



## School Newsletter

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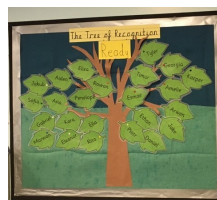
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### MESSAGE FROM MISS BOARDMAN

It has been wonderful to welcome all children back to school this week and there has been a really happy buzz around school. Everyone has done so well getting used to the school routines and expectations again and I have seen children working hard in their classes and enjoying playing with their friends at playtimes.

Behaviour has been great too with everyone trying their best with our school rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. We have started to send home our 'Great Behaviour' notes again and I have been so impressed with the number of names on the recognition boards in the classes.

A very well done to Nyong'o Class who were the first class to have all names on their 'Tree of Recognition' for showing 'ready' behaviour.



It was lovely to welcome back today the children and staff who had been required to isolate for the first part of this week.



### School Lunches

A reminder that the full school [lunch menu](#) is available with four delicious choices of main meal each day. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free meal.

Our cook, Donna, had a special birthday recently and we enjoyed surprising her with a little treat at lunchtime today.

### School Uniform

All children should now be back to wearing full school uniform apart from on PE days and I hope that everyone is proud to wear it.

A reminder that leggings are not school uniform and jewellery apart from stud ear-rings should not be worn for school.

PE kits should consist of dark jogging bottoms or leggings, a white t-shirt and a school jumper or dark sweat shirt. Vest and cropped tops are not suitable for PE.

### Covid Safety

Thank you for your support in following the new staggered start and end times. Our school policy is that masks should be worn by adults on school premises. Whilst many parents are following this, there are still a high number that aren't. Whilst it isn't mandatory, wearing a face covering along with following social distancing measures helps to improve safety for everyone. We would appreciate your support with this.



### New Policy

It is now a statutory requirement that all schools are teaching Relationships and Health Education as a fundamental part of the curriculum. Primary schools can choose whether to deliver sex education. Full details of our new Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum can be found in our new [RSHE Policy](#) and [Parent Guide](#) on our website. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this policy please get in touch.

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## Nyong'o Class



What an amazing first week back everyone in Nyong'o class has had! Mrs Dessi and I are very proud of how well all the children have settled back into school life and for the first time this year everybody made it onto the Tree of Recognition for 'Ready', very well done! This week we have all been very busy reminding ourselves how we learn in all our areas of provision both inside and out and what our school rules of 'Ready, Safe & Respectful' mean. The children have been working hard on their counting, number recognition, letter sounds and names and reading. Miss Gee set up a tricky word hunt for us and we had great fun finding and reading the words. Many of the children also completed the numicon challenge and were very proud to put their star up to show they had done so. Finally we all enjoyed a very wet, wild Wednesday!



## Attenborough Class

Attenborough class have been working very hard this week learning about dragons, castles and Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been completing our independent tasks this week and have been learning the Jack and the Beanstalk story. One of the tasks this week was to create a dragon shelter and test whether it was waterproof.



We have also been creating art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy but using beans! Here is an example of one of our beautiful creations.



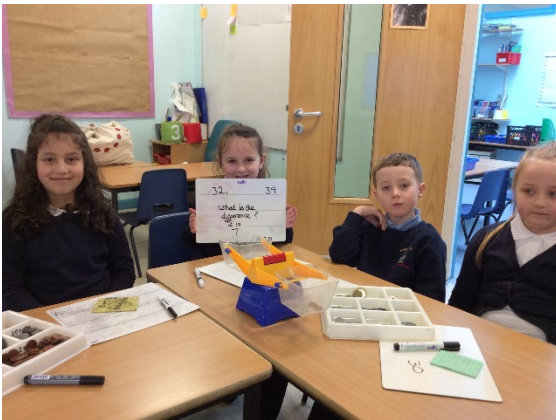


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## Johnson Class



This week, Johnson class have had a smaller start than usual, with everyone coming back on Friday. It has been a little different, with a brand new timetable and new members of staff but the children have been super! This week, we have been continuing our topic of money in Maths, recognising coins and finding the difference using scales. We have also been reading the story 'Alfie's Star' in English and have identified adventurous vocabulary, conjunctions, and even similes. Our Geography journey has seen us talk about population sizes, our Science has focused on living things and non-living things, and we even got to have a go on the Chromebooks! It is fantastic to have all the children back together, and we look forward to the last two weeks before Easter.



## Farah Class



What an eventful week! The children are full of energy and really enjoying being back in school (especially the Fishy Friday lunch)! We have started a new class novel, "Pugs of the Frozen North" which is an adventure story and the children have really enjoyed listening to Ms Graystone read this, both virtually and now in person!

We have spent a lot of this week talking about our emotions and how we can help be kind to ourselves and others. Farah class made little booklets of advice for themselves. We enjoyed the story "Only One You" and made a unique fish for our classroom display.

We are learning to write letters in English and continue to explore all the different ways to tell the time! Please ask your Farah pupil what time it is as often as possible (am or pm, what time on the 24 hour clock would it be)?

Well done to everyone for working so hard this week!



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## Kahlo Class



It has been a wonderful first week back for Kahlo Class, who have loved every minute of it. From learning lots about Emmeline Pankhurst and chocolate tasting, to grappling with statistics and designing monster paper chains, we have learnt lots, whilst also having fun. All of the children have settled in wonderfully, and have shown real determination to always be ready, respectful and safe.

Highlights of the week include our shock at how horrible 90% cocoa dark chocolate is, and also getting a tweet and a postcard from Chris Callaghan - the author of our class novel. Great work Kahlo, keep it up!



## Sentamu Class



A fantastic welcome back to everyone in Sentamu Class and well done for quickly settling back down to school routines. We have continued to work on the Ultimate Guide to Unicorns in English and the children have created some beautiful fantasy maps in the style of The Hobbit and The Chronicles of Narnia to illustrate the Guide. We hope to display these in class - if Ms Woolgar doesn't burn them to ashes when she sings the edges! In reading, the class has been exploring the powerful illustrated book Small Things and how to deal with our worries. We have also been finding out in science how the skeleton and the muscles work together to allow movement and even made our own paper models of how the biceps contract. And don't forget to ask the children about the patterns they found in square, cube and prime numbers. A very busy week - congratulations Sentamu!

