



THOMAS FAIRCHILD

newsletter

Monday 9th October, 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

We continue to have a highly successful autumn term and the children have been really impressing us with their enthusiasm and engagement with their new topics. As you know, last week we were visited by **Ofsted** which is responsible for checking standards in education. The three inspectors were very impressed with the school and our children made us so proud! We look forward to sharing the full report with you in due course.

I would like to remind all our year 6 families that the deadline for secondary applications is **31st October 2023**. It is important that, if you have a child in year 6, you make your application before this date.

Another important reminder that the school office is always willing to help families with the online applications for **Free School Meals**. If eligible, this will mean **extra funding** is gained for children in school and families will have access to **food vouchers** in the school holidays.

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

Coming Up

citizens advice

Free, confidential advice available at school each Wednesday! Call to book a session.

- Tuesday 10th October
Year 5 & 6 Come Dine with Me, 12.30pm
- Wednesday 11th October
Nursery & Reception Come Learn With Me, 9.00am
- Thursday 12th October
Year 4, 5 & 6 Uphill Cycle Climb at Springfield Park
- Friday 13th October
Year 3 Reading Tea, 3.15pm
- Wednesday 18th October
Year 2 Come Learn with Me, 9.00am
- Thursday 19th October
Federation Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Event
- Friday 20th October
Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety workshops with London Fire Brigade

News & Celebrations

Taking our sport to the next level!

A very busy **sporting** start to Autumn term. Year 3 have enjoyed the fabulous **Sports Inspired Legacy event** taking part in taster sessions of Martial Arts, Petanque, Street Dance, Netball, Tag Rugby and the very inspiring Wheelchair Basketball. A super day of activities and such good fun - medals all around too!

Meet our superb Girls Football Squad who took part in their first fixture this week at the **Young Hackney School Girls Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament** over at Mabley Green. Very exciting play from our team under the motivating guidance of our very own Coach Tanya! We are so very proud of you all and a huge shout out to our wonderful families who popped over to cheer us on!



Transport for London School STARS Award - and its BRONZE!



As we know, active travel is great for healthy lifestyles and a healthy planet so we were delighted to receive a **Bronze** award in celebration of our school's commitment to championing walking, scooting, cycling and road safety. Our **Junior Road Safety Officers** will accept this lovely award on our school's behalf.

WOW - the Walk to School Challenge with Strider

Watch out for news about this year's **WOW** - a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school each day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If we travel sustainably (walk/wheel, cycle or scoot) at least once a week for a month, we get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!



Our community **Messy Art and Musical Stay and Plays** continue this term on Monday and Tuesday (ages 1 - 4). Please help us spread the word!

our learning

Nursery

Our Nursery children have settled in so well, we are really proud of how resilient and confident they are when saying 'goodbye' before school. Learning about transport has been fun!



Reception

The Reception children took part in a Road Safety workshop, which was fun and informative. They've also had a great time learning about feelings and how to express them.



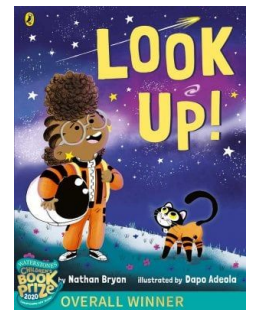
Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed a drizzly trip to Shoreditch park to develop their Geography field work slides. They practiced using a key to identify areas of the park and zoomed down the slide!



Year 2

Year 2 have loved starting their new book, Look Up! The main character Rocket shares the classes same sense of adventure and asks curious questions. They can't wait to read on!



Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying drumming lessons this half term. They have certainly got the rhythm!



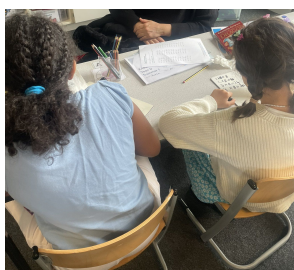
Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant two weeks swimming. They have developed their skills and confidence in the water and have enjoyed it hugely!



Year 5

Year 5 had a wonderful come learn with me session. Mr Kilicarslan challenged the class to find the missing values in regrouping column addition problems!



Year 6

Year 6 are looking forward to their upcoming trip to the Royal Observatory to supplement their geography learning. Take a look at what they've been up to!

