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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

Follow the link below to access some great mini-courses to help your children develop their confidence and resilience. The first few sessions are free!

<https://www.onegoal.co.uk/wellbeingin15>



Remember to take some time out for rest and relaxation, you may like to follow the link below as it leads to some short but beautiful guided meditation sessions:

<https://www.newhorizonholisticcentre.co.uk/kids-meditation.html>

### **Macmillan Lemonade Stall**

A huge well done to Giulia in Year 2 for making and selling lemonade on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Giulia raised an incredible £102 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to Giulia's grandmother and Maryam's mum for their support.



### **Year 4 Greek Day**

On Tuesday, Year 4 had a visit from History Off the Page, who took them back in time to Ancient Greece! The children entered this uncertain time as residents of Athens and took on typical roles found in the Athenian Agora (marketplace) at the time. They served as wax tablet makers, pottery painters, fresco painters and jewellers.

As the children worked, news and rumours swirled through the Agora about the battle. The children had to think about whether the Persians could be defeated and whether Athens was safe. The day culminated with a traditional Greek banquet and a Greek theatre experience which all children took part in. We had acting, dancing and singing to enjoy! The children had a very informative and engaging day. A big thank you to all the parents who helped - it was much appreciated.



## Year 5 Educational Visit to Science Museum

Last Friday, Year 5 visited the Science Museum to explore the space gallery. From rockets to satellites, probes to landers, this gallery showcases some out-of-this world objects. There, they were able to see a full-sized replica of Eagle—the lander that took astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin to the moon in 1969. They then discovered how astronauts are able to live in space, to breathe, eat, drink and go to the toilet. Ask your children at home to share some of these fascinating facts with you!



### **Nadia 5U**

“As I entered the space room, my attention was drawn to a moon rock which stood shimmering like the sun on a dull day.”

### **Waniya 5A**

“I loved it there! It was so cool! There were model planets, interactive stimulators, fact files, spaceships- everything!

Did you know astronauts have to wear nappies in space? Gross!”



## Year 6: The rise of the Civil Rights Movement 1954-1968

On 19<sup>th</sup> October (as part of our Black History Month work), we participated in a drama activity, which was led by David Alexander from the Redbridge Drama Centre. We were all very engaged in this eye-opening experience about the horrors of the abhorrent Triangular Trade (also known as the Transatlantic Slave Trade). We role-played the lives which the Native West Africans led before the Slave Trade and were able to empathise with the pre-enslaved and enslaved West Africans.

“When we enacted the process of trading actual humans as if they were simple commodities, like soap, rugs, and cheap clothes (which were the items they were traded for), we felt disgusted at the behaviour that occurred during the Slave Trade. When we assumed the roles of the slaves being shackled to the floor-and to each other- rolling around on the floor on the ship, imagining they had been doing this for 3-6 months, we felt sick to the stomach, much like the slaves would feel. It was truly shameful that people from Europe, The Americas (and even inside West Africa itself) decided that they were superior to their fellow human-beings and could treat others like cargo. How would you feel to be lowered to the role of something as simple as a commodity?” - **Rheya, Aadhav and Jasmine (Year 6 students)**



## Attendance

We want all children to have the best possible attendance at school to enable each and every child to reach their full potential. As you can see, our current attendance continues to be significantly low. We realise that this is due to children being absent from coughs and colds.

Our target remains to achieve 96% as a school.

Well done to Year 3, once again, for the highest attendance last week.



Year group	W/B 20.09.21
Nursery	83.13%
Reception	92.26%
Year 1	93.77%
Year 2	95.93%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>96.47%</b>
Year 4	94.21%
Year 5	96.09%
Year 6	94.92%
Whole school	94.32%

## Merit

Well done to the following children for achieving their Merit Award.

Class	Bronze	Silver
Reception	Aridah, Deen, Olivia and William	
2C	Raifa and Amalia	
3A	Maryam, Aahil, Aarav, Musa, Tusem and Janaid	
3Y	Wasi	Dayen
4N	Ayla, Chenaya and Noel	
5A	Mahveen, Waniya, Gabriela, Michelle, Fatima and Priya	
6D	Zaidan	
6J	Abdul Rana, Aden, Holly, Jaynil, Jumaimah, Sanjidan, Theo, Harsha, Tiahna and Amelia	Aaima, Ayaan Mahmad and George

## Free Readers

6J- Umair, Gabriela, Waniya and Samiha

## Stars of the Week

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week'.



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Sally	Nursery pm- Amber
RP- Khadijah M	RM- Deen
1H- Nischal	1R - Zainab
2C- Ibrahim	2M- Anika
3Y- Zohaam	3A- Hira
4N- Harjot	4W- Jessica
5A- Gabriela	5U- Harley
6D- Siobhan	6J- Aaima

## Writers of the Week!

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week'



Star Writers	
1H- Riley	1R - George
2C- Shailen	2M - Minna
3Y- Wasi	3A- Janaid
4N- Osurugue	4W- Mya
5A- Leo	5U- Safaa
6D- Odri	6J- King

## Virtual E-Safety Workshop - Thursday 4th November 9:30am

Come along to the virtual E-Safety workshop that we are hosting, led by ParentZone. You will receive top tips, strategies and the latest updates on how to keep your child/ren safe online. The link to the Teams meeting will be shared via ParentMail.

## Sports for Schools

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, all pupils will be taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit with Sports for Schools. Children will be bringing home a letter and a sponsorship form with a the details outlined. The money we raise will go towards some new sports equipment for lunch times and play times. We also have an online sponsorship page:

[https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/17159/promo#.YXAnyuqx\\_5o.link](https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/17159/promo#.YXAnyuqx_5o.link)

## Parent Governor Elections

Following on from the count on Tuesday, I would like to congratulate the two successful parents, Mrs Marisa Penn and Mr Khalid Hussain, as our elected parent governors.

Thank you to everyone who voted. The results were very close.

## PTA Halloween Event

The PTA are organising a Halloween party on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. There will be two separate parties; one for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and another party for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Details will be shared today in the PTA monthly newsletter. Please do not send any money to the class teacher, ensure your named envelope is put into the PTA box in the main office area.

## Happy Half-Term Holiday

I wish you all a restful half-term break next week. Please look after yourselves and spend quality time with family and friends.

## Inset Day

There is an INSET day for staff on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and children are back at school from **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs F Hussain  
Headteacher

