

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to tell you that Dacey G (Yr 6) was the runner-up for the Jon Cruddas. Christmas card competition. Many schools from Havering and Barking and Dagenham entered. Darcey selected a hover board as her prize which will be presented to her on 7th December at the former Civic Centre at Dagenham. Victory (Yr 6) was the winner for our school and Christian (Yr 4) was the runner-up. They, too, will receive their prizes then.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Reception Read, Write, Inc workshop and the Year 4 Reading workshop. Your feedback comments were very positive. If you have a child in Year 3, we look forward to welcoming you to the Reading Workshop on Monday 3rd December at 2.45p.m.

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic day at Kidzania. Their behaviour was exemplary.

Our Roots to Food day was a great success. Our children are now very knowledgeable about food types, the need for good hygiene when cooking, how to work together as a team and how to be food critics.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored our Reindeer Run. The children enjoyed this and it is great to know that the money we have raised will be spent on children in our local hospitals over Christmas time.

On Monday Brandon, who was a former pupil, will be visiting the school. He is the captain of the Romford Raiders ice hockey team and he will be able to talk to the children about his journey to reach his goals.

Our Year 6 children will be going to the Community Centre on Friday 7th December to entertain the pensioners with their beautiful singing. We are looking forward to our Christmas bazaar on that day too. Please remember that children will be taken to the bazaar during the afternoon with their teachers but you are welcome to come in after school too.

I have been very pleased to award a Headteacher's certificate to:

Maddison K (Yr 6) for showing great care towards others

Caroline T, Kyle E and Nicole C (all in Yr 5) for writing powerful diary entries from the perspective of Anne Frank

Jessica G (Yr 5) for showing great improvement in her swimming, especially from last week to this week

Teddy R (Yr 4) for designing a detailed picture for a ticket for our Christmas production

Stars of the Week

Year 1	Ibrahim I	Ayo O
Year 2	Naya G	Aviel T
Year 3	Harry A	Calum L
Year 4	Reggie R	Kelsi M
Year 5	McKenzie I	Jamie- Leigh L
Year 6	Amarachi O	Charley H

Last week Reading champions were Miss Merry's class and Miss Heptinstall's class, both with 100% of the children having read at home three times this week. Charley, Lily, Elle, Faizah, TJ and Whitney entertained us all with their Christmas Carol singing and dancing. It certainly has put us all in the Christmas spirit!

This week Reading Champions were Mrs Peel's class with 100% of the class having read three times. Well done. Here are the percentages for the rest of the school:

Mr Mainhood's class, Miss Merry's class and Mrs Creasey's class –all with 96%
Mrs Franks' class –91%
Mrs Mitchell's class – 90%
Mrs Crane's class - 88%
Miss Burke's/Miss Green's class – 84%
Miss Allsop's class – 75%
Mrs Croom's/Mrs Conner's class – 74%
Mrs Shields' class – 73%
Miss Heptinstall's class- 71%
Mr Whiteley's class – 65%
Miss Greenwood's class- 61%

Our target for attendance is 96%. The school's attendance last week was 95%. Full time Nursery and Mrs Mitchell's class both had 100% attendance. Well done. Mrs Shields' class have now completed "Every Day Counts!" for the first time. Mrs Crane's class was the first class to have completed it for the second time, closely followed by Mr Mainhood's class.

Congratulations also to these classes who exceeded 96% this week:

Mr Mainhood's class – 98.8%
Mrs Crane's class- 97.8%
Mrs Shields' class- 97.5%
Mr Whiteley's class – 96.8%
Miss Merry's class- 96.2%
Afternoon Nursery – 96%

This means that eight classes managed to exceed our target – one more than last week. A special well done to the children in Year 2 and Year 6 as both classes in the year group had attendance higher than 96%.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lowe