




Living the Olympic
and Paralympic Values

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'Our school will provide the best possible education for all pupils.

We will instil in them an enjoyment and thirst for learning to enable them to fulfil their potential and excel in all they do'.

November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As always, this term has been very busy which is just how we like it!

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As a school we continually strive to improve what we do to ensure the greatest outcomes for all our learners. This year we have identified three key areas for development:

1. Provide enhanced opportunities for pupils to achieve 'depth of learning' through the Scotts 'mastery' curriculum.

Much work has been done over the past two years to ensure that the school's curriculum is challenging, relevant and engaging for our pupils. We will continue to develop the curriculum this year so that there are increased opportunities for children to work at greater depth.

2. Ensure that standards remain high in all subjects and across all year groups as the school continues to expand.

Despite all the challenges of the expansion programme over the past few years, a rigorous and effective cycle of evaluation and monitoring has ensured that standards of teaching and learning within the school have remained high. This continues to be a priority for the school. Senior leaders have already implemented a robust programme of accountability measures and this will be used alongside the school's assessment system to ensure continuing outstanding outcomes for all our pupils this year.

3. Continue to narrow any gaps in pupils' achievement and attainment in writing, reading and maths.

There has been a trend of improving attainment at a high level over 3 years, and this year, despite the increased demands of the new national curriculum and a more rigorous assessment system, achievement and attainment again has been well above the performance data of other schools in the borough along with those nationally. Prompt identification of pupil underperformance and targeted interventions helps to ensure that all groups make similar rates of progress. As with previous years, pupil progress and achievement will be tracked to ensure that any gaps in attainment between girls and boys are narrowed, particularly at the higher levels, and that attainment in maths and writing is the same as for reading.

A summary of the School Improvement Plan is available for you to view on the website. If you wish to view the whole version then please ask at the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The members of the school council have been elected and they have already met several times to discuss their plans for this year. The members are:

Year 1	Joshua Fallows, Summer Smith, Asha Wharnsby and Freddy Whitman
Year 2	Jack Walsh, Macy Rowland, Noah Ogun and Olivia Martin
Year 3	Tobi Bello and Lily-Rose Bartram
Year 4	Danny Sapsford, Tommy Jacobi and Eloise Stewart
Year 5	Joe Wright and Maddie Bailey
Year 6	Millie Nicholson (Chairperson), Jamieson McLaren (Vice Chairperson) Jessica Surridge (Secretary), Edie Wells (Snack Trolley Manager), Jake Barley (Treasurer) and George Miller (Publicity)

The first event that the school council organised for this year was the The Bog Eyed Jog which raised an enormous £1807 so thank you to parents and other family members and friends who sponsored the children and gave so generously. The money will be used to fund a piece of playground equipment of the children's choice.

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Cycle safety training:

Year 1 & 2 pupils have taken part in cycle awareness training. Year 5 pupils undertook bikeability training where they learnt to ride safely on local roads.

Drop-in sessions:

Key stage two pupils asked if they could have a drop-in facility one lunch time a week where the children could talk with an adult about any concerns or worries they may have. This has now been set up and is taking place every Friday in the junior library.

Team-building:

Children in Years 4 and 5 had a super day at Stubbers Outdoor Adventure Centre. They took part in team-building and leadership activities and really challenged themselves in overcoming some of their fears.

Safeguarding week:

We decided to run our own safeguarding week (in conjunction with Havering's designated week 10th - 14th Oct). The children took part in a range of activities based on the following themes:

YR	Stranger danger
Y1	Road Safety
Y2	Online safety
Y3	Fire safety
Y4	Health and hygiene
Y5/6	prevent/extremism

Members of the Senior Leadership team also attended training on the new requirements in the updated 'Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2016' document.

OTHER EVENTS:

Sports competitions, festivals and events that pupils have taken part so far this term include:

Year groups/teams	Events
Year 2	Mixed football
Year 5 & 6	Hi 5 Netball
Year 5 and 6	Tag Rugby - festival
Year 5/6	Girls' football tournament
Year 5/6	Boys' football tournament
Year 3/4/5/6	Cross country

Results and further details about our sporting events, along with photos, can be viewed on the school's web site <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/home> under the 'Curriculum' tab (then Sports).

Enabling Enterprise Competition

This week, Miss Austin escorted a team of five pupils to London to visit one of the tallest buildings in the UK - The Cheese Grater. They met with other schools from around London and competed in an investment themed challenge to generate the most profit from a given allowance. Miss Austin said that the children represented our school brilliantly throughout the day, exhibiting fantastic manners, perseverance skills and great communication. At the end of the event, the children worked with a volunteer from the industry to formulate an effective presentation to feedback their success from the day. The children presented so well that the judges unanimously decided that Scotts Primary School were the winning team. So a very big well done to the future five 'Apprentice' candidates: Jamieson McLaren, Millie Nicholson, Denis Losev, Victoria Kitajeva and Tommy Jacobi.

Whole School Debate

Year 6 pupils led the debate this term. The question under debate was: Should our school uniform be smarter? Mr Kuhan attended the debate and gave his views and it was clear from the end vote that pupils thought that there was some room for improvement. Following this judgement the school will look at ways to standardise the school uniform in the most cost effective way possible.

Harvest festival

Thank you to those parents who sent in tins and packages for our harvest festival. Again this year, donations will be shared between Mike McCarthy's Magic Moments cancer charity and local residents in the community.

Scotts Extended Opportunities Project

Several children in Years 3 and 4 took part in an Able Writers' Day. They worked alongside pupils from other local schools and a visiting author to produce their own news reports. Well done to: Isabelle Pepper, Emmi Barley, Connor De Wet, Olivia Monk, Bomi Bello and Harry Walsh.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Open door Thursdays

Please remember that the first Thursday of each month is open door at the school. This means that parents are welcome to drop in to see the teacher to talk about any issues that are of a concern. Of course, parents may make contact with teachers via the school office at other times

and parents' evenings are also held once per term for discussions around progress. The open door sessions are to discuss any other issues that parents need to bring to the teacher's attention.

Pyjama story time session

Don't forget that next Wednesday is PJ story time evening - this is always a fun event for the children. A separate communication has been sent out about this.

Christmas Fayre

This is taking place on Saturday 3rd December between 1pm and 4pm. I know that FOSA have been working really hard to make this an enjoyable event for all so please do take the time to visit.

Save the Children Day

Again this year we will be supporting this worthwhile charity on Friday 16th December, when the children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper and bring in a monetary donation of £1.

Infant nativity plays

A separate communication has been sent out about the infant nativity performances.

St Andrews Church Service

As in previous years, we will also be holding a celebration at St Andrews Church on Monday 19th December at 6pm. This is an opportunity to get together with family and friends to listen to the children singing carols and telling the story of the nativity - all are welcome to attend.

Coats

As winter is drawing nearer, may I remind you to send your child to school with a coat (which is labelled with the child's name, please). The children play outside during break times, generally in all weather conditions, so it is important that they are well protected

Dates for Your Diary:

Friday 25 th November	- Y4 Class Assembly @ 9.15am -Y2S Maths Workshop @ 2:15pm
Wednesday 30 th November	-Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics - selected pupils -Y3 at St George's Church -Pyjama Storytime Session 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 1 st December	-Y3/Y4 Sportshall Athletics - selected pupils -Phonics-in-Action for Reception parents@ 9:15am -Open Door Session from 3:15pm
Saturday 3 rd December	-Christmas Fayre 1- 4pm
Tuesday 6 th December	-Phonics-in-Action for Reception parents@ 9:15am
Wednesday 7 th December	-Choir at Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 8 th December	-School Nurse Drop-in Session-3pm-3.30pm
Friday 9 th December	-Y3 Maths Workshop @ 2:15pm
Tuesday 13 th December	-Infant Christmas Concert @ 9:30am (pink tickets) -Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	-Infant Christmas Concert @ 9:30am (green tickets) -Infant Christmas Concert @ 2:15pm (blue tickets)
Thursday 15 th December	-Infant Christmas Concert @ 9:30am (red tickets) -FoSA Infant Entertainer - 3:30-4:30pm details to follow

Friday 16th December -FoSA Junior Disco - 5:15-7:15pm details to follow
-Choir Carol Singing in Romford
-Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 19th December -Carol Service at St Andrew's Church @ 6pm.

Tuesday 20th December -Whole School Pantomime

Wednesday 21st December -Songs around the Tree
-Last Day at School

Tuesday 3rd January -INSET Day - school closed

Wednesday 4th January -Children return to School.

Thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor
(Head Teacher)

