



THOMAS FAIRCHILD

newsletter

Friday 19th May, 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy term, there is so much to celebrate and be proud of. Firstly I would like to say a huge well done to all our Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests last week. Their focus, resilience and positivity were inspiring to see. All children in the school have been busy completing their topics this term and have produced some exceptional work. Don't forget to bring in children's home learning projects linked to their geography topics - we have seen some amazing examples so far!

I also wanted to take this chance to remind families that the formal consultation process is underway to formally federate with New Wave Federation. The partnership has achieved so much and we're excited for the next step. We are holding a drop-in session for parents about this process on **Wednesday 24th May**, 9.00am - do join us if you can.

Finally, Please share our news and celebrations with community families and friends. Encourage them to visit our wonderful school. We have limited spaces available in some year groups!

Coming Up

- Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th May
RSE Parent Sessions
- Saturday 20th May
Hackney School Challenge at Hackney Marshes
- Wednesday 24th May
Year 3 Sports Festival at Britannia
- Friday 16th June
Year 1 - 6 Sports Day at Finsbury Park
- Tuesday 20th June
Year 4 & 5 Girls Football Summer Cup
- Thursday 29th June
Nursery & Reception Sports Day in school
- Friday 30th June
Year 1 & 2 Cbeebies BBC Symphony Orchestra at the Hackney Empire

News & Celebrations

Full Steam Ahead

Congratulations to our Year 5 team who took part in UBS's Steam Ahead competition this week. Our children took part in several activities linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. WOW! STEM leaders of the future!

Stop! Look! Listen!

Our Junior Road Safety Officers were spotted in action sharing road safety messages with our road smart Reception and Nursery children this week!

They are responsible for promoting active travel and helping to keep our school community safe on the roads!



Hackney Schools Challenge at the Hackney Half!

Good luck to all of our Year 4 & 5 children (and staff) who are running their finale mile over at Hackney Marshes tomorrow morning. You are welcome to pop over and cheer us on!

Bike Around the Borough, July 2023

BATB makes a welcome return and we are delighted to be taking part. It's a nine mile school mass bike ride around our lovely borough - if your child is in Year 5 & 6 and can confidently ride a bike - you can register their interest at the school office.

Our community Messy Art and Musical Stay and Plays continue (ages 1-4) - please help us spread the word!



our learning

Nursery

Nursery have been learning all about positional language in maths. They enjoyed creating their own maps of our Early Years Garden and using toy cars to drive between different places and directing their friends.



Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning about how we can keep safe on the roads and in our local community. They loved making their own road signs with their families at our Come Learn With Me event.



Year 1

Year 1 pupils have begun bringing in their home learning projects inspired by their learning about the United Kingdom. This week they have enjoyed locating the different seas in the United Kingdom using a compass.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the physical features in hot and cold locations. To help them be globetrotters, they also learned how to describe the weather in Spanish.



Year 3

Year 3 planned and conducted a science experiment to see how long it would take for the stem to carry water (with food colouring) up to the leaves in a plant.



Year 4

Year 4 have been creating their own stop-motion film this half term with the help of animation artist Lucy! So far, they have created the story, backdrop and the script!



Year 5

Sports Day is almost upon us and year 5 have been honing their archery, tennis and athletic skills during their PE lessons with Coach Tanya. Personal bests have been set ready for the day!



Year 6

Year 6 have been writing stories based on *The Arrival*. They have been focussing on writing from the perspective of a child whose father is forced to leave home. Their writing is packed with inference and empathy!

