



Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.



## This Week's Shooting Stars



<b>Isioma</b>	Independently transitioning to a higher phonics group with confidence
<b>Eden</b>	Communicating his thoughts and feelings effectively
<b>Chloe</b>	Being very confident on the trip with mum
<b>Azikiwe</b>	Consistent and excellent piano practice leading to significant improvement every lesson
<b>Freddie</b>	Learning how to cope with his emotions – showing such maturity
<b>Kush</b>	Having a nurturing attitude towards his peers
<b>Kabir</b>	For wonderful topic and always showing kindness
<b>Leela</b>	Sharing some fantastic theories about how dinosaurs might have become extinct
<b>Zack</b>	Showing perseverance to improve his writing
<b>Beau</b>	Outstanding achievement in her writing
<b>Jayden</b>	Outstanding description in his writing
<b>Noah</b>	Practising his phonics and really improving his reading
<b>Form 6</b>	Working hard this half term and demonstrating ambition in their learning

Congratulations to **Yugo S** who has passed his Eiken Grade 2 written exam, this is equivalent to a GCSE and usually undertaken by students age 16 – 18. We are incredibly proud of you Yugo. Thanks also to Mrs Champion for her hard work and dedication in supporting Yugo for supporting this outstanding achievement.

This week **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to – **Alycia** for outstanding topic homework and textile skills and **Izzy** for outstanding topic skills and artistic skills. Thank you to all the parents who came in for the Topic homework walk about yesterday morning and for all your support in helping your children

**Golden Tea** is an opportunity for children to show the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. The following children will meet with Mrs Wilson on the Monday morning break-time, after half term, in Mrs Wilson's office.

**Max O**

**Leela**

**Noah G**

**Victoria**

Congratulations to members of the choir who read and performed beautifully at the church on Sunday. They explained the story of John Newton, a slave master turned Christian and how, following a terrible storm, he came to write the famous hymn 'Amazing Grace'. They then sang the song a cappella giving us all goose bumps!

For those studying a musical instrument, please return the Music agreement forms to the office if you have not already done so.

Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record is coming into school every day.

**Term Dates 2022 – 2023****Autumn Term 2022**

Return to School: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022  
 Half Term Break: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Term Ends: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

**Spring Term 2023:**

Return to School: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023  
 Half Term Break: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Summer Term 2023:**

Return to School: Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
 Half Term Break: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
 Term Ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Autumn Term 2023:**

Return to School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Term Dates 2023– 2024****Autumn Term 2023**

Return to School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023  
 Half Term Break: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Term Ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

**Spring Term 2024:**

Return to School: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024  
 Half Term Break: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Term Ends: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Summer Term 2024:**

Return to School: Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024  
 Half Term Break: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Term Ends: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Autumn Term 2024:**

Return to School: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Diary Dates**

**W/b 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** IEP meetings  
**W/b 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Internal school testing week  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** World Book Day.  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 6 trip to 'Escape rooms' and Bank of England  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 1 trip to the Tate Modern.  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 2 litter picking.  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 5 trip to British Museum.  
**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 3 Overnight trip to Golden Hinde.  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** EYFS trip to Highgate Woods.  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 2 Trip to National Gallery.  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Maths Day.  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 3 Class Assembly.

**FULL SCHOOL PRODUCTION – ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Matinee Performance 2pm**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Evening Performance 5.30pm**  
**Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday) – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** Form 6 PGL Residential Trip

## Music Recitals

We are delighted by the number of pupils undertaking a musical instrument in school. We would like to show-case your children's talent in a series of Music recitals next term. Please save the date:

**EYFS – 1.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Form 1, 2 and 3 – 8.50am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Form 4, 5 and 6 – 2.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Tuesday was safer internet day and we talked to the children about how they can stay safe online. We are delighted that, following the unit of online safety work in 'Digital Literacy' lessons, our children were all very knowledgeable about how to stay safe and what to do if they have concerns. We have attached a short video and a link to parental information in the body of the e-mail to support this learning at home.

## This Week

We have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Awareness Week with the charity Place2be and thinking about this year's theme 'Let's connect'. The children have been considering how to connect with nature, friends and others to improve mental health. We were invited to participate in Taskmaster Education challenges all week and solving clues on a treasure hunt. Tasks have varied from making the best rainbow to finding the article numbers in the UN rights of the child charter to solve Maths questions.

We are proud to connect with our community as well as one another and welcomed Mrs Miller from Mill Hill Resident's Association who joined us in our assembly on Monday to talk about litter picking. We tried to define litter – which was harder than we thought – learnt about how long litter takes to break down and considered some of the excuses people give for littering, none of which your children were prepared to accept.

Form 6 were surprised by Mrs Wilson, who took them along with Mr Guyster and Ms Marsh-Henry, to Costa on Monday to say:

"Congratulations, your 11+ exams are over and we are so proud of you all for doing your best. No matter what the results, we are very impressed with your effort and focus and we value each and every one of you for who you are."

On Wednesday, EYFS enjoyed their trip to Aldenham Country Park and Farm to see the animals and talk about their habitats. This was a wonderful way to tie up their learning unit about animals, which they have been enjoying this half term. The children loved seeing all the animals but most especially the sheep and their new lambs that they were able to feed.

Form 5 learnt a lot in their time walking around the Museum of Steam and Water on Friday as part of their topic on the Industrial Revolution. They learnt about the filtration of water, the significance of the steam engine and the importance of the River Thames.

Today we welcomed a Road Safety workshop show in school which the children were very engaged by – learning how to keep safe in an enjoyable and age appropriate way.

The children have been completing their wonder sessions in class this week to think about their learning next half term and we have been impressed with their ability to raise thoughtful questions to investigate. We are looking forward to seeing how children form their own enquiries and extend their learning next half term.

## Next Week

Following the half term holiday, we will be welcoming Father Steven into school to talk about lent in Monday's assembly. On Tuesday, our chef, Mrs Jacobs, will be preparing pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. Throughout this week, each class will also be launching their new units of work with a 'Wow Day' to excite and enthuse the children in their learning.