

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been World Week, which delves into and celebrates the diversity within our schools. It creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and topics, linking National Curriculum subjects in a cross-curricular way. It also provides a context for pupils to acquire, develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills. The theme for World Week this year will be 'One Community; The Gifts That We Bring.' Children have had the opportunity to explore the many ways in which diverse cultures have enriched our shared lives; from the gift of language, storytelling, to music, food, traditions and inventions that shape the Britain that we know today. Pupils have learnt how these 'gifts' help build stronger, more united communities where everyone's contribution is valued. A huge thank you to everyone that came along to support International Evening this year.

We also celebrated Democracy Day across the school! Each class voted for their new class and school council representatives. Year 6 pupils worked especially hard, creating posters and flyers and giving speeches as they campaigned to become Head Boy and Head Girl. It was a brilliant example of democracy in action, showing one of the key British Values we learn about in school. Pupils learned the importance of having a voice, making fair choices and respecting others' opinions. Well done to everyone who took part and voted!

Next month (November) will also be Black History Month across our schools. The theme this year is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' and through weekly assemblies, children will learn about the strength and resilience of Black communities worldwide. Look out for updates on our social media and websites!

Last of all... during these first few weeks of the school year, we have been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding, as well as building writing stamina. We have also been practising knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise skills at home too including the use of Mathletics, Timestable Rockstars and reading for 10 minutes each evening. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can support your child. You can also speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please. School uniform items can be purchased from Mapac. To order, please scan the QR code on the next page or visit our school website for the link.



Scooters and Bikes

Please park scooters and bikes in the allocated parking areas taking care to store them safely and securely.



Seasonal Changes

This week in EYFS, children have been learning about the seasonal changes. They went on a walk around the playground to collect sticks so that they could use them to create hedgehogs with playdough on the physical development table.



Young V&A Museum

Year 1 visited the V&A Museum this week to learn about toys made in different time periods. They looked at toys from the past and present. They discussed which materials they were made out of and which time period they could be from.



Gymnastics

Year 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from Saffron Severn, a gymnast and bronze medalist! They took part in a gymnastic circuit and practised skills learned from Saffron before hearing about her journey to become an athlete!



International Evening

In celebration of World Week, we wore cultural clothes, had dance workshops from countries all over the world and ended with International Evening! Thank you to all of the families who generously donate and make our community events a huge success!



Road Safety

This half term our Junior Road Safety Officers' met with Hackney's Road Safety Officer, Max Moorcock. They were introduced to their roles as JRSOs and learned and discussed ways in which they can help make Hackney's streets safer!



Key Dates

Break up for the half term holiday
Friday 24th October at 3:30pm

Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on
Friday 24th October at 3:30pm.
Please scan the QR code to view our 2025
-2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to
order school uniform,



Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 17 th October	<u>Knowledge and Understanding</u> : How can I support my child to recall and make links to prior learning?

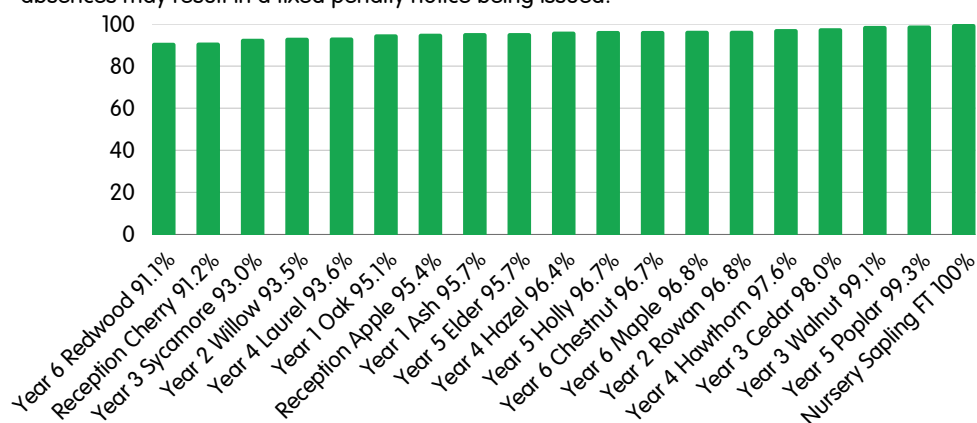
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.9%.

Well done to Nursery Sapling FT 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.



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