

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher at parents evening yesterday and enjoyed looking through your child's books. If you were not able to attend, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher, so that we can arrange a new meeting time for you. If you did not collect your child's termly report, this will be posted to you. Each child's report contains targets and areas to work on in the coming term. Please help us to help your child by encouraging them to learn their times tables (or if younger counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10), practise spellings and read at home either with you, or on their own. Children achieve so much more if they are encouraged to learn these key skills at home as well as at school.

This week we undertook our annual pupil survey which all children in Year 1 to 6 were asked to take part in. Children had the opportunity to share their opinions about learning, personal development, wellbeing and behaviour. We will be sharing the headlines of the survey in the new term in our newsletter as well as on our website.

Teaching children how to make sure that they are safe is very much part of the curriculum in our school. To help with this, we ask that children are not left unsupervised in the playground before 8:45am as there are no school staff there until this time. If you have to set off to college or work early, we run a breakfast club from 7:45am where children can be with their friends and supervised until the start of school. When travelling to and from school make sure that you take this opportunity to show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not there.

Spring Term ends at 2pm on Thursday 28th March 2024, when children have a two week break. We will be following our full timetable up to this point, with learning every day. Please help us make sure that children receive their full 190 days of schooling this year by not asking for absences outside of this period. We will be, as usual, setting holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count everyday!

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### Reminders

#### Reading Books and Diaries

Reading books and diaries should be brought to school each day to ensure readiness for reading in school and to celebrate home reading achievements.



#### PE Kits

PE kits must be worn by all children for hygiene and safety reasons. Our PE kit is deliberately practical, comfortable, appropriate to the curriculum content and affordable. Bringing a PE kit to school teaches responsibility and supports a sense of team work in participation.

### All About Space

This half term Reception have been learning about Space. Children have been learning through play by pretending to be astronauts. They have explored imaginary galaxies as well as learnt the names of the planets in our solar system.



### Painting Sunflowers

Year 2 have been painting sunflowers in the style of Van Gogh. They sketched their vase and sunflowers first, before adding a blue background. Then they used their practised skills of mixing and blending colours. Finally, they used thick brushstrokes just like Van Gogh did to paint their petals, leaves and sunflowers! They are very proud of their final result!



### Exploring Habitats

Year 4 visited Walthamstow Wetlands centre to conduct scientific research. Whilst there the children got to explore a location that has been less disturbed by humans. They were able to go pond dipping, bug hunting and reservoir exploring to see animals in their natural habitats.





## Viridis Velo Team

This week the Viridis cycling team participated in the YHPSCL cycling race at the velodrome. They came in second place overall and won five medals, including two silver and three bronze. Congratulations to the Viridis cycling team, we are very proud of them!



## Tenerife Trip

A group of Year 5 children from across the Federation have travelled to Tenerife this week to meet our partner school. Children have toured the school and joined in with lessons and play. A range of cultural experiences are also taking place to help the children learn about the similarities and differences between life in Tenerife and life in the UK.



## Key Dates

### SPRING TERM 2 (2024)

#### Easter Bonnet Competition

Monday 25th March 2024

#### Early Years Design and Technology Day

Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 8:55am

#### Years 1 and 2 Design and Technology Day

Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 1:30pm

#### Year 3 Design and Technology Day

Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 1:30pm

#### Years 4, 5 and 6 Design and Technology Day

Wednesday 27th March at 2:00pm

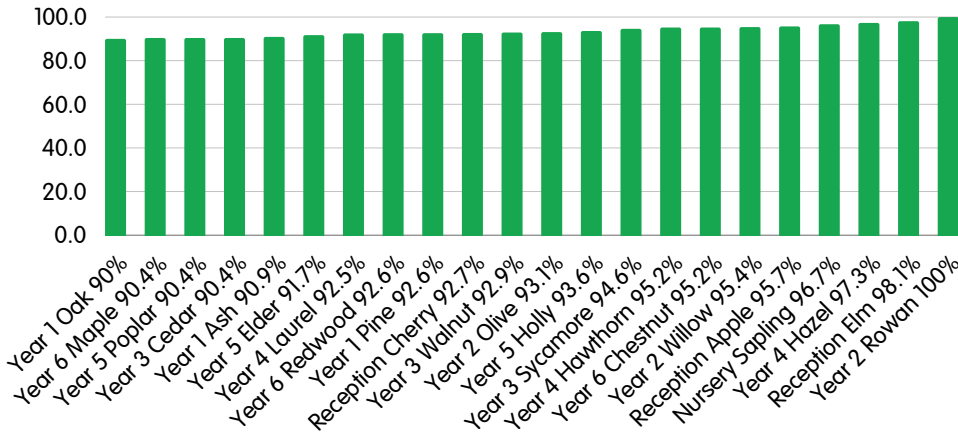
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94.2%.

Well done to Year 2 Rowan class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



### Term End and Start

The second half of the spring term ends at 2.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024, and the Summer Term starts at 8:55am on Monday 15th April 2024. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



### School Uniform

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