



THOMAS FAIRCHILD

newsletter

Friday 24th November, 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

Firstly, I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who came to our **Travelling Book Fair** last week - you spent **£544.20** and have raised **£214.60** for our school to spend on new books for our classroom libraries. On top of this, our SPOTacular Friday raised nearly £200 for Children in Need. Your generosity is really appreciated.

We continue to collect for our friends at **Hackney Foodbank**. With the festive season approaching more families will be relying on their help! You have been so very generous - thank you for all your support. We are collecting until Monday 27th November.

Finally, a reminder that if your child was born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, please ensure you make an online application via [eadmissions](#) for a place in Reception Class September 2024. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2024**. Our office team are happy to help you with this process, just pop in!

Warm wishes,
Matt Trahair

News & Celebrations

More sporting success to report as our fabulous Year 5 & 6 Cycling team took part in the **Young Hackney Cyclo Cross Event** at Mabley Green. Despite the very wet weather our team took part in a carousel of fun games based on the Cycle Cross discipline!



Our friends from Cycle Confident have also been delivering **Bikeability Cycle Training** to our Year 5 children last week. Learn to ride, playground skills and on road cycling - there was something for everyone! Back again in Spring 2024!

On Friday last week, we were lucky enough to be visited by Konflux *Play in a Day*! Our School Council representatives and Wellbeing Ambassadors worked with Andy, a trained actor, to write and performance a play all about the importance of friendship and speaking kindly to others. The children worked so hard to remember their lines and the staging of their play and, in the afternoon, they treated the whole school to their performance!



On Wednesday this week the New Wave governing body visited our school to visit lessons, meet with leaders and to talk with staff and pupils. They were extremely impressed with children's focus and the pride in their learning!

We are delighted to let you know that our Thomas Fairchild Family Event Planning Association has set the date for our **Winter Fair - Friday 15th December, 3.30pm**. Look out for more information about this exciting event. Thank you to all parents who have already signed up to help out on the day.

We are opening our doors on **Saturday 2nd December** for another superb opportunity for potential families to explore our school, feel the magic and meet members of our team! Please help us spread the word!

Coming Up

citizens
advice

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

- Saturday 25th November
FREE Zero Waste Hub, 11.00am - 3.00pm
- Tuesday 28th November
Come Dine with Me: Year 1 & 2, 12.00pm
Year 5 visiting the British Museum
- Wednesday 29th November
Come Learn with Me: Year 4, 9.00am
- Saturday 2nd December
Nursery Open Day, 10.00am-11.30am
- Monday 4th December
Year 4 trip to British Museum
- Tuesday 5th December
Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 trip to Hackney Empire panto
- Thursday 7th December
Parent consultations, 3.30pm-8.00pm



our learning

Nursery

Nursery have loved learning about autumn. They have been exploring changes outside and have found different treasures to create fantastic artwork!



Reception

Reception have been learning all about their community. They have been exploring how to use and create their own maps and have loved learning about some of the famous London landmarks!



Year 1

Year 1 loved watching the play performed by the school councillors. The performance was focussed on our Anti-Bullying week theme which is to promote kindness.



Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to the Museum of the Home last week. They loved looking at how homes, technology and lifestyles have changed over time in Hackney.



Year 3

Year 3 loved exploring nature to identify changes over time. They check in September and since then the leaves have turned orange and started falling.



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning all about the Romans and why they were such skilled soldiers. They even got to make replica shields!



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning to cycle safely with Bikeability! Each day, a group of children has practised their cycling skills with expert teaching and feedback!



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning all about the Benin Kingdom and the role of the powerful obas. They have started bring in their projects too inspired by Benin artefacts!

