



We want all of our community to have equal opportunities to experience life in all its fulness (John 10: 10). We encourage all community members to “be the best we can be” in every aspect of their lives as we grow in, and reflect on, the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (1Corinthians 13).

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

I would like to start by congratulating our Year 6 children who have been sitting their KS2 SATs tests this week. I would also like to thank all of the members of staff who have been working with them over the year to prepare them for the tests, particularly Mrs Laouar. The children approached the tests with confidence, determination and maturity and I am certain that this has helped them to do their best and to be the best they can be.

Children in Year 2 and their teachers have also been busy preparing for their KS1 SATs which will be taking place over the next two weeks. It is essential that the children are in school every day so that they don't miss any assessments. It's much better for the children to do these tests with others in their class, rather than having to catch up later. If you have any questions about the tests that your child will be taking, please speak to the Year 2 class team or to a member of the leadership team.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who have managed to find all black shoes for their children to wear to school, as stated in our

uniform policy. I know that this can sometimes be a little difficult, so I really appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are correctly dressed for school and looking smart.

Ruth Vince
Head of Primary

WONDERFUL WORK - 11 MAY

Reception: Monaco
Year 1: Inaaya
Year 2: Lojain
Year 3: Sukayna
Year 4: Barraq
Year 5: Year 5 Class
Year 6: Year 6 Class (for being SATs stars!)

ATTENDANCE

I am pleased to report that the current level of attendance, which has been 95.2% for both the past two weeks, is just above the Government's expectation of 95%. Thank you to those parents who have ensured that their child's attendance has improved since I sent letters at the start of this term.

I would once again like to remind you that all requests to take children out of school during term time to visit



relatives must be made using the Application for Time Off During Term Time form. An email to the school office stating that a family member is unwell so a child will be missing school is not sufficient. This will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and reported to the Local Authority Attendance Officer, who may take further action, including issuing warnings and fixed penalty notices.

Children have a right to an education and an attendance level below 90% means that a child has missed the equivalent of at least a month of school (20 days or more). This obviously has a serious impact on their ability to learn and make progress, but also affects their confidence and friendships.

Finally, congratulations to Year 6 who have once again won the attendance cup. They continue to set a fabulous example to the rest of the school through their excellent attendance.

HALF TERM VALUE - COURAGE

This term in our Values Collective Worship, we have been focusing on Courage. We have been exploring different Bible stories, including David and Goliath and Moses and the Burning Bush. Courage is about being brave, believing in yourself and not giving up even when you are worried or scared.

Moses had the courage to face his fears with the help of God because, even though he was worried about his past, he still stepped forward to help the people around him.

YEAR 6 ICE LOLLIES & CAKE SALE

Once again, Year 6 will be selling lollies in the playground every day to raise money towards their leavers' celebrations. Lollies cost 50p each.

We will also be holding a cake sale next Friday in the playground at the end of the school day. Please donate generously and come and buy cakes to support our children.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded Headteacher's certificates over the past two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

This child has received the Silver Headteacher's certificate for achieving 200 Dojos.

Year 2: Emraan

These children have been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate for achieving 300 Dojos:

Year 1: Firas, Muhammad and Qais

Year 2: Zakariya and Nadine

These children have achieved the Platinum Headteacher's certificate for achieving 400 Dojos:

Year 1: Abdulrahman, Cebraill, Maya, Majd, Mahbooba and Inaaya

Year 2: Ema

Year 4: Barraaq

YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 had a fantastic afternoon at forest school. They did a lot of exploring, playing games and spotting the tadpoles, as well as the different creatures in the pond.

In class, Year 1 have been reading the story The Minpins, therefore, when they were at forest school, they chose to work in teams to create homes for the Minpins using different natural materials. They had a brilliant time. Ms Ludolf





CORONATION ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 4th May, Ms Bettoni led a very special assembly to celebrate the life of King Charles III and to explore the history and significance of the King's coronation on Saturday. We learned about the history of royal coronations in the UK, the role of The King and the significance of the Monarchy around the world.

We also had the opportunity to see and share the wonderful home-learning projects that children across the school have been working on to celebrate the coronation. This included posters, poems, costumes, a special coronation booklet and lots of wonderful crowns. Congratulations to all of the children who took part.



RECEPTION'S CORONATION PARTY

In Reception, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by having a coronation tea party! The children wore red, white and blue clothes and had a great time, sharing food and playing games. We also learnt about different members of the royal family, as well as different landmarks we might find in London such as Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge.

Mrs Sorbello-Bali





GIRLS ALLOWED

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 5 girls attended their first session of 'Girls Allowed'. This is a programme which promotes women in sport and provides a safe and nurturing environment for girls, offering a multitude of sports for them to participate in. The Year 5 girls had a wonderful time enjoying sports such as roller skating, badminton, table tennis, dance, football and even VR! We are looking forward to the Year 6 girls joining us soon.

Ms Bettoni



BEANS & CATERPILLARS

Year 2 are so excited to welcome five brand new caterpillars into the classroom, as well as our very own beanstalks! We planted some 'magic' beans at the beginning of the term after reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They are nearly as tall as Jack's now! We are also starting to look at the life cycle of a caterpillar. We hope to see our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies by the end of this half term.

Ms Bettoni





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 2 SATs week
Walk to School Week
Reception Zoo Trip
Y2 Allotment Garden trip (Forest school)
Year 4 class assembly
Y4 Sayers Croft Residential visit
Reception Forest School
EYFS and Y1 Zoolab workshops
Year 5 class assembly
Half term (school closed)
Start of Summer 2

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May
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Tuesday 16th May
Wednesday 17th May 1:00-3:00pm
Friday 19th May
Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May
Thursday 25th May
Friday 26th May
Friday 26th May
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Monday 5th June