



## Parents' Evening

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please call Donna in the office to arrange a time. Parents' evenings are an important part of staying in touch with the class teacher about your child's progress and allow you time to look through books. Appointments are ten minutes long. If you feel you need longer to discuss a particular issue, then please arrange to meet with the class teacher at another time so that we do not delay other parents in their appointments. Schools are always working alongside with parents around ensuring good attendance and punctuality. While we always publish in your child's end of year report their attendance and punctuality statistics, last year, one parent thought it would be a good idea to get this information throughout the year so that they were more aware if there were any issues.

Therefore on parents' evening each family will receive a standard letter about attendance and punctuality with your child's current figures. For any family unable to attend, we will put this in the post. We will also repeat this in Spring term.

We also use parents' evening as a time to conduct parents surveys. This year, we are trialling using digital surveys. Those of you who receive this newsletter via email will have seen the links for the form in the email, for others there will be laptops out during parents evening to allow you to fill out the anonymous forms there. There will be a few hard copies of the survey available in the school office, if you are unable to attend parents evening. Thank you in advance for your support in this. The results are one way we evaluate how we are doing as a school and are always discussed with governors during the second half of term.

**Ms Luzmore**

## Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Team

On Tuesday, ten amazing girls went to the Islington girl's football tournament at Market Road. The team were Jamilla, Gwen, Kathleen, Grace, Jess, Carmen, Rachel, Rosie, Savannah and Elizabeth-Anne. We played four games; losing two and drawing two. We played Laycock twice and St John's Highbury Vale twice. The scores were : 0-0, 0-0, 2-0 and 2-0. We scored 0 goals, but were so astonishing that we still came 3rd in our group. We all enjoyed the day and look forward to future events.

**Grace and Kathleen - Year 6**



**What a team!**

Parents' Evening is next week as a result, the following teacher led **clubs** will be **not be taking place**. On Monday puzzle and problems, languages, origami are cancelled. On Wednesday mixed football, Mathletics and animation. On Thursday Bible club is cancelled.

## Individual Photos

These took place today. Your child was given a barcode today which gives you details to register, view and order photos online early.

## Chinese Autumn Festival and Competition

Last reminder that the entire Academy are invited to join a poster competition, for the Chinese Mid-Autumn festival. These should be handed in to any Mandarin teacher or class teacher by Thursday 19 October (last day of this half term). Remember to put your full name and year group on the entry. The winning entries will win a place on an Academy trip for lunch in Chinatown! All good quality entries will receive a prize.

## Parking around SMMA

While we understand that at times people are in a rush, please park considerately and legally around the school. The laws are there to keep all members of our community safe. A reminder that keep clear signs are there for a reason as they allow emergency vehicles access if they need to reach the building, pupils or staff. Parking enforcement officers operate in the area to enforce these laws.

In this week's assemblies, **Ms Luzmore** spoke about the amazing life of Bessie Coleman—the first female African American pilot. We were inspired by her determination and courage in following her passion and standing up against discrimination. **Rev April** spoke to the children about harvest. Photos from the service will be in the next newsletter.

## Year 4 Pollution Investigation

Last week, Year 4 went to Paradise Park to investigate how much pollution is in our air. We placed sticky tape on trees in different areas of the park to find out if there was more pollution close to main roads. We then looked at our three samples under a microscope and discussed our findings.



**Ms O'Reilly**

## Dates for your diary

### October

Tues 17 & Wed 18 — Parents evening 3.50 - 6.10PM

Thur 19 — Last day of half term for pupils

Fri 20 — INSET day—no school for pupils

Mon 30—Start of second half term

### November

Tues 7—Y5 & 6 Millfield Theatre trip 11.00 - 1.00pm

Fri 10—Year 2 class assembly - 3pm

Fri 17— Y1 class assembly—3pm

Fri 24- Year 5 class assembly - 3pm

Wed 29 - Flu vaccine Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4

### December

Fri 1 - Y4 class assembly—3pm

Thur 7—PTSA Christmas Fair after school

Fri 8 - Y3 class assembly—3pm

Thur 14 - Christmas Show, Cinderella

Fri 15—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity in Secondary Hall—times to be confirmed

Tues 19—KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary Mags Church 5.30pm

Wed 20—Christmas Church Service at St Mary Mags—2.15 pm

Thurs 21—Last day of term—**School finishes at 2pm**

## Zumbathon Sponsor Forms

Last reminder our whole school 'Zumbathon Challenge' will be taking place on Thursday 19 October—last day of term. All the children have been sent home with sponsorship forms to raise money towards making some major improvements to our playground area.

## Black History Month

In Reception class this week we learnt about Rosa Parks and her actions when she was not allowed to sit on part of the bus. Some of the children decided to make a cardboard bus which we helped to decorate. We also learnt about the athlete Jesse Owens running in the Olympics. We all had a race on the playground. Even the staff joined in the race! We read the story Elmer and thought about how our skin colour makes us look different, but we are all equal. We made some Elmer elephants.

**Miss Nagra**



## Last week's attendance figures

