



Primary School Newsletter

31 March 2017



Watching the orchestra perform.

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their trip to Kings Place to watch and perform with the Orchestra of Enlightenment. The children have been practising with Mr Allinson in class this term. They were able to perform with the Orchestra and apply different skills which they have learned through their music lessons with Mr Allinson. The children were extremely well behaved throughout the entire trip and enjoyed their time.

Miss Nagra

Year 5 Cross Country Report Eleven children in Year 5 competed in the Islington cross country event and were very successful. Tristan has a medal in the post for coming second out of the boys. Well done for all who competed. **Gwen in Year 5 writes**, 'Cross country was a very cool experience. We—the Year 5 team—were very lucky to be accompanied by the Year 1 TA (Michelle)/ We travelled to Finsbury Park by bus and when we got there, competed straightaway (boys after girls). The majority of the team came in the top twenty of our category. For this year, it was different, instead of all of the boys and girls in year 5 competing at once, they had smaller groups. Our school put in 5 girls and 6 boys (11 in total). I believe the whole team thoroughly enjoy cross-county and hope to do it again next year!'



Adam as the brave assistant and Year 6 creating characters!

Please pay all **outstanding club fees** on ParentPay before the end of term.

Reception class cake sale is on **Thursday 6 April**. Please drop off any donations of cakes into the school office. Thank you!

Author Visit On Tuesday, we were honoured to be visited by the author Julian Sedgwick, who came in and presented to the whole of KS2 and delivered creative writing workshops for Years 5 and 6. Julian talked about his life and road to becoming a successful author: juggling swords being used to demonstrate overcoming our fears of failure! The workshops were a great success, with children getting the opportunity to build a character description and then act out the character to the rest of the class: very entertaining, and helpful for the children's creative writing skills. **Mr Standing**



Easter Service and last day of term

A letter went out earlier this week to explain arrangements for the last day of term. If you wish to attend the Easter service, it will begin at 2.15pm at St Mary Magdalene church. There will be limited seating downstairs, but plenty of room upstairs. Parents there may then take their children from the church. Staff will have registers to sign children out. The rest of the school, including children who usually go home alone or to MLK, will return to school for dismissal



Mathletics

As you may know, SMMA subscribes to a service called Mathletics which is an online tool for supporting your children's Maths. Children can access this with personalised log in details. If you're unsure of these please ask your teacher to provide them. Why do we subscribe? In short, Mathletics helps children to achieve well in their Maths learning! The University of Oxford recently carried out a study of more than 13,000 schools in England to assess the impact of Mathletics on Key Stage 2 SATS results in maths. The study found that pupils in schools that made regular use of Mathletics (3 curriculum activities a week) did significantly better compared to schools that did not use Mathletics. Using Mathletics for as little as 20 minutes a week significantly improved children's progress! Can we ask parents to really try and promote Mathletics at home; a little a week can make a BIG difference over the years! In Thursday celebration assembly, we always announce the class who has been logging onto Mathletics the most and the children who've earned the most points that week through completing curriculum activities.



Mr Spencer

Science Museum trip—Year 2

Last week, Year 2 visited the Science Museum to investigate forces. We had lots of fun in the Wonderlab, learning more about forces and even discovering friction! The Live Wire Show we watched was all about electricity. We took part in the 'Conductor or Insulator' game show and loved dancing around to the party in a box lights!

Miss Eastlake



Nut Allergy

A reminder that we have a number of children in school with significant allergies and as such we would insist that all products brought into school are nut-free.



Lots of gasps of excitement!



Last week's attendance figures



Remember – everyday counts!

Assembly themes

In assemblies this week, **Ms Luzmore** told the story of Onesimus and Philemon and the importance of forgiveness and letting go of resentment. In **Rev April's** assembly, we thought about how Peter felt when he denied knowing Jesus and how he felt when he saw him after the Resurrection.