

10/12/2021

Message from the Headteacher

As the end of term approaches, the children continue to work hard and enjoy a number of special trips. Year 2 all visited the Tower of London today, this was to link in with their History topic on Kings and Queens.

Year 5 children attended a sustainability event in Gillespie Primary School. The events included activities linked to sustainability as well as guest speakers who discussed their careers in sustainability and science, Mohamud, Salma, Joshua, Trina, Rebecca and Erin were brilliant and shared their activity with other schools including Ambler and Canonbury. They took part in activities run by other children too.

Reception children braved the cold and enjoyed another outdoor learning experience with The Garden Classroom and William Shakespeare class visited Archway library.

Caroline, Saffa, Zoe and Katija have been working really hard assessing the year 2 classes in their official phonics screen. We have just sent the results off to the local authority and although we can't tell you yet, we are really pleased with the results! A big thank you to all of the teachers and support staff who have taught phonics so rigorously this term.

Next week, school will continue as normal with lots of fun, Christmassy activities too. There are lots of concerts being filmed for you to enjoy at home. The children will be making Christmas hats and enjoying the traditional Duncombe Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December.

School finishes early on **Friday 17th December at 1.30pm**. All children will have lunch as usual and then be dismissed from the playground. There will be no after school club on this day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen



Dates for your diary:

15th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch

17th December – End of term – School Closes at **1:30pm**



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
82%

Isaac Newton
96%

Eric Carle
85%

Michael Faraday
94%

Judith Kerr
90%

William Shakespeare
99%

Tony Ross
84%

Charlotte Bronte
96%

Earnest Shackleton
98%

Martin Luther King
98%

Francis Drake
90%

Emmeline Pankhurst
93%

Florence Nightingale
96%

Nelson Mandela
95%

Marie Curie
94%

Winston Churchill
92%

The whole school's attendance for this week is 95%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Joyeuxna

Joyeuxna has settled well into little nursery and loves to explore the setting. She has started to sit and eat with us during snack time. Good job.

Eric Carle: Ajla

For settling into Nursery this term so enthusiastically!
You are a superstar Ajla!

Tony Ross: Francesca

For her enthusiasm towards our nativity rehearsal this week. She has been helping her friends learn the words and the actions to the songs. She is always ready, respectful and safe! Francesca you're a star.

Judith Kerr Reception: Lianne

Lianne, your handwriting and drawing has come on so well, you are a great role model to your friends and now you know so many sounds you are starting to write some CVC words.

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Safaa

Safaa is such a caring member of the class. She has been showing great ambition in her writing this week as she uses more adjectives in her sentences. Well done!

Francis Drake Year 1: Allina

She has been very engaged in English this week. She has used talk for writing to produce a beautiful piece of work on Goldilocks and the three bears. Well done Allina!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Hawa

Hawa is always engaged in our lessons, she shows great respect to adults by displaying good behaviour for learning. She also showed independence in our Maths lesson, where she persevered even though she didn't feel confident at first.

Martin Luther King Year 5: Katie

Katie has shown perseverance. When she is faced with a challenge, she overcomes it through hard work and dedication. She works hard in every lesson and is a role model in MLK. I am so proud of you Katie!

Winston Churchill Year 6: Elijah

for always being respectful, helpful and polite to all adults and children. Thank you, Elijah!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Trojan

Trojan has impeccable manners and is respectful to adults and peers alike. On our trip to Cambridge, his exemplary behaviour was remarked upon more than once. What an ambassador he is for Duncombe!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Sumaya

For always trying her best in everything she does. Sumaya is a kind and caring member of the class. She is always respectful and follows all the ASPIRE goals. Keep up the fantastic work. Year 3 thinks you are amazing!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Lacey

Lacey has shown a lot of respect to both her classmates and the adult in Year 3 this week. She shares her ideas sensibly in class and shows perseverance when trying very hard with her work, even when things get tough. Well done Lacey!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: James L

For his brilliant reading. James reads calmly, checking his understanding and using expression. He is building a great vocabulary and expresses himself well. Well done James!

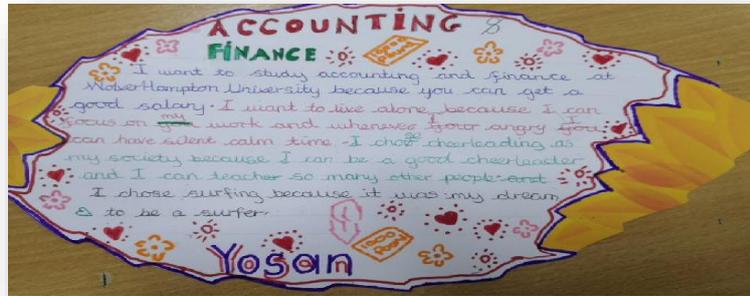
William Shakespeare Year 4: Hamida

For staying calm and respectful in a very busy week! She produced beautiful work in English and RE and should be so proud of herself. A true role model!

Fantastic Work

Year 6

Yosan produced some excellent work at Into University. Here she shares her ambition to study finance when she finishes school.



Year 5

In our Computing lessons, Year 5 have been looking at vector drawings; we created our own images using smaller shapes. The children learnt how to make shapes bigger and smaller, rotate shapes and add colour!



Year 3

This week Year 3 worked like scientists to investigate how friction affects movement on different surfaces.



Year 2

In year 1 we have been learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in science. We had a look at what different animals eat and sorted them into groups.



Reception

Reception have loved their two trips to Whittington Park with The Garden Classroom these last two weeks. We learnt about road safety and boundary rules in the park, whilst becoming immersed in books in a natural setting. Drinking hot chocolate also helped warm us up!



Nursery

Nursery have been getting into the Christmas spirit with our focus book 'The Snowman' we even had a snowman come into the class to visit! This week we have been using a mind map to retell the story ourselves! Creating our own snowmen and decorating the classroom for a party for when the snowman returns!



2 Year Olds

Little nursery has been practicing our scissors skills. We have been needing support holding the paper and we have had to watch our fingers so we don't get hurt. Well done Little nursery.

