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# Primary School Newsletter

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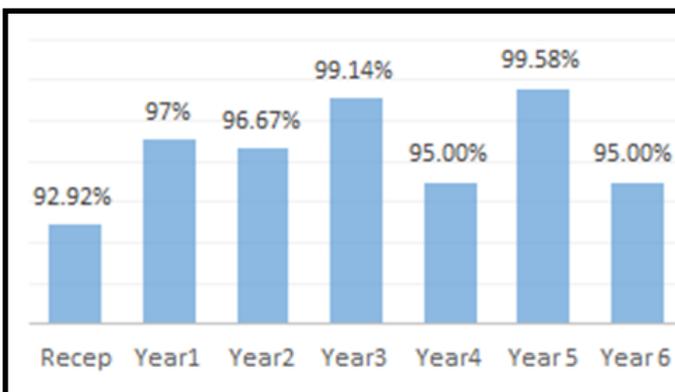
## Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 class sat their assessments this week. We were very proud of their calm manner and determined focus. We'd like to thank families for their ongoing support and ensuring all children arrived at school ready to face the challenges the papers held. Their hard work has been rewarded with a trip bowling today, but they'll be back at work Monday working on their writing and towards the final 'Exhibition' in the last week of the summer term.

## On a picnic on the way to bowling!



## Last week's attendance figures



## Assembly themes

In this week's assemblies, with so much news of elections here and in the world, **Ms Luzmore** spoke to the school about the suffragette movement and how people stood up for their principles and so that women would given equal voting rights to men in this country. In **Rev April's** assembly, the heard The Emmaus Road Gospel story which reminds us that God's loving presence is among us even when we don't 'see' or 'hear' God's presence.

## Fidget Spinners

As you may have noticed, we are in the midst of a fidget spinner craze! While in the Primary we are reluctant to introduce bans for something which the children clearly enjoy, we would like to remind parents and carers that if they are brought into school they are for playground use only and that staff will temporarily remove them from children using them in class. As with all personal toys, we will not use curriculum time to resolve issues if they are lost or swapped, so we would always encourage children to consider whether they wish to bring in personal items to school. All children have been spoken to about this in class and assembly. Thank you for your support.

## Mathletics

From this week on, we will be publishing in the newsletter the Mathlete of the week – the pupil in the school who worked to get the most points on Mathletics. Many thanks to Mrs Telfer for her suggestion!



## Mathlete of the week

Zaraida—Year 1  
2985 points

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### **Education cuts - Make your voice heard!**

The Parents Association at SMMA Primary has been campaigning against the Education cuts and the proposed New Funding Formula that will affect badly all our schools in Islington. Alain Desmier, Lib Dem candidate in Islington South, has accepted to come and share his party's position on education funding and answer your questions. Come and join us on **Friday 19 May at 9.15** in the Primary Hall. Parents from other schools have also been invited. We hope to get other candidates on board.

### **Clubs next week**

Monday—Puzzle club will be covered by Michelle next week  
Language club Wednesday will be moved to Friday for one day  
Film Making club Wednesday will be moved to Tuesday for one day.  
We have staff training due to the changes.

### **Fire Brigade**

This week, the children in Year 2 and Year 5 had a visit from a Fire Officer.

**Year 2** watched a cartoon about a girl who was having a sleep over at her friend's house. They learnt what to do if a fire starts at home and how often to test smoke alarms. They know to test them weekly and to change the batteries every year. Year 2 listened fantastically! They learnt that smoke rises and so they should crawl along the floor, that they should see if a door handle is hot before opening because this will indicate whether the fire is on the other side, and that if they cannot get out from upstairs they should shout for help from a window. Many children were going to go home to find out their address in case they ever need to call 999!

**Miss Eastlake**

**Year 5** were taught to identify the most common causes of fire and how to prevent them. They also looked at the importance of having working and regularly tested fire alarms at home - these should be checked every week! Finally they were taught the correct procedure for leaving buildings in the rare event of a fire. It is important to stay low to avoid smoke, check door handles with the back of your hand for heat and to close doors behind you to stop the spreading of fire.

**Mr Spencer**

**Please return the evaluation forms to Donna.**

### **Asthma**

Next week, there is the first opportunity for a drop in session to meet Islington's asthma nurse. If you are finding your child's attendance or ability to participate in school affected by asthma, this is an ideal opportunity to speak with a medical professional further. On Thursday, all Primary school staff will be receiving training on supporting pupils with asthma in school too.

### **School Fair**

This year's school fair will be on **Thursday 22 June** from 3.30pm-5pm. It's a great event in our school calendar, so don't forget to put it in your diary.

We are collecting donations of:

- good quality children's second-hand books, DVDs and toys
- prizes for the raffle
- bottles for the tombola stall.

Please drop all donations into Donna in the office. If you're able to bake cakes to sell and/or help out on the day, please let Sandra ([S.Bull@SMMAcademy.Org](mailto:S.Bull@SMMAcademy.Org)) or your PTSA class rep know. Better still, drop by to any Friday Coffee morning 9am and help us plan!

### **Next week is Walk to School Week!**

Classes will be working as a team, to try the five-day walking challenge



designed to not only improve health for young people by increasing exercise but also to improve the air quality around our schools.

Live too far from the school to walk the whole way? Swap the whole ride for a Park and Stride! Find somewhere suitable to park at least a ten minute walk from school and complete your journey on foot. If you take public transport, how about getting off a couple of stops easier and walking the rest of the way?

### **Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 18 May 12.50pm Year 5 Parent Lunch**

**Thursday 18 May—Year 1 cake sale**  
Last day for payments for Hothorpe Hall (Year 6 only) **9 June**