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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

We are all so proud of the way that Year 2 have approached their SATs assessments over the past two weeks and are grateful for the wonderful support from parents, including ensuring that your children were in on time in the mornings and prepared for the day. Well done Year 2!

Lots of classes have been out on trips or taking part in workshops over the past two weeks. This includes Reception visiting the animals in London Zoo and Year 3 visiting the British Museum to find out more about the ancient Egyptians and ancient Sumerians. Our younger pupils in the Nursery, Reception and Year I classes really enjoyed taking part in the Zoolab workshops yesterday, where they met and found out a great deal about lots of different creatures. Read on to find out more! We have also enjoyed two wonderful class sharing assemblies, performed by Year 4 and Year 5. Teachers are busy planning trips for the rest of the summer term, so do look out for more information in class newsletters after half term.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the Year 4 children who have taken part in the residential trip to

Sayer's Croft this week and to hearing about all the wonderful things they have been doing. What an amazing experience for these children!

Please don't forget that next week is half term. We expect to see all children back in school on Monday 5th June.

Ruth Vince Head of Primary

WONDERFUL WORK - 25TH MAY

Reception: Rayan

Year I: Ali K

Year 2: Loiain

Year 3: Raef

Year 4: Bakr

Year 5: Yahia

Year 6: Hasan

SHINING STARS 18TH MAY

Reception: Amine

Year I: Maya

Year 2: All of year 2!

Year 3: Mariam

Year 4: Malak

Year 5: Zane

Year 6: Sawsan

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ATTENDANCE

I am so pleased to report that the current level of attendance, which has been 95.2% and 95.7% over the past two weeks, is continuing to improve and is above the Government's expectation of 95%. This is really good news as it means that the majority of children are in school and learning every day, which is essential for them to make the progress that we all strive for.

All children who achieved 100% attendance last half term have enjoyed a special attendance party with Mrs Cunnington this week to show how proud of them we all are.

Finally, congratulations to Year 6 who have once again won the attendance cup over the past two weeks. What brilliant role models for the rest of the school! Well done Year 6.

YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY



We are overjoyed to share the tremendous success of our Year 4 class assembly, where our talented pupils showcased their skills in speaking, rapping, and comedy. Through their captivating performances, we brought to life the fascinating topics we have explored, including living things and their habitats, counties and countries in the UK, and the captivating similarities and differences between London and Surrey.

Their deep understanding of the diverse regions of the UK was evident as they transported us from the countryside to the iconic landmarks of London, fostering unity while celebrating individuality. We extend heartfelt thanks to the parents and families who joined us, for your unwavering support and presence filled the room with warmth, uplifting our pupils and reinforcing the importance of our collective role in their growth and development. -Ms Adams

TRIP TO LONDON ZOO

Reception had a great time at London Zoo last week; we saw lots of different animals such as hippos, giraffes, African hunting dogs, lemurs, lions and penguins. The children particularly enjoyed walking through Monkey Valley and petting the goats in the farmyard. For some children it was also their first time on the underground - they found it very exciting! Thank you very much to all the parents who joined us to help on our outing - we wouldn't have been able to do it without you! Mrs Sorbello-Bali







SWEETS & CHEWING GUM

It appears that a small number of children are bringing chewing gum to school, which is against the rules and not in line with our healthy eating policy. Could you kindly check your child's bag/pockets and remove any sweets or gum before coming to school. Any sweets and gum found in school will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent or carer.

JEWELLERY

Please remember that children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school. If your child wears earrings, only plain gold or silver studs may be worn – no shapes or designs. No other jewellery is allowed, except for watches.

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PARACHUTE CHALLENGE!

Children in Year 5 designed and made parachutes to participate in an egg parachute competition. Some of the eggs survived being dropped from an elevated position while others did not. During this science activity, children learned about gravity and air resistance, and about push and pull factors. Mr Fansler





VISIT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM





Year 3 visited the Egyptian gallery at the British Museum last week as part of their topic about life and death in Ancient Egypt. They enjoyed seeing the amazing sculptures, trying to decipher the hieroglyphs and even meetings the mummies! They also had time to visit the Mesopotamia gallery to find out more about the cradle of civilization and the invention of farming, writing and technology. Here's what the children had to say about their trip.

The trip was amazing. I learned a lot about Ancient Egypt. My favourite parts were learning about hieroglyphics and how they lived. Almas

I had an amazing time at the museum. I was shocked to

see the mummies and the huge sculptures. Maria

The trip was great. I enjoyed it a lot. The museum is beautiful and I was really impressed with the wide spiral stairs. I learned a lot about ancient Egypt and liked how the museum showed us when and where the old sculptures were made. Raef

The trip was very fun. I was surprised on the size of all of the ancient Egyptian sculptures, THEY WERE HUGE. My favourite part was learning so much about it, especially about all of their kings and gods. Amanda

ZOOLAB

The children in Nursery, Reception and Year I saw lots of interesting creatures and animals when our visitor from Zoolab came to school. They learned some interesting facts about minibeasts and rainforest animals/creatures. Did you know that all snakes are cold blooded? This helps them survive in hot climates.

The children got to meet a giant African snail, a cockroach, a tarantula, a millipede and a corn snake. They got to touch some of these animals, which the children really enjoyed, and Year I even got to pet some rats! The children learned that rats have very sensitive ears and therefore, we need to be very quiet around them.



UNIFORM

We are still having to speak to a number of children on a daily basis about wearing the wrong uniform - in particular hoodies, black jumpers, leggings and shoes that are not all black. None of these are part of our school uniform and they should not be worn in school. Please take time over half term to check that your child has the correct uniform, including a navy blue jumper

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or cardigan.

If you are having any problems with providing the correct uniform for your child, please speak to me or another member of SLT and don't send your child to school in the wrong uniform.

PADDINGTON REC

Children in year 6 ended SATs' week by going to Paddington Rec for the day. Thank you to Mr V. for having provided great games. Also, a big thank you to parents who contributed generously to our picnic (fresh sushi and scrumptious homemade cakes).





HALF TERM VALUE

This term, we have been focusing on the value of courage. We have explored different stories, including Daniel and the Lion's Den and Brave Queen Esther. Daniel had courage in faith; he did not give up praying even when he was scared about ending up with the lions. Esther also showed courage. She was brave enough to speak to the king to help her people. We know courage is about being brave and this can sometimes be tricky if you are worried. So remember, you can share your feelings with someone; you can try and face your fears; always think positively; accept challenges and believe in yourself; and don't be afraid of making mistakes!

ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOP

Westminster is offering FREE online workshops for parents who want to be more confident in English. These include the following workshops which might be of interest to you:

- How to support your child in school a practical guide to UK schooling for parents and carers of children who speak English as an additional language (EAL)
- Everyday English for parents new to the U.K If any parents are interested in attending any of these

If any parents are interested in attending any of these workshops, they should contact Ursula Head on 020 3988 6609 or by email at uhead@waes.ac.uk.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

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

These children have received the Bronze Headteacher's certificate for achieving 100 Dojos.

Reception: Ali Al-Jazani and Telma

Year 5: Naba

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

Year 2: Lojain and Riza

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

Year 2: Amir, Awss and Jamario

Year 4: Amira and Mustafa K

Year 5: Ramzi

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

Reception: Amine, Caleb, Jamal, Kamel, Leena, Seren and Stephanie

Year 2: Aya, Layan, Zakariya and Ziad

Year 3: Eveen and Malaak

Year 4: Abdallah, Ali J, Ahmed, Amir, Aseel, Barraq, Ceila, Fatemeh P, Georgia, Hajar, Hamoudy, Janine,

Khloe, Mustafa K, Rijad, Tamim, Zakaria and Zaynab

Year 5: Mahamud, Sophia and Aryanna

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Finally, I am delighted to share with you that some pupils have been awarded our extra-special Values Champion badge because they have received 800 Dojos. What fantastic role models for our school! Year 3: Amanda, Chloe, Maria and Doha

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term (school closed)

Start of Summer Term 2

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

London Spirit Cricket Roadshow (Years 3-6)

YI Phonics Screening Check

INSET Day (No children in school)

Pyjamarama Booktrust event

Year 3 Class Assembly

New Reception Parent Meeting

St Augustine's High School Head Start Day (Y6)

Reception Class Assembly

Floating Classroom - Paddington Basin (Y4-Y6)

Reports circulated

Year 2 Class Assembly

Sports Day (1:00-3:30pm)

Meet the Teacher morning

Open Evening

Year 6 Leavers' Prom

Year 6 Leavers' Graduation Assembly

End of Summer term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June

Monday 5th June - Friday 16th June

Friday 9th June

Monday 12th - Friday 16th June

Thursday 15th June

Friday 16th June

Friday 23rd June

Monday 3rd July

Wednesday 5th July

Friday 7th July

Friday 7th July

Thursday 13th July

Friday 14th July

Friday 14th July

Monday 17th July

Tuesday 17th July

Wednesday 19th July

Friday 21st July

Friday 21st July 1:45pm