



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

It has been fantastic seeing so many parents at the Stay and Learn sessions this week. I hope that you have found them useful and feel more informed about what and how your child is learning.

We look forward to seeing you next week in Khalo and Nyong'o Class.

Monday 11th Oct 8:55am - Kahlo Class
Tuesday 12th Oct 2:30pm—Nyong'o Class

I am hoping that Mr Smith will return on Monday. He will be in touch to re-arrange his session.

On Thursday we celebrated National Poetry Day with each class giving a performance to the whole school and parents. The children had done a fabulous job to learn their poems by heart and performed with enthusiasm and energy. They should be very proud of themselves. Key Stage 2 children also enjoyed a virtual poetry workshop led by Michael Rosen. You can read more about how poetry is taught across the curriculum [here](#). Why not encourage your children to write their own poems at home?

Class Newsletters with lots of details of what children will be learning and can be found on our website [here](#).

PTA News

The AGM was held this week and the annual report will follow next week. Unfortunately no parents were able to take on the running of the PTA so the decision had to be taken that it would need to close. This is a real shame as funds raised by the PTA are so valuable in supporting the children. In the last few years

PTA funds have enabled us to buy over £1000 worth of new reading books, Chrome Books, play equipment for the playground, Christmas presents for the children and subsidised school trips. We will try to run fundraising activities from school but we would really appreciate knowing your ideas and support to organise these activities. Perhaps we could have a parents fundraising group....?

Dates For Your Diaries

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 19th October 3:30-6pm remote meetings (video/ telephone)

Wednesday 20th October 4-7pm as face to face.
Booking details will be sent out early next week.

- Thursday 21st October—break up for half term
- Friday 22nd October—School closed for INSET
- Monday 1st November—School reopens
- Friday 5th November—Parents invited to Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm (parents invited every Friday unless we let you know otherwise).
- Friday 12th November—Non uniform day for Children in Need
- Friday 19th November—Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos.
- Friday 17th December—School closes for Christmas Holidays

I have now returned to school full time which I am really pleased about. Sheena Powley and Kerry Davies will continue to support the school leadership and be in school on a regular basis until Christmas. We are looking forward to our interviews for a Deputy Head next week who will start in January.

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Nyong'o Reception class



This week in Nyong'o Class we have continued our learning around the story Errol's Garden. We all had great fun planting a seed, watered it and then sequenced the pictures to show what we did in Literacy.

Miss Ross and I were so proud of the children's poetry performance in Assembly and couldn't believe that they spoke so confidently in front of the whole school and parents.

We have also enjoyed continuing with our garden creations in the areas of learning and many of the children have taken to the stage with fabulous singing and acting performances! Watch out on Tapestry to see these photos as they will go live this weekend! In Maths this week we have been securing our 1-1 counting and learning how to find one more than a group of objects.



Our RE this week was thinking about how Christians know that children are special to God through the story in the Bible of Jesus blessing the children. (Mark 10 v 13-16) On Wednesday we got all kitted out in our waterproofs for 'Wild Wednesday' only for the sun to come out and us all to take all our coats off again! However, we did enjoy playing our hide & seek game and then building houses/shelters for our dinosaurs! We really enjoyed our Write Dance again this week and are getting very good at our volcano dance and also thoroughly enjoyed the alien game in PE!



Another fabulous week Nyong'o Class, well done!



Attenborough, year 1

This week we have created a story map and are using 'Talk for Writing' to retell the 'Grandad's Island' story with actions to help us.

We have been practising using the phonic sounds ng, ai and ee and have been writing sentences using these sounds. In maths, we have continued to compare amounts. And introduced mathematical symbols to show more than, less than and equals.

We have been learning the names of the seven continents and have been trying to locate them on a map - do ask your child to sing you the continents song, it's a good one! 'Asia, Africa... and so on'. In our child-led areas, children have been creating maps, looking at atlases and finding out about animals from different places around the world.



We particularly enjoyed seeing so many of our parents this week at our Stay and Learn session, thank you so much for coming.

We are proud to celebrate lots of names on our tree of recognition for showing our school value safe this week and we are showing this in lots of different ways.



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Johnson, year 2/3



Unfortunately Mr Smith has been off this week but Mrs Bruce has really enjoyed getting to know Johnson Class.

This week in maths we have been looking at part whole models and writing fact families. In English we have been continuing our work on Jack and the Beanstalk and are now starting to write our own versions, changing the main character, what grows and what is up the top of the stalk. We also learned the poem 'Instructions for Growing Poetry' by Tony Mitton and performed it brilliantly for National Poetry Day. While year 3 were watching a live workshop with Michael Rosen, year 2 watched a book reading by Joseph Coelho and wrote their own 'Thank you' poems based on their senses.

There has been so much exciting work this week and it has been a pleasure to get to know the children.

Farah, year 3/4

What a superb and busy week in Farah class! Firstly, thank you to ALL our adults who were able to slip away their busy activities to come and join us for Stay and Learn, and also listen to us recite "Please Mrs Butler," for National Poetry Day.

In Science, we have started to look at what happens when a liquid at room temperature gets cold. To prove this, we created and tasted our own ice cream, using flavoured milk in a sealed bag, surrounded by ice cubes and salt (to lower the temperature).



This week, we have had a visit from Yorkshire Water who shared a huge amount of information with us about where our drinking water comes from and what should and should NOT go down the sink and the toilet! Here is a picture of Emma and Vicki showing us what happens when toilet paper and baby wipes are put in water... only one breaks down.



Before Farah class signs off for another successful week, a special mention must go to Fran... who was our Stay and Learn "Shoot the Sheriff" winner! We were all supremely impressed with your times table skills! It really helped us see that TTs are important even to adults!

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Kahlo, year 5/6

Khalo class have been phenomenal this week with tasks ranging from addition up to one million, learning about Black History Month and beginning to write setting descriptions.

Outside of this, we have been doing observational drawings, we completed our Microbit designs and even found out we made the top ten nationally for these designs!

We also had the pleasure of meeting renowned poet Michael Rosen. He captivated our imagination and we felt really inspired after such an amazing opportunity.



Overall another fabulous week and I can't wait for even more amazing work to be produced.

Other News and reminders

- If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please fill in a form from the office. We can send it off and do the checking for you. You never know, it could save you some money!
- Thank you to everyone who has returned their Student Update Form. If you'd like another copy let the office know.
- Flu nasal spray vaccination letters have been sent out. Please respond online. If you're having difficulties responding please see Mrs. Wilson in the office who can help.
- There is now an option to pay for non-uniform days for the whole year on ParentPay.

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Top tips for home learning and staying safe online



It can be challenging to keep ourselves focussed and motivated outside of our usual structured school and work days. We have put together the following tips and advice which both children and parents may find useful for the weeks ahead.

- Set aside a dedicated area where your child can work each day.
- Read through the task instructions together, so they understand exactly what they need to do.
- Help make sure they have all of the necessary equipment for each piece of work or task.
- Establish a time frame in which to complete a task, this will help them stay focussed.
- Make sure they take regular breaks, especially if they are using a screen.
- Encourage them to keep active.
- Don't panic if children don't understand a task and you can't help them. Contact the school for clarification and move onto a different task.
- Take advantage of the many online resources:

[PE with Joe Wicks](#)

[Harry Potter at Home](#)

[English with David Walliams](#)

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Music with Mylene Klass](#)

[Science with Maddie Moate](#)

[History with Dan Snow](#)

[Languages with Duolingo](#)

[Maths with Carol Vorderman \(younger children\)](#)

Online Safety

While in school, children's internet usage is closely monitored and there are systems in place to prevent them from accessing anything harmful. It's a good idea to make sure that you have appropriate filters in place at home while children are using the internet more frequently to access online resources. If you're unsure, your Internet Service Provider will be able to provide you with information on web filtering.

Below are some tips to share with children to help keep them safe while online and make sure they're using the internet correctly:

- Treat others how you would like to be treated. If you wouldn't say something to someone in person, don't say it online.
- Make sure you're aware of how your messages might come across to others.
- Respect other people's privacy.
- Use websites you know are safe.
- Don't talk to anyone you don't know, or arrange to meet them.
- Keep an eye out for unusual pop-ups, adverts or downloads. Don't open them if you think they aren't trustworthy.
- Don't give out personal information about you, your friends or your family to anyone you don't know.
- Only use social networking sites that you are old enough to use – age limits are there for a reason.
- Speak to an adult if something worries you or makes you feel uncomfortable.