



On Wednesday, we will be completing our sponsored walk! Thank you to the School Council for arranging such a fun and worthwhile event. All children to please come to school wearing their PE kit and remember to return your sponsorship form and monies next week. Fingers crossed it's a warm, dry day!



This Week's Shooting Stars



Ilias	Helping his friend during snack time
Mila	Being kind to her friends
Haadi	Always willing to try new things during PE sessions
Reuben	Excellent engagement during PE
Nyla	Excellent listening
Avi	Good balancing!
Kyeisha	Good sentence writing about her caterpillar
Shaan	Great resilience and independent work understanding number rounding
Dylan	Incredible enthusiasm in Maths this week
Alessandro	Settling in to Form 2 so well
Quinn	Great work telling the time
Anushka	Dramatic improvement with handwriting and presentation
Noah G	Making great improvements in all homework tasks
Tiam	Demonstrating excellent maths skills
Izzy	Making good inferences about the Form 5 new class text
Isla	Achieving by independently using colons and semi-colons
Victoria	Producing beautiful artwork

Well done to those who received a **Head Teacher's Award** this week – **Zahi** for independent poetry writing and **Dylan** for excellent writing and progress in French. Very special recognition must also go to **Husain** – who after working so hard on his DT portfolio has been offered a scholarship to Merchant Taylor's - a huge well done to you all.

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to show the work they have completed this week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. The following children will meet with Mrs Wilson during morning break-time on Monday –

Rania

Suleman

Amar M

Israel

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that The Safe & Sustainable Travel department at Barnet Council have offered us a grant of £1000 and recognised that our school has managed to achieve great things in the TFL Travel for Life programme. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Doherty, Mrs Shannon and the newly named TFL Explorers (previously called Junior Travel Ambassadors). The TFL explorers have decided to put this money towards new blue Hi-Vis jackets to keep us safe when we travel out of school.

This Week all children have begun to learn their scenes for the whole school play in their music lesson and key rehearsals.

This week EYFS adopted a little pet chameleon who needed some friends, the children named it Sunny. Sunny will be spending some time visiting the children and meeting all our children's families. They were very excited to read the Very Hungry Caterpillar and expanded on this by learning some new vocabulary and the children added their own little twist to the story. Maths sessions focused on different 2D shapes and their different properties and the pupils compared them to other shapes. The children also started to investigate some 3D shapes! During bug investigations, EYFS counted how many legs caterpillars have, what happened to their skin when they grow and how it comes about that they can turn into a butterfly. In Expressive Art and Design, they drew and used different materials such as clay to make a caterpillar, and painted symmetry painting of a butterfly. Personal, Social and Emotional lessons looked at individual strengths and areas for development.

During English this week, Form 1 received their copy of their new text 'Traction Man is Here', by Mini Grey. Before starting to read the story, the children looked at the front cover, back cover and the blurb to try and predict what they think the story might be about. For Maths, Form 1 have been extending their knowledge of place value. They have worked on partitioning 3 and 4 digit numbers, with the use of dienes (base-10 apparatus). In their new science topic, 'Everyday Materials', Form 1 have been looking at the features of common everyday materials. They also investigated which materials we can see around us. During Geography lessons, Form 1 have looked at maps and globes, with a focus of learning about and finding the Earth's different continents. To introduce their new topic of 'Superheroes', Form 1's Wonder Session involved making wonderful carrot muffins to give our Superheroes super strength from the nutrients in carrots!

Form 2's English lessons have focussed on learning suffixes -ing, -er, -est and -ed and the children have been planning their writing based on the Snail and the Whale. In Maths, they have learned telling the time to 5 minute intervals. During History lessons, we have learned about Columbus and characteristics such as bravery. Form 2 also learned a little about slavery and racism which was prevalent at this time. During Art they have created some phenomenal direct observation drawings using shading techniques. In Computing, the children have begun to make tally charts for electronic graphs.

In Form 3, for their WOW day, the children learnt about Annie Edson Taylor. The children have been thinking about fiction and non-fiction texts in English and begun reading their new class text 'Wind in the Willows'. Their Maths this week has been rounding and in science, they have been learning about the parts of a plant and flower as well as starting their observation over time investigations. In Art, the children are looking at water colour techniques that they might use in their final pieces this half term. Branching databases is the theme in the Form 3 computing lessons and in Digital Literacy, they have begun to think about creating digital content. For French they have been learning to say the phrase "Today I am wearing..." with a range of clothing and description.

Form 4 have started their text 'Alice in Wonderland' and started to think about play scripts based on the Mad Hatter's tea party. They have also been thinking about possessive apostrophes and semi-colons in clauses to include in their writing. For Maths, they have been thinking about numbers less than one including decimals and negative numbers, they have also been converting decimals to fractions. Solids, liquids and gases has proven to be a really interesting topic in science and we been defining these and thinking about the changes to states of matter. We have also studied British map work and in Art the children have analysed Tenniel's drawings in Lewis Carroll's original Alice in Wonderland text.

Form 5 had their WOW day in which Mr Guyster mummified Miss Okodi by extracting body parts! They had a wonderful time learning about the process involved. They began their core text and thought about planning and researching informative texts about the Tutankhamun's tomb discovery. In addition, this week the children have looked at a range of ancient Egyptian artefacts for their Topic lesson and applied the mummification process to tomatoes in their science lesson to begin observations over time. In Maths, the Form 5 have started Algebra and have been working on function machines; forming equations and substitutions. Some pupils even successfully completed Year 7 algebraic word problems! In DT, the children finished their zoetropes, programmed the crumble to make it spin and created their own cinematic screenings. As part of their Computing, the children debugged their programming to ensure their zoetrope spun at the correct speed.

Form 6 are finalising their show promotion material during English lessons. In Maths, Form 6 have started the Year 7 curriculum with angles in polygons and quadrilaterals. All pupils met the challenge and have applied GCSE formulae to problem solve. Mrs Marsh Henry is so proud of them! Form 6's Digital Literacy was their evaluation of

the Fruit catcher game that they created last half term. In History, they started their Maya Civilisation work by creating their own promotion resources. We have enjoyed seeing the array of videos, posters and PowerPoint presentations. In DT they have extended the work they did in Form 3 with Cam mechanisms and reminded themselves about which mechanisms can be used to create each movement.

Next Week Is empathy week and this will be the theme of some playground games. In PSHE lessons also, rehearsals continue, as per the schedule sent out.

On Wednesday and Thursday, EYFS will be holding their Maths 'come learn with me' sessions – please check your e-mails to see which session you are invited to.

On Wednesday afternoon, the children will be doing their sponsored walk. Please ensure the sponsor sheets and money are sent into school on or before Wednesday.

On Thursday, Form 4 will be visiting the Royal Observatory.

**** World Book Day – 7th March 2024****

Please find attached a flyer outlining our World Book Day competition – I think you'll consider it a fun one!

On World Book Day, please encourage your child to wear a Book related costume to take part on a day of educational fun all about reading exceptional books.

Thank you for helping to make this a great day for you children, Mr Guyster

Autumn Term 2023

Return to School: Wed 6th Sept 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 16th Oct - Fri 27th Oct

Term Ends: Friday 8th Dec 2023

Spring Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 3rd Jan 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 12th Feb to Fri 16th Feb

Term Ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

Return to School: Tue 23rd April 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May

Term Ends: Friday 12th July 2024

Autumn Term 2024:

Return to School Wed 4th Sept 2024

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Half Term Break: Mon 21st Oct – Fri 1st Nov

Term Ends: Friday 13th Dec 2024

Spring Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 8th Jan 2025

Half Term Break: Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb

Term Ends: Friday 28th March 2025

Summer Term 2024:

Return to School: Tue 22nd April 2025

Half Term Break: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

Term Ends: Friday 11th July 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Return to School Wed 3rd Sept 2025

28th February: EYFS Maths Come Learn with me – Session one / Sponsored Walk

29th February: Form 4 Royal Observatory trip / EYFS Maths Come Learn with Me – Session Two

W/b 4th March: Bikeability Form 6

4th March: Form 1 Tate Modern trip

6th March: EYFS Welly Wednesday

7th March: World Book Day – Wear a book related costumes please!

8th March: Form 3 Golden Hinde trip

11th March: Form 5 British Museum trip / Barnet Swimming Gala

12th March:	Form 6 Bank of England trip
14th March:	International Maths Day
18th March:	Parent workshop on E-Safety at 5pm delivered by Police Officer, Michelle Davies
19th March:	Show costumes to be in school for full technical rehearsal
20th March:	World Story telling Day
21st March:	World Poetry Day
21st March:	Dress rehearsal
25th March:	Form 2 Southend on Sea trip / Form 3 class assembly / EYFS Church visit
26th March:	Whole School Show Matinee at Hartley Hall (details to come)
27th March:	Upper School Matilda trip
28th March:	Easter bonnet parade and Easter Egg hunt - Whole School Show – evening performance (details to come)
23rd April:	Earth Day
24th April:	Form 2 Litter Picking
26th April:	Open Day – Please help us spread the word! Thank you
w/c 29th April:	Form 6 PGL Trip
14th May:	Form 1 Litter Picking
16th May:	Form 1 Class assembly

