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## Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have enjoyed Keeping Healthy Week. Children in school have had the opportunity to take part in a range of health focused and non contact sporting activities. This has included a 15 minute fitness focus and the study of famous sporting personalities including Serena Williams, Mo Farah and Nicola Adams. We hope those learning at home were able to take part in the virtual sports challenges on the home learning pages of the website. Don't forget to send your video clips and photographs to the home learning email address!

Our school Governors have now held their termly meeting. They have agreed the schools budgets and have discussed the risks related to the pandemic and the current offer to pupils. The Governing Body continue to receive regular updates both from Hackney Learning Trust and the school about the changing educational situation and response to COVID 19.

Following Government guidance, we have explored ways we can offer in school provision to some pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the remainder of the term. A small number of additional learning pods have been created to support this. We take the safety of all of our staff and children very seriously and have carefully evaluated how we can do this safely. Classrooms are organised to ensure a safe distance is adhered to, all pupils and staff in school are following safe hygiene routines and an increased cleaning programme is in place.

As a result of the partial closure, ongoing social distancing restrictions and the weekly telephone communication with families, our final parents evening of the year will not be taking place and summer term reports will not be issued. Please do make use of the weekly communication with school to talk about learning and how you can continue to support throughout the rest of the term and summer holiday in preparation for the new academic year and a return to school.

Thank you for your on-going support during this time.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

## DEBATE MATE



Pupils enjoyed another virtual Debate Mate session, during which, they demonstrated significant improvement in their confidence and language skills. This week they focused on presenting a rebuttal and questioning that challenged the opposing side within a debate.

## KEEPING COOL IN NURSERY



This half term, the Nursery children have been developing their understanding of the world. Last week, the children enjoyed experimenting with ice and nature. They added leaves and petals to water and explored how it had changed after a night in the freezer! The next day, they enjoyed touching the ice, watching as it slowly melted and talking about what was happening.

## HOME LEARNING KS1

This week the teachers in KS1 have seen children taking part in a wide range of exciting hands on activities from fishing and gardening to dress making. Year 2 are studying Rosa Parks and the teachers have enjoyed reading interesting and carefully considered thank you letters to Rosa Parks. Year 1 have been learning about seasons and some children have made rain gauges to measure the rainfall in Hackney.



**SETTING A DAILY ROUTINE HELPS BEHAVIOUR, SUPPORTS WELL BEING, AND CREATES THE BEST CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING!**

## KEEPING HEALTHY WEEK



During Keeping Healthy Week, all children onsite took part in a daily 15-minute exercise activity. The key worker pods really enjoyed the daily dance workout. On Sports Day, each learning pod had an opportunity to compete in a range of non-contact challenges and Activities. Children also had the chance to research a famous sports person and learn more about them and their journey to sporting success. Did you take part in the virtual Sports Day?



## TALKING ABOUT RACISM

As educators we are here to support you to challenge, without fear, those who discriminate and oppress and we strive to empower a voice to those less heard. In light of recent events around the world, Unicef have put together some tips about how to approach the subject of racism in a child-friendly way. These include:

1. Recognising and celebrating differences
2. Be open
3. Use fairness
4. Be curious
5. Discuss the media together
6. Ask questions
7. Encourage action



More information can be found at:  
[https:// www.unicef.org/parenting/talking-to-your-kids-about-racism](https://www.unicef.org/parenting/talking-to-your-kids-about-racism)

## WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Emotional wellbeing describes how you are feeling and how well you manage day to day life. This can change from moment to moment, day to day, month to month or year to year.

If you have positive emotional wellbeing, you are able to feel confident, express a range of emotions, build and maintain good relationships with others, feel engaged with the world around you, live and work productively, cope with the stresses of daily life and adapt in times of change and uncertainty. The five ways to well being are:



1. **Connect** — talking and listening to others creates focus
2. **Be Active** — having a daily exercise routine creates purpose
3. **Take Notice** — looking and listening to the world creates awareness
4. **Learn** — new learning creates empowerment
5. **Give** — helping others creates happiness

How have you supported your wellbeing today?

## KEY DATES

### Summer Term 2020

**Half Term Holiday:**  
 Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May  
**Children's Start Date:**  
 Monday 1st June  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 17th July at 2pm

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:**  
 Monday 7th September  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
 Monday 26th - Friday 30th October  
**Children Start Date:**  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
**Parents Evening:**  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
**Finish Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

### Spring Term 2021

**Staff Training Day:**  
 Monday 4th January  
**Children's Start Date:**  
 Tuesday 5th January  
**Work & Enterprise Week:** Week beginning 18th January  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
 Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February  
**Children's Start Date:**  
 Monday 22nd February  
**Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):** Friday 19th March  
**Parents Evening:**  
 Thursday 25th March  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 1st April at 2pm

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