

Newsletter 6: 9th November 2018

Thought for the Day:
*"If you don't like something,
just take away its only power:
Your attention."*

Question of the Week:
What makes a good story?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 really enjoyed their visit to the Science Museum and their excellent behaviour was commented on. Children in Y5 and 6 also participated in a Bochia competition. It was good to see parents at Parents Evening, where there was an opportunity to sample the school food during the event. Please return comment sheets and the latest parent survey.

Nursery: This week our focus has been on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have been listening to the story and exploring many of the real experiences such as, touching mud/grass and splashing in water. We have introduced the trikes to the outside learning area. The children have been practicing peddling, staying in the marked areas and taking turns.

Reception: In Reception we have continued with our topic "journeys". This week our journey has taken us to India. We have listened to the story "Engines, Engines" an Indian counting rhyming book where we have learnt about rhyming words. Our Maths topic has been about patterns where we have looked at patterns in our environment including rangoli patterns and fireworks linked to our learning about Diwali. In Phonics we have been recapping the phase 2 phonics sounds.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been learning about different celebrations. The children have also been exploring the settings and characters from our focus sort 'Only One You'. The children have been discussing what makes a good friend and thinking about the more important characteristics. They have been sharing and discussing their thoughts on what makes them 'unique and special'. Maths this week has been focused on counting objects and making the link between number words and numerals.

Year 2: We have been continuing to read 'The Hodgeheg' and talk about what is happening in the story. The children have been sequencing the main events and writing them in the correct order. In Maths the children have started learning to recognise and count money, and use skip counting to add the coins. In History, we talked about bonfire night and why we remember the 5th November. In Art, the children made some colourful firework pictures. We also talked about Diwali and how and why people celebrate it.

Year 3: This week in Year 3, we have started our new English topic about performance poetry where we have identified the features and performed those using expressions and gestures. In Maths, we have used our problem solving skills to solve problems involving adding and subtracting hundreds. In ICT we have designed our own firework display using various 2D shapes and different colours. In Science, we have started our new topic of animals including humans and designed our own healthy food plate.

Year 4: This week in Maths, Year 4 have learnt about perimeter and have converted kilometres to metres and vice versa. The children have focused on skills of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. In English, we have started our new topic on Imaginary World. In Science, the children have drawn on their previous knowledge and generated questions about what they would like to find out about Electricity. In Topic, we will be exploring Europe this half term. Thank you to parents for supporting children in their reading. We would like to remind children to be reading every night for at least 20 minutes and recording their reading in their Reading Logs.

Year 5: The children are delighted to welcome back the Brentford FC Community Sports Trust who are working with us for the rest of the term. Children enjoy a weekly action-packed outdoor session of team sports and skills training and also learn about healthy living. In Topic, we are now learning about the Anglo-Saxons and are complementing this by reading a children's version of the great epic story of 'Beowulf.'

Year 6: This week in Maths we have been revising how to simplify and order fractions in a number line and applying this knowledge to a variety of problems. In our topic lessons we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxon legal system and how it is similar and different to the modern legal system in Britain.

Notices:

Hearing tests for Reception children will be on 20th, 21st, 22nd November

This will be the last paper newsletter, in future the newsletter will be emailed and posted on the website. Please ensure that school has your correct details.

Photographs have been moved to Monday 3rd December

School council have recently written the school and playground charters and School Council have organised for the school to hold a spotty-themed non-uniform day on Friday 16th November to raise money for Children in Need. Across the school, children will be taking part in some activities to raise awareness of the work that Children in Need does for disadvantaged children across the UK. Please remember to send your child into school dressed in spots in return for a donation of at least £1 for this worthy cause.

The Rights Respecting group have met and will be sending out an information leaflet shortly.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 97.02%. There have been a number of classes that have had 100% attendance before half term.

Congratulation to 2B and 3S for 100% attendance.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

28 th Oct	Clocks change back	3 rd Dec	Photographs
8 th Nov	Parents Evening	7 th Dec	5U Class assembly Winter Disco
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly	14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day	19 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term School closed from 1:30pm
16 th Nov	5C Class assembly	20 th Dec- 2 nd Jan '19	Christmas holidays
30 th Nov	5M Class assembly		

Spring Term begins on Thursday 3rd of January 2019

