. There will also be a big focus on Reading. So, please do ensure that you read with your child daily and that you record their progress in the Reading record provided. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on our online learning platforms including Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars. P.E is on Wednesday - please wear your PE kit to school. Fit Friday is every Friday.

Home learning

Please remember to read every day with your child particularly over half term, this should be kept record of in their Reading Record Books. Children will be sent home with books and will be asked to keep them in their book bags which they can now bring to school daily. Children will also be given weekly spellings beginning next week.

By the end of all Year 3 children need to know their 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables fluently. So, please log in to Mathletics and TTRS to help you secure a Bronze Badge before the end of this academic year!



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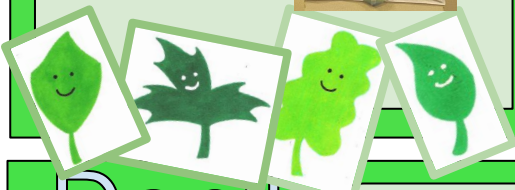
Year 4 Newsletter



STAR moments

Year 4 visited Cliff Walk Evangelical Church this week to take part in an Easter Experience.

The children took part in a variety of activities including drama, singing, painting and gardening. The leaders were very impressed with the children's knowledge of the Easter story as well as their behaviour during the visit, they were a credit to Star!



This Week's Learning

This week sees us attending another rehearsal for Festival of Voices, hosted by Ranelagh Primary School. We will be attending during the morning and have our lunch as usual when we return. As writers, the children will become poets as we start our second cycle of our English unit of work on poetry.

As Mathematicians this week, we will begin work on Maths No Problem book 4B. The children will begin looking at decimals.

As scientists, the children will use their knowledge of electricity to make a buzzer game, look out for the videos on Google Drive.

As geographers, we will plan and carry out a geographical investigation on rainfall in Kenya, plan the steps and strategies for our investigation and compare the amount of rainfall between Nairobi and London. The children will be using secondary data in order to complete this task.

As artists, we will continue our work inspired by Frida Kahlo, the children will experiment with creating mood, feeling and areas of interest by choosing the right materials and techniques learnt this term. They will then complete the task by explaining how they would improve their work using technical terms and give reasons for this. We are asking all children continue practising their times tables, remember the practise tests are on Google Classroom. The teachers are seeing improvements every day! In Year 4 the staff will be creating an information video about where you can find help with helping your child learn their times tables. Look out for it soon.

Don't forget!

PPA swap this week

Due to our rehearsal at Ranelagh this week we have swapped the children's PE and music lessons to Wednesday. The children will need to wear usual school uniform on Tuesday.

Over to you...Home learning

Log on to **Mathletics** and complete the work assigned to you each day! **Log in details are in your reading record.**

Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto **Bug Club** each day. Remember to share a chapter from your favourite book with someone at home too.

Strive to achieve your bronze, silver or gold awards on **Times Tables Rockstars** too.

Mathletics

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Year 5 Newsletter



STAR moments

Congratulation to the following children who were awarded Happy Leaves this week:

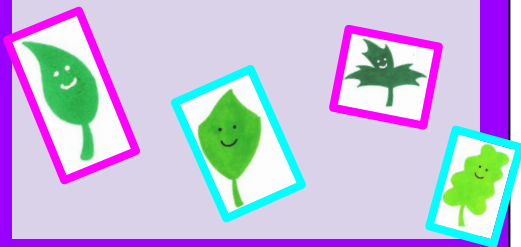
5N: Zubair, for always having a positive mindset and influencing others to be the same. He always works well with other children and role models good behaviour at all times. Well done, Zubair!

5R: Deborah for always being an excellent role model. She is kind and caring, and is sensitive to others' feelings. She exudes maturity with her calm demeanour and takes everything in her stride. Well done!

5RK: Precious always listening, soaking up information and bringing the best version of herself to school every day. She has grown in confidence and ability.

Golden Lunch winners:

5N: Timor
5R: Rayhan
5RK: Delany



Next week's learning...

In English, we will be starting our poetry unit by exploring a range of poems, discussing the features and analysing their meanings. We will end the week by performing and recording a poem of choice using green screen!

In Maths, we will be continuing our work on decimals – looking at place value within decimal numbers.

In Science, we will be investigating the difference between a solid, liquid and gas and find out how changes in state can form new materials.

In Geography, we will be looking at the features of a coastline and investigating how we can protect it.

In Computing, we will be learning about how to code using 'Crumble' software.

DON'T FORGET...

Parent Consultation Evening is next Wednesday, 20th March.

Please book your appointment via Parentmail

We are launching Identity Week in class next Friday and Year 5 are kicking it off with a Flamenco workshop! Look out for photos of this in the next newsletter. Identity Week will continue into the final week of the half term with some exciting activities!



Over to you...Home learning

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Year 6 Newsletter



STAR moments

Golden Lunch:

6P: Tyler 6R: Sekeen 6H: Anaya

Happy Leaves:

6P: Mathew, for coming into class with a smile on his face and, despite having missed a few lessons, approaching the learning and the tests with a very positive attitude and resilience. What a lovely example for his peers! Well done!

6R: Rafael, for his happiness during Big Writing this week. Rafael worked really hard on his own independent writing and it really made him smile. He even showed Ms Williams who was really impressed with his attitude and work. Well done Rafael!

6H: Falak, for her meticulous and growth attitude towards her final mock SATs. Falak has demonstrated incredible resilience and stamina in her tests, whilst also showing that she is a reflective and mature learning when assessing her own learning. As a result, she has made an impressive improvement!



As Readers we will continue exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in order to develop our comprehension skills.

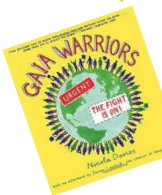
As Mathematicians, we will be focusing on 2D & 3D shapes as well as nets of shapes.

As Geographers, we will continue comparing the physical and human features within key areas of the UK.

As Theologists, we will be exploring the key events of the Easter Story and exploring the resurrection of Jesus.

As Artists, we will continue exploring the artist David Hockney and creating our own landscape artwork based on his techniques.

In Computing, we will be exploring microcontrollers and how we can code them to carry out specific commands.



Don't forget!

Identity Week

On Friday we will be celebrating Identity Day, on this day children are encouraged to come in wearing clothes which represent their identity or mood!

Over to you...Homework

This week, you will be given SATs Companion logins to keep at home. If you haven't done so already, begin to use SATs Companion regularly to develop and improve your Reading, Grammar and Maths. You could start by consolidating some Year 5 topics and then move onto Year 6 topics. Your teachers will be assigning tasks for you to complete. <https://app.satscompanion.com/login>

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