



Message from Miss Pattison, Head of School

What a wonderful first week back! Thank you to all of the parents, carers, staff and our fantastic children for making such a sharp start this half-term. Happy new year to you all! We have lots of fun events planned in for this year and this half-term is no exception with lots of exciting trips, visits and parent workshops taking place.

Last half-term, we donated over 40kg of food to Thurrock Foodbank- a massive thank you to everyone who donated. Our Christmas Market raised £627.36 - a huge thank you to those who attended. As we have now come to the end of the Christmas festivities, if your child has a Christmas jumper that no longer fits them, we are accepting donations of these. These will be washed and ready to be donated to some of our pupils who need one next year.

We are keen to plan lots more events for our children and there has been a growing interest amongst some parents for establishing a PTA. If you are interested in being a part of this, please express your interest by completing the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/NwoqSMue1XTLGSWH9> or calling the school office.

Achievement Awards

A massive well done to:

Hot Chocolate Friday winners:

- Reception: Mikael, Roman
- Year 1: Melina, Sarah, Marnie
- Year 2: Lola T, Tyler, Hakan
- Year 3: Liam, Darius, Yasmina
- Year 4: Orlando, Ibrahim, Bella
- Year 5: Estelita, Zulaiha
- Year 6: Melanie, Taylor, Yannis

Attendance League table winners:

3K with 98.3% attendance

Mathematicians of the week:

- 1C Delia, 1J Samson, 1S Gracie
- 2B Albert, 2F Rose, 2C Teddie M
- 3K Rafeala, 3P Rokas, 3W Amelia
- 4M Bella, 4H Brooke, 4D Daisy
- 5P Ruby S, 5M Shyanna
- 6M Primrose, 6F Emille, 6R Archie

TTRS Achievers:

- Yr1:** Sarah, Diya, William, Tommy, Ayana, Deepshika, Jarra, Patricia, Jenna, Dilara, Dominic, Eric, Delia, Sergio, Noah, Elsie, Emmanuel, Jayden N, Romilly-Rose.
- Yr2:** Emily, Ann, Teddie Sc, Cataleya, Mason, Aamil
- Yr3:** Rafeala, Darius, Ornella, Malia, Sebastian, Ivy, Zara, Lila, Sydney, Nabhan, Noah, Lakshami.
- Yr4:** Fatoumata, Lottie, Emily, Zyon, Sophia, Daisy, Tayah, Jaiden, Abigail, Ibrahim, Bobby, Kiren, Brooke, Shanayia, Alex, Theia-Reign, Angelo, Lily, Rubi, Demi, Connie, Oladapo, Orlando, Theo, Gracie, Bella, Harold, Merwin, Alrin, Kiera, Andreea, Vivian, Travay, Isla, Alrin, Daisy, Tayah, Sophia.
- Yr5:** Harry, Romie, Bray, Staszek, Raiden, Chukwudalu, Zubaida, Emily A, Dolcie, Wareesha, Natas, Jodie.
- Yr6:** Brooke, Ehan, Emille, Shanie, Alyvia, Lily-Rae, Karolis, Taylor, Yaseen, William, Jaye, Marnie, Melanie



Reminders

Breaktime snacks: Please ensure your child is provided with a healthy snack- crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars are not permitted for breaktime but children can have these in their lunchboxes to supplement their meal. In KS1, we provide free fruit for the children for breaktime. All children have the option to have a bagel for breakfast in the morning provided by the school.

Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful start to the term and have welcomed lots of new children into the class. This term they are learning about different types of transport and where they would find them. They read the story 'We all go Travelling by' to start this exciting topic. The children have really enjoyed learning about different types of transport and where they travel and have had enjoyed lots of activities such as mark making in the paint with trains and washing the toys cars.



Reception

Reception have had a fantastic start to the term and are very keen to learn. Our new topic this half-term is Dinosaurs. We kicked off the topic by exploring fossils in the sand and making fossils with salt-dough alongside reading non-fiction books. We have started to prepare for our dinosaur workshop by building shelters for dinosaurs, making dinosaur skeletons and dinosaur eggs. We are so excited to go on our dino adventure with Professor Memo. Watch this space to see what we discover....

Year 1

In Year 1, this half term we have been looking at London in our Geography lesson. We have been using maps to find where London is and looking at key landmarks such as Big Ben.

In Science, we have been looking at animals. For our WOW start, we got to dress up as our favourite animal and compare how we were the same and different. We focused on mammals and birds and looked at the features of them.

In Art, we are learning about different artists. We have drawn a picture using different techniques and looking at sculpting techniques that the artist Bibby uses.

We have been having lots of fun already this half term and cannot wait to continue exploring.



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Year 2

In Year 2, we have had a wonderful sharp start to our curriculum learning.

We have begun to explore our artist in focus, John Ndambo, and to understand how he used thin and thick brush strokes to create beautiful landscape paintings. We are being influenced by his art work, and have begun working towards our final landscape piece. We are really enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666, and it has been a great opportunity to discuss the similarities and differences between past and present London. We know that London is very different now to how it was back when Samuel Pepys wrote his diary! We are enjoying discussing the different situations in which we may need to ask for help in PSHE, and have been producing wonderful oracy outcomes role playing a person who needs help, and a special person who can help us to solve our problem.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a settled start to the new year and came back ready to learn. Children were keen to get back to swimming and thoroughly enjoyed their first session. Thank you for your support with this - it really is wonderful to see them enjoying being active and learning an important life skill.

Our science topic started by testing different ramps with toy cars to see what made them travel faster or slower. Children will continue to learn about how magnets attract and repel.

In RE, children are learning why The Bible is important to Christians. Many children found it difficult to recall stories from The Bible but, with support, were able to remember some knowledge about Noah's Ark, The Nativity and The Easter Story.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have had a very successful and settled start to the new year.

The new topic "The Blitz" has captured the children's interest and they have been able to empathise with the children who were evacuated at that time. It would benefit children further if they are able to speak to an adult (grandparent or great-grandparent) who was alive at the time of the war. If you know someone who was a child at that time, children would enjoy asking them questions about how they felt. What was rationing like? Who did they live with when they were evacuated? Where did they live? How did things change when they came back to the city?

If you do not know anyone who was evacuated, these videos will help children to learn more about the experience of evacuees:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THF_WYhDfRw

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Year 5

In Year 5, we have had a brilliant start to the Spring term. The children have enjoyed welcoming Mrs Hart to the Year 5 team and have shown her just how amazing they all are in the last few weeks.

The children have enjoyed starting their new Science topic: 'materials'. They have already used their working scientifically skills to set up an investigation that will span the whole half term to see how rust forms and how the time taken for a material to rust differs according to the conditions. We have started our topic of 'World War One' and the children have already begun

to read our associated book, War Horse. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading this

book so far and are looking forward to seeing what happens next as Joey travels into the midst of the war.



Year 6

This term our school has an eye on London and year 6 were lucky enough to visit the capital city itself. Children loved seeing Borough Market up close and they were able to sample some of the market's delicacies. The children tasted some of the market's most popular cheese and some salami. Elsewhere, a sample of olives did not go down so well!

After taking in the sights and sounds of Borough Market, we explored more of the city by walking to The Tate Modern Art Gallery. Children loved seeing some abstract art up close!

We would like to extend our gratitude towards all of the parent and carers who supported us during the trip!



The Burrow

In The Burrow this week we have been focusing on sharing and communicating kindly with our peers. We have been reading 'Too Many Carrots', in our English lessons. We are getting very good at re-telling the story and we are enjoying learning about how each character in the story is feeling. We have had great fun on our daily sensory circuit including activities like, Simon says, balancing and weighted breathing techniques. We have been learning to work together with our friends using puzzles and games.



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