

## Growing responsible global citizens

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of half term - time seems to be flying by! Just a reminder that school will close at normal time on Thursday 21st October and children are due back in school at 8.45 a.m. on Tuesday 2nd November.

It has been a busy half term, with the children enjoying many different activities as they settle back into school after all the COVID disruption of the previous couple of years.

The whole school has been refreshing our commitment to Peace Mala and our Golden Rule: 'Treat others the way you wish to be treated', as well as looking at Global Goals and Rights Respecting articles. Classes have also been learning poems as part of National Poetry Day. Next half term we will be letting you know dates when you can see the children perform these, along with songs they have also been learning this term. This week the children have all been busy in class as they have been working on their Black History Month activities. All the children had a fabulous time on World Music Day, with lots of sessions allowing the children to hear and try out different forms of music and musical instruments. Thank you for your donations to help us buy more instruments for the children to use. Our football and running clubs have also been taking part in competitions. We will offer additional lunch-time and after-school activities when we come back, including singing, netball, Spanish and 'quiet club'. The children have been hearing about these clubs this week. If a club is due to run after school, a letter of consent will be sent to the parents of those children who wish to join.

Y6 have been involved in a WWII workshop and taken part in a series of sessions looking at supporting transition and being a good citizen outside school – they really enjoyed both. Y2 enjoyed their Queen Victoria Workshop. All Year Groups have planned to have at least one visit or visitor in every term this year – so watch out for what is coming.

A huge 'thank you' for all your Food Bank donations! You are such a generous and giving community. The Foodbank staff were amazed at how much was donated.

I am so happy to be able to tell you that work on the extension to the school canteen is due to start over the half term. The original canteen was built when there were 330 children in school, we currently have 540+ and lunch times have suffered from overcrowding and having to use the hall. Fingers crossed the work should be completed before Christmas. During this time there will be slightly different lunchtime arrangements, which we have been trialling with the children this week and you will have already been made aware of.

As I am writing this, I am aware that COVID rates in Manchester and the surrounding areas are rising quite sharply. Based on that, I don't plan to make any further changes to our Risk Assessment, and would like to thank all of you for your support of our measures to try and keep the children, staff and yourselves safe – in particular the wearing of masks when on the school site.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Take care, keep well and stay safe.

Helen Eken

Headteacher



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