



THOMAS FAIRCHILD

newsletter

Friday 19th January, 2024

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

Firstly I wanted to celebrate a hugely successful start to 2024! Children have returned to school focused and ready to learn, and we haven't let the cold weather slow us down! Children have loved learning about their new topics this term and their curiosity and thirst for knowledge is inspiring. I do hope your children have been discussing with you some of the wonderful learning and activities that have been completing in class.

In case you haven't yet seen the Spring 1 **curriculum leaflets** and **knowledge organisers** for each class, these can all be found on our school website. Scan the QR code for the year group pages.



We have lots of exciting events coming up this term, so do keep an eye out for letters, text messages and information from school.

It looks like the weather will be warming up next week, but in the meantime stay warm!

Mr Trahair

Coming Up

- Friday 26th January
Year 5 Reading Tea, 3.00pm
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EYFS Family Friday, 3.00pm
- Tuesday 30th January
Year 3 & 4 Come Dine With Me, 12.15pm
- Wednesday 31st January
Year 2 PE Come Learn With Me, 9.00am
- Friday 9th February
Year 4 Reading Tea, 3.00pm



News & Celebrations

Sports Success!

This term we have launched our PE Come Learn With Me parent events. We have been so grateful to all the parents who have joined us to climb the apparatus with Year 1!



More sporting success to report as our fabulous Year 3 & 4 took part in a Basketball Festival at Young Hackney's Eastway Hub. The day began with a skills focus, where they developed their dribbling, marking and shooting skills. The highlight were the tournament games which concluded the day!



Music lessons

This week was the first week for our KS2 instrument based music lessons. This term's KS2 music focus is guitar and drums. School life was accompanied by the wonderful rhythms and melodies being practiced by KS2 on the Djembe drums.

Playground Games

As the temperatures have dropped, it is a priority to keep active during playtime. This week we have introduced playground games which years 1 to 6 have been joining in with. We have had relay races, mastered 'Duck Duck Goose' and we have learnt the rules to 'What's the time Mr Wolf?'.



Attendance tokens

This week, Year 3 and 5 won the most tokens for their attendance and punctuality. Well done to 3T and 5T! This has earned them some extra time in the MUGA.

our learning

Nursery

Nursery have made some delicious apple muffins, this week, for their traditional tale - Snow White. They cut and stirred the ingredients before tasting them once cooked!



Reception

We have been learning about the environment and made some fantastic sea creatures for our Come Learn With Me event. They loved having so many parents help them get creative!



Year 1

Year 1 had another lovely Come Dine With Me event this week. They loved being able to eat with the parents who joined and share stories of their day. The food was also delicious as always!



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed getting to know their new class book, Meerkat Mail. They imagined they were Sunny the Meerkat and designed their own postcards to send.



Year 3

Year 3 began their new Geography unit, Settlements. The students enjoyed looking at a range of human and physical features as part of the start to the unit.



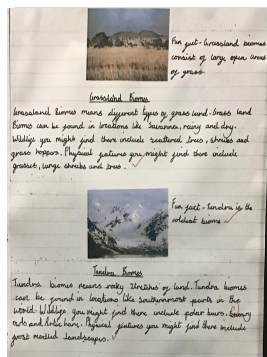
Year 4

This week, Year 4 resumed their lessons with Hackney Music. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning new chords to play on the guitar.



Year 5

Year 5 have begun their geography topic, 'Our Natural Planet'. The children have enjoyed exploring different biomes by identifying where they are and some physical features there.



Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed getting fully involved in their writing text, 'Holes'. This week they have written in role as Stanley the main character in the book. What fantastic writers we have in Year 6!

