



Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 22nd October

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of what has been a wonderful first half term, with school back to 'business as usual' after the previous two academic years of disruption. The children have had a wonderful time and progress has been rapid, especially where they have been in school every day. It has been wonderful to welcome so many parents in this week at Parents' Evening and I hope you enjoyed speaking with your child's class teacher and hearing how well they have settled back into school. We are very proud of all the children!

Thank you to those parents who have filled in the parent questionnaire by clicking on the link. We really want to hear your views on the school and the quality of the education your children receive. If you have not yet completed this questionnaire, please click the link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd91zAA57svK7a4h19IeEQebAhpSgp_QHEyncxXBeVaSjHEKA/viiewform?usp=sf_link

Year 6 had a very unique and memorable lesson earlier this week, led by Emma Peters our Nature Friendly Schools Officer who has been working with us for over a term now on how to use the outdoors as a learning environment. All the children in Year 6 had the opportunity to use a flint and cotton wool to light a fire under controlled measures. They thoroughly enjoyed this Bear Grylls experience, which took place in our Sensory Garden, and they have learned a life skill that will stay with them forever.

Our Reception Classes had their first major trip out of school on Wednesday when they went to Thorndon Country Park to meet the Gruffalo. The children were very excited and so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of searching the woods for all the characters from the book as well as finding shelters.

October is Black History Month and all of our children have been studying a range of influential black people this week, through studying and celebrating the lives of a range of influential black people. They have learned a great deal and have demonstrated their learning through art, music, cooking and literacy. Year 3&4 participated in a zoom session with Venessa Taylor, the author of the book *Baller Boys* as part of Black History Week. They listened to a chapter in her story and had to think about some of the themes in the book including diversity, religion and living with an illness and a special need. If you need any further information, you can ask Miss Greenwood, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Bottomley.

At the end of every half term we will be celebrating and rewarding the children who have achieved 100% attendance as it is important to recognise what an achievement this is. The more children are in school the more they learn and the stronger their friendships become. We are so pleased that so many children achieved 100% - well done to the 121 children, who will enjoy a trip to the local park as a reward. If your child did not achieve it this time, they can still get the certificate and treat next half term. Details on the treat planned for each half term will be sent out after the holiday.

Well done to the following children who competed in the borough's virtual cross-country event. These were the fastest three boys and girls from each year group.

Year 3 Boys

Gold: Jerel
Silver: Yani
Bronze: Sami

Year 4 Boys:

Gold: Zion
Silver: Abdul-Hakeem
Bronze: Sonny & Abraz

Year 5 Boys

Gold: Tom
Silver: David and Ishaq
Bronze: Theo

Year 6 Boys

Gold: Calum
Silver: Harry H
Bronze: Kye D

Year 3 Girls

Gold: Lilly-May
Silver: Mariola
Bronze: Philippa

Year 4 Girls

Gold: Isla
Silver: Naomi
Bronze: Alisa

Year 5 Girls

Gold: Paris
Silver: Ceanna
Bronze: Enes

Year 6 Girls

Gold: Daisy
Silver: Lelija
Bronze: Larissa

Certificates of achievement were also given to the following children:

Year 3:

James-Red
Elcie

Year 4:

Ashton
Joanna

Year 5:

Max
Lilly-Rose

Year 6:

Oscar
Chloe

Remember we have **The Parent Forum meeting on Thursday 4th November at 2.00pm**. Please send in any agenda items you would like to discuss as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this meeting.

Please keep up to date with all the fantastic things your children are doing by visiting our Facebook page and our website, as we regularly post photos, videos and information for you to enjoy.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan

Every Day Counts!

Attendance is very important in ensuring that children maximise their learning and prevent gaps in their knowledge from happening. Our whole school attendance this week is disappointing **93.6%**. Well done **Cassia Class** for achieving the highest attendance this week.

You will receive the delicious cookies to share with your class.

Red Zone = below 90%

Amber Zone = below 95%

Green Zone = above 95%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Daisy	93.71	Sunflower	98.87
Holly	91.79	Gardenia	99.46
Nigella	86.21	Cassia	99.51
Marigold	94.92	Carnation	93.87
Fuchsia	90.38	Cosmos	94.25
Willow	94.69	Rose	85.54
Angelica	93.96		



Stars of the week

Class	Star	Class	Star
Daisy	Amara	Sunflower	Abdul-Hakeem
Holly	Rachel	Gardenia	Alisa
Nigella	Khalid	Cassia	Rehnuma
Marigold	Mikayla-Rose	Carnation	Jessica
Fuchsia	Bella	Cosmos	James
Willow	Olivia	Rose	Calum
Angelica	Jess	Tulips	Aradhya

Values superstar – Generosity

Willow Class – Ameyaa

Marigold Class - Skye

Rose Class – Ralphy

Nigella Class – Navroz

Angelica Class - Roman

Fuchsia Class – Anais

Holly class – Rose

Daisy class – Muhammad

Carnation Class – Ceanna and Numan

Cosmos Class - Poppy

House Point Winners

We have split the children into 4 different house teams. They are awarded house points for showing positive behaviours and exceptional effort and achievement in class and in the playground.

The four teams are:

HMS Britania (Blue)

Mary Rose (Red)

HMS Belfast (Yellow)

Cutty Sark (Green)

This week's winners are: HMS

Well done, all the children in this team, they will get 15 minutes extra play on Monday.

**Please see below the names of our newly elected School Councillors
2021-2022**

Class	Council Member 1	Council Member 2
Rec D	Adem	Nikolina
Rec H	Oliver	Kayra
Year 1M	Phoebe	Skye
Year 1/2F	Davey	Isabella
Year 2N	George	Lilly
Year 3W	Aditi	Holly
Year 3A	Oscar	Pip
Year 4G	Abraz	Zion
Year 4S	Isla	Ella
Year 5JC	Gabby	Gabriella
Year 5EC	Naya	Spencer
Year 6C	Harry A	Evie
Year 6R	Simra	Kaci