



Primary School Newsletter

19 January 2018

Victory for boys' football team!

You may remember, back in October, our boys football team managed to win the Islington Football competition, which meant they are now eligible to represent Islington and enter into various tournaments against other London boroughs. Last Saturday was the first of these tournaments, and on a bitterly cold morning in Walthamstow our boys team did not fail to impress with the new level of challenge that faced them. Up against four other London areas, we would be required to come top of the league to win the whole competition. First up was Tower Hamlets, and things did not start well, as the boys quickly found themselves a goal down and feeling the pressure. However, with our superior possession and slick passing combinations, we found ourselves ahead through a couple of goals from Rahmel, who was seemingly happy to continue adding to the impressive goal tally he had accrued in the previous tournament. Into the next game against South London, it was clear Henley and Tyler were not going to let the opposition's forwards dictate the passage of play - nothing was getting past them. Then, with some inspired (if controversial) substitutions from Mr Standing, Nehemiah came on to terrorise the South London collectives' back line and netted two goals in quick succession. The third game saw our boys up against Wandsworth, and this looked like it was going to be a far tougher game, with the other team coming very close to scoring on several occasions, and our team starting to look a little tired after three games without a rest. Another calculated substitution by the manager resulted in Callum coming on and scoring two incisive goals. An own goal by the opposition meant the one goal they'd score was now too little for a come back in the dying minutes. It was looking increasingly like the tournament would be ours now, but the team knew they couldn't take anything for granted and weren't going to risk losing the



last game after everything they'd been through. A tight final game against Lewisham, going one-nil down within a few minutes, it was Rahmel who came through again to ensure we would finish the tournament unbeaten. A fantastic day, with some amazing football and great attitude on display. Thank you to all those who came to support, and a huge congratulations to the boys for their commitment, maturity and teamwork. We now look forward to seeing them represent Inner London in the South-East regional tournament. Well done to Rahmel, Callum, Elijah, Nehemiah, James, Henley, Tyler, Malakai, Tristan, Aron & Sasha. **Mr Standing**

Visiting Chinese students

Next week, we welcome 13 students from China who will be spending the week in KS2 classes. Each student will be assigned a 'buddy' for the week to sit with them in class and show them around the school. We are very excited to show what life in an English Primary school is like as well as practice our Mandarin.

In this weeks' assemblies, **Rev April** spoke about the sacrament of Baptism and how it brings belief, belonging, blessings, and new beginnings. We looked at what other religions use water at as a symbol in their special practices. **Ms Luzmore** read the story 'Virginia Wolf' about Vanessa, who helps her sister Virginia out of a dark mood.

Class tea towels

If you have not yet collected your tea towels, ordered last term, please do so next week from Donna in the office.

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

A letter has gone home about these already with more detail, but just to remind you what the maths KIRFs are for this half term:

Year 1—To know doubles and halves of number to 10

Year 2—To know doubles and halves of numbers to 20

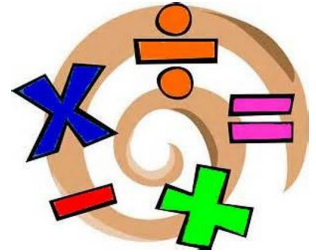
Year 3—To recall facts about duration of time

Year 4—To know multiplication and division facts for the 9 and 11 times tables

Year 5—To identify prime numbers up to 20.

Year 6—To convert between fractions, decimals and percentages.

These are essential pieces of maths knowledge for your child to memorise, so please support them by practicing at home regularly. Thank you. **Miss Eastlake (maths coordinator)**



Year 1 Fire Officer visit

Year 1 received a special visit from Tony, the firefighter who came to our class and talked to us about his job. He told us about how the fire station works, how they get ready when there is an emergency and the need for working together as a team. We discussed the different procedures in case of fire and the importance of the fire register. We also learned about his skills and why he decided to become a firefighter. The children had the chance to ask him lots and lots of questions and even to try on his uniform. **Miss Melga**



Birthdays

While we are very happy to have children bring in a little something to celebrate their birthday, **please** make sure any cakes brought into school to celebrate birthdays are brought in pre-cut up and wrapped ready to give out. Teaching assistants and teachers time is very precious during school hours and focused on children and their learning. Cupcakes make things very quick to hand out, but please remember there is absolutely no obligation to send anything in. Thank you. **Ms Luzmore**



Dates for your diary

January

Thur 25—Year 5 cake sale

Thur 25—Year 2 SATS information evening—4.30pm

Fri 26—Year 4 trip to London Transport Museum

Wed 31—Year 5 Parent lunch

February

Fri 2 - Y2 Church

Mon 5 - Choir trip to O2

Mon 12—Fri 19 HALF TERM

Mon 19—INSET day

Tuesday 20—Children return from half term

Tues/Wed - 20/21 Parents evening

Wed 21—Year 6 Parent lunch

March

Thur 1—Year 4 cake sale

Thur 1—Year 1 on trip to Fire Brigade Museum

Fri 2 World Book Day

Fri 2 - Y4 Class assembly - 3pm

Fri 9—KS1 OAE concert

Fri 9 - Y3 Class assembly—3pm

Fri 9 - Y5 Church

Fri 16 - Rec & Y6 Church

Fri 16 - Y1 Class assembly— 3pm

Tues 20— Year 5/6 Football finals

Thurs 22 - Hamlet performance

Thur 29—Last day of Spring term. Term ends at 2pm

Last week's attendance figures

