

Dear Parents & Carers,

Since the last newsletter, children have had the opportunity to take part in a range of enterprise events to develop their understanding of the world of work. As part of our annual enrichment programme. We are keen that all our pupils receive a wide and rich curriculum offer which inspires wider learning opportunity and teaches a range of life skills in addition to reading, writing and maths.

Thank you to all the parents who completed our school survey last term. We had 316 responses from parents of children in all year groups. We are very pleased that 93% of the responses agreed or strongly agreed with the statement 'my child likes school' and 93% felt that they were happy with the progress their child was making. We will use your feedback to continue to make sure we are providing the highest quality education and care.

We have been reviewing the impact of the new school dinner provider by talking to children about their dinner experiences. The salad bar which is available for all children taking a school dinner means they can choose some vegetables or freshly made salad to go with their meal. This is a popular feature as well as the yoghurt station from which children can choose different toppings, including fresh fruit! If your child brings packed lunches we ask that you help us by making sure that you do not send crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks into school as we do not allow children to eat or drink these in our dinner hall. Instead please consider raisins, carrot sticks or other healthy alternatives. These release important energy over a longer period of time and help children to maintain concentration in the afternoon.

If you have moved or changed your telephone number recently please make sure you have let the school office know. It is essential that we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency and also have a second number to call if we can't get hold of you. The number and email for our office is on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support!

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

ENTERPRISE FAYRE

Last Friday we held our annual Enterprise Fayre to celebrate the end of our Work and Enterprise Week. There were a range of stalls including adopt a bear, decorated cookies, bookmarks and pizza. The year group with the largest profit and therefore the winners were Year 5, who made rice crispy cakes! They made a total of £176.50. Fayre will be donated to Shelter.



YEAR 2 ANIMAL ENCOUNTER



Year 2 have been looking at animals and jobs relating to them as part of Work Week. The children had the opportunity to meet some exotic animals during a workshop. They got to learn about and handle a Madagascan Hissing Cockroach, a giant African Snail, an Australian Tree Frog and a Corn Snake. Would you have been brave enough?

YEAR 5 MUSIC



In music, Year 5 have been learning about 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst. This week they created their composition based on one of the planets. When composing they had to consider pitch, dynamics and tempo in order to reflect the 'mood' of their planet. The final compositions were excellent!

READING FOR 20 MINUTES EACH DAY EXPOSES CHILDREN TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS A YEAR!

RECEPTION DOCTOR VISIT

During Work Week, Reception were visited by a doctor named Mary. The children enjoyed learning all about Mary's job, sharing their own experience of visiting a hospital or doctor

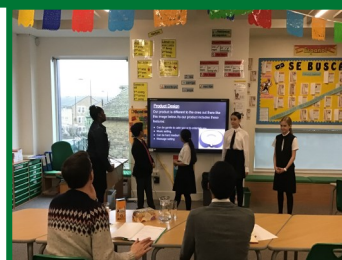


and looking at the interesting equipment she had brought along to show them. The children then practised their newly learned skills on each other.



YEAR 6 DRAGON'S DEN

Year 6 have successfully completed the annual Dragons' Den project, where groups of pupils researched and designed their own invention, in order to make travel easier and more convenient. These ideas were then presented to a group of Dragons. Pupils developed various skills throughout the week including their understanding of the design process, innovative and collaborative skills.



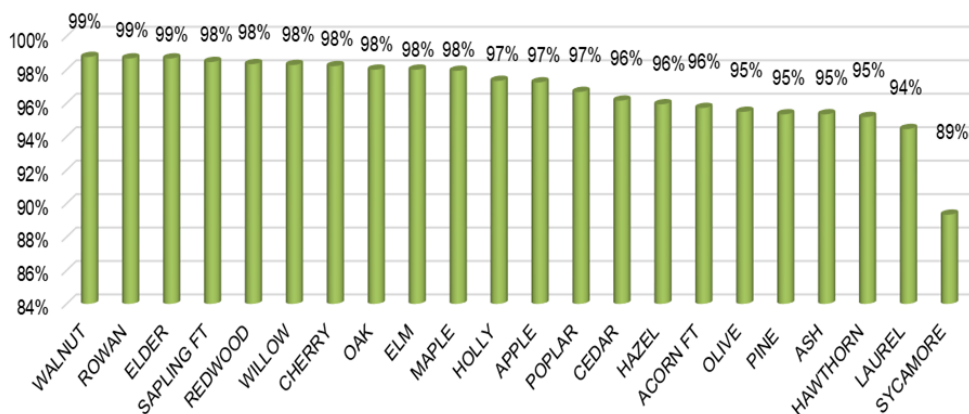
COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all our families who are joining us regularly on a Friday morning for coffee mornings straight after parent reading. We continue to listen to feedback from parents and we have planned coffee mornings based on your suggestions. We hope to see you at our next event on Friday 14th February in the Flexi Space at 9.15am.

Date	Focus
Friday 14 th February	Speech and Language: How to use technology to support communication and language
Friday 28 th February	ICT Coding: Learn to code like your child
Friday 6 th March	Young Hackney and Safer communities: preventing gang violence
Friday 13 th March	Geography: Learn how to be a geographer in the local area
Friday 20 th March	Road safety: Responsible passengers, pedestrians and cyclists
Friday 27 th March	Easter Holiday activities: Discover activities to try and places to visit during the holidays
Friday 3 rd April	Parent Reading Assembly for EYFS and KS1 (2:50pm)

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for the last week of term was **96.51%**
Well done to Walnut, Rowan & Elder Class the weekly winners with **99%**.



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

Children Start Date:

Wednesday 4th September

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Children Start Date:

Monday 28th October

Parents Evening:

Thursday 28th November

End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 19th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:

Monday 6th January

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 24th February

Parents Evening:

Thursday 26th March

Finish Date: Friday 3rd April at 2pm

Summer Term 2020

Start Date:

Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday:

Friday 8th May

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Parents Evening:

Thursday 2nd July

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 17th July at 2pm

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