



Head's Message

The busy and lively nature of this week has been a fitting end to a jam-packed half-term. While teachers led well attended parent-teacher conferences, children in all classes enjoyed wiggling their hips and waving their arms during a whistle-stop tour of international dances in workshops led by specialist teachers.



The children and staff in upper Key Stage Two have also been buzzing with enthusiasm as they have participated in the first Pathways week of the academic year. Following a motivating launch at the Hammersmith Lyric Theatre, the week has continued to challenge and inspire the children. A real highlight and 'out of this world' experience, included visiting the Science Museum to listen to Tim Peake share his space adventures.

Earlier in the week, we hosted a number of visitors from the Netherlands. This was a collection of teaching professionals who were fascinated by the consistently high standards of teaching and learning delivered in every class by every teacher. As a token of thanks, our visitors provided us with a wonderful collection of learning resource gifts, some of which were explored immediately by the children who were rewarded this week with Great Behaviour Afternoon Tea.

Have a wonderful and safe half-term, we will see you on Tuesday 1st November.

Inspire Excellence

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Composer of the Week

Our composer after half term will be:

Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan



Stars of the Week

For showing respect, our stars of the week are:

		
Ornest	Ava	Noah
		
Iris	Ezra	Kayden

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Carroll Class	98.00%
2 nd	Austen Class	97.41%
3 rd	Lewis Class	97.04%
4 th	Potter Class	97.00%
5 th	Dahl Class	94.81%
6 th	Dickens Class	93.70%

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Collect some leaves for an autumn display. Read, read, read!

Year 2: Find out as much as you can about Roald Dahl. Read every day!

Year 3: What was life like for the people of Britain in the Stone Age? Read every day!

Year 4: Research Maya Angelou. Read every day!

Year 5: Research Haile Selassie. Read every day!

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1st November – School re-opens after half term

Wednesday 2nd November 3.30pm – Year 2 Assessment Meeting (for parents who could not attend the meeting on 17th October)

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November – Parent and Carer Lunchtime Experience (booking only)

Friday 4th November – Year 4 and Year 5 Literacy Spotlight Assembly

Friday 4th November – Parent Association meeting (after Assembly) – all welcome

Wednesday 9th November – Individual School Photos - Tempest Photographer

w/c Monday 14th November – Global Entrepreneurship Week

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – Pupils can dress up in a ‘spotty’ outfit for charity. More information to follow.



Friday 25th November – Dahl Class Assembly

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Carroll Class Nativity

Friday 9th December – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Carols Evening

Wednesday 21st December – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Notices

After School Choir Club

We do still have a few spaces left for our Choir Club. We are hoping to have a choir performance next half term and would love as many children to be involved as possible. If your child would like to take part on Wednesdays after half term please let the front office know as soon as possible. The cost for the half term will be £24.50.

Year 1 Reading Books

Can parents and carers please remember to sign the Year 1 reading books and put them in book bags every week. Many thanks.

Christmas Card Competition

All pupils have the opportunity to take part in the ‘Design TFL’s Festive Card Competition. Your child has brought home an entry form today. Winners will have their design made into a greetings card and there other exciting prizes to be announced soon. The closing date is 2nd November 2016.

Primary Pathways

Year 4 and 5 have been really busy this week with their Primary Pathways activities which aims to foster pupils’ confidence and independence. These included: visiting the Lyric Theatre and Burlington Danes to take part in workshops that harboured pupils’ interests in extra curricular activities including architecture, cooking and the spoken word; dance workshops; visiting the Science Museum and orienteering in the local park.



Some of the children working in teams to solve a 15 step problem whilst orienteering in Wormholt Park.

Pupils making a bridge in an architecture workshop.



Science Museum

As part of their Science topic on electricity, Year 4 and 5 pupils really enjoyed a trip to the Science Museum to find out about Michael Faraday. They were also lucky enough to have a once in a lifetime opportunity to have a question and answer session with the astronaut Tim Peake and NASA astronaut Tim Kopra who talked about their mission to the International Space Station.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. There were many positive and beneficial discussions taking place and it was brilliant to welcome so many parents into school. If you did not manage to attend a parent meeting this week, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment as soon as we return to school on Tuesday 1st November. These meetings are critical in ensuring maximum progress for your child.

Year 3 – Radio Broadcast

Today Year 3 had a visit from BBC Radio journalist Suzy Klein who listened to our radio reports on Ancient Greek myths and legends. Suzy was kind enough to give us some great feedback to make our reports even better!



EYFS News

Wow! We have made it to the end of a busy and outstandingly successful first half term. The children have settled into the routines of the school day quickly, calmly and most importantly, happily! Today we had a party to celebrate all of their achievements. We will miss their morning smiles and we can't wait to see them again next half term.



This week we have made pumpkin-shaped Autumn bags. Inside their bags is an Autumn checklist. If you have a chance to take the bag on a walk over the holidays, your child could use the checklist to collect items and put them in the bag. You could evidence this walk with a photo on Tapestry.

Next half term our topic will be Out and About. Children will be learning Little Red Riding Hood, The Shopping Basket and The Jolly Postman. They will be exploring the challenge question "What makes a good gift?" and we will be considering gifts such as songs, cards and smiles, as well as some ambitious junk modelling and wrapping! Over the holidays you could prepare your child for our new topic by taking them to the supermarket and counting out items, or by writing a shopping list. You could prepare them for maths by giving them word problems such as "If I have 4 apples, and I ate one, how many would be left?" You could add challenge to this by adding extra steps.

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team