

21/05/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 17th May, marked a bit of a milestone in COVID terms with indoor entertainment and many other restrictions being eased across the country. I have updated our Risk Assessment in line with the latest guidance and, as always, it can be found on our website:

With that in mind, I would still like to remind all families that some restrictions are still in place. The easing of many restrictions can make it easy to forget that the pandemic, sadly, is not yet behind us. In school, staff are still wearing masks in communal areas and complying with social distancing rules outside of their own bubbles. Staff continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week. Below are listed some of the things that have eased in school recently:

- We have more visitors on site now as well – specialists and professionals supporting children.
- We are also allowed to do trips again, so next half-term every class will hopefully visit a museum, place of worship or nature reserve. Year 6 have their reward trip to Chessington and we have booked Cardfields for a school journey in September for upper KS2. Details to follow.
- Phase assemblies and Celebration assemblies are now 'live', although the children remain in their pods
- Parents in certain year groups (reception and year 2) have been invited in to discuss their children's progress 'face to face'. This will continue next term, so that all parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and review their achievements.

It is lovely to finally begin to move back to some kind of normality *but please remember that Covid is still present*. Please do not send your child into school if you, or they have Covid symptoms. You must get a test and self-isolate for ten day.

Best wishes,
Helen

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 25th May – class photographs being taken (full uniform)

Friday 28th May- last day of summer term 1 (Half-term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June)

Monday 7th June- Children return for summer term 2

Parent/teacher meetings after school on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd June

Thursday 1 July - School will be closed as being used as a polling station for the Tollington Ward by election

Wednesday 7th July – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 15th July, 2-4pm Summer Music Concert

Wednesday 21st July – Year 6 production (time tbc)

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 leavers prom



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

62 %

Eric Carle

70 %

Judith Kerr

83 %

Tony Ross

74 %

Earnest Shackleton

85 %

Francis Drake

83 %

Florence Nightingale

83 %

Marie Curie

81 %

Isaac Newton

89 %

Michael Faraday

81 %

William Shakespeare

82 %

Charlotte Bronte

86 %

Martin Luther King

82 %

Emmeline Pankhurst

84 %

Nelson Mandela

84 %

Winston Churchill

82 %

The whole school's attendance this academic year is currently at 95 %



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Arabella

Her confidence has grown loads over the last couple of months. She has been supporting some of our new children. She has been helping them with washing hands and helping with their coats. She is a great member of Little Nursery. Thank you, Arabella.

Eric Carle Nursery: Ella

For being so kind to your friends and for following all our classroom rules. You are a star! Keep it up!

Tony Ross: Etana

She is incredibly kind and caring. She has a positive approach to her learning and works well with everyone in the class. She is willing to help others and I can always rely on her to make the right decisions. Well done, Etana! You are a star!

Judith Kerr Reception: Henley Jay

For his creative homework. Henley made a Super worm out of pasta. Well done to you, Henley!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Leo

Leo has been trying extra hard with his writing. He is trying really hard to be positive in the mornings and giving his all in phonics. Keep up the good work Leo!

Francis Drake Year 1: Micah

Micah has produced beautiful writing this week. He has used his own ideas to create an innovative story map and used excellent adjectives. He has taken his time and his work looks beautiful. Well done Micah!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Munasir

Munasir has blown my socks off this week. He is working so hard in maths to challenge himself and show his understanding. Well done!

Marie Curie Year 2: Mia

Mia never fails to impress me with her amazing attitude in school. She is extremely polite and respectful to everyone she sees. She is extremely hardworking and I love to see how much care she puts into her tasks. Great job Mia!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Kamari

Kamari has been building his resilience and been a very supportive friend in class. We are very proud of your progress this year! Kamari has also been producing the most beautiful and informative homework. Keep up the fantastic work and creativity. Well done Kamari.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Mohammed

Mohammed has been very close for a few weeks now and has been setting a great example for his classmates with his beautiful sitting. Mohammed is very focused and has been making a real effort to improve his Maths. Well done Mohammed!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Ridwan

For inspiring us to read, to learn about the world. Ridwan loves sharing facts from information books. Thank you Ridwan - it's great to learn from you.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Hashim

For his enthusiasm and kindness. Hashim is always smiling and positive. Adults and children love talking and learning from him. He is a pleasure to teach!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Mickey

In the past few weeks, Mickey has been working really hard in all lessons. He has particularly impressed me with his Maths work and his partner work in our Writing lessons- keep up the hard work Mickey!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Nazli

Nazli has been making such a huge effort in her maths lessons and has made great progress in her understanding of fractions. When she finds things tricky, she keeps trying and stays positive. We are so proud of you Nazli - Keep it up!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Asiya

For her consistently perfect manners towards pupils and the staff, regardless of the circumstances. Well done Asiya!

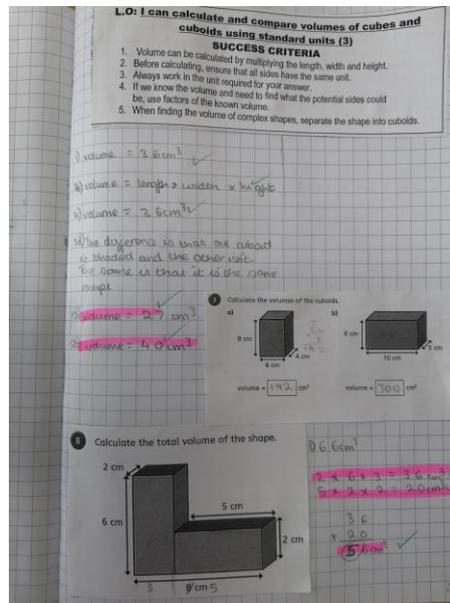
Winston Churchill Year 6: Carly

For her positive attitude to her work, for being kind and respectful to pupils and staff and for being a joy to have in the class. She is making great progress this year.

Fantastic Work

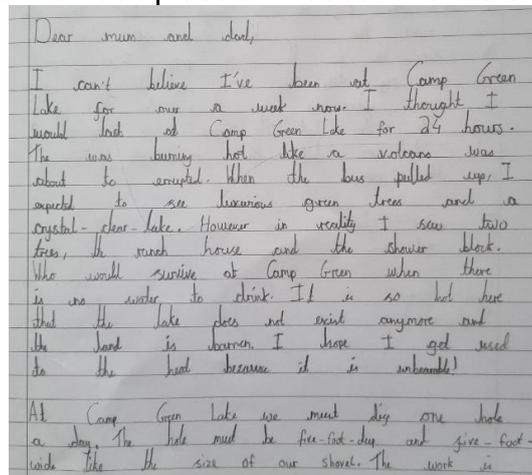
Year 6

Umayma worked out the volume of shapes systematically.



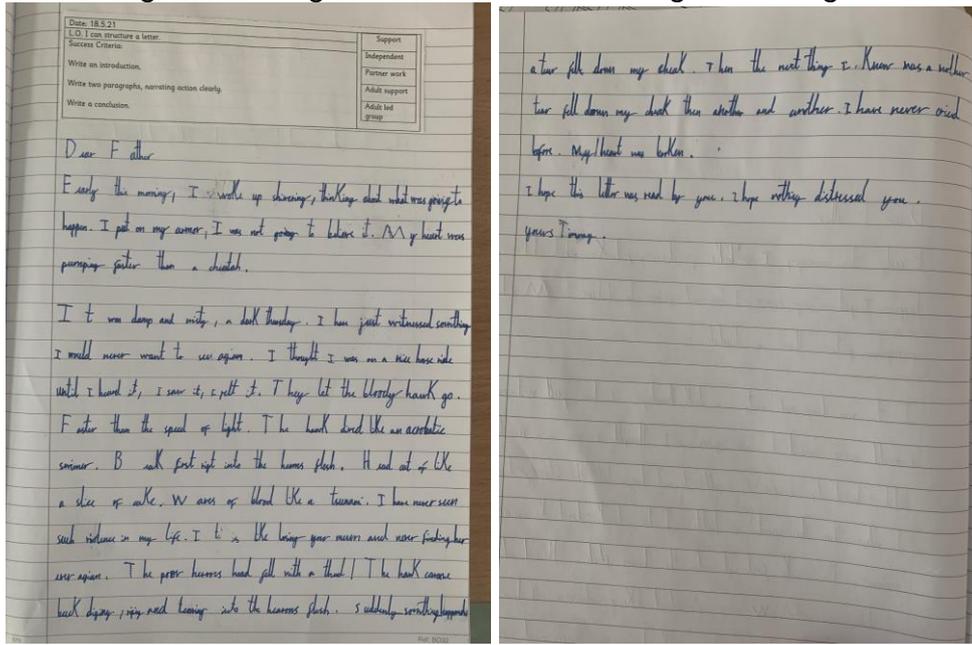
Year 5

Nimo and Khalid wrote a letter in character. We are reading Holes and we thought carefully about the events that took place and described the situation.



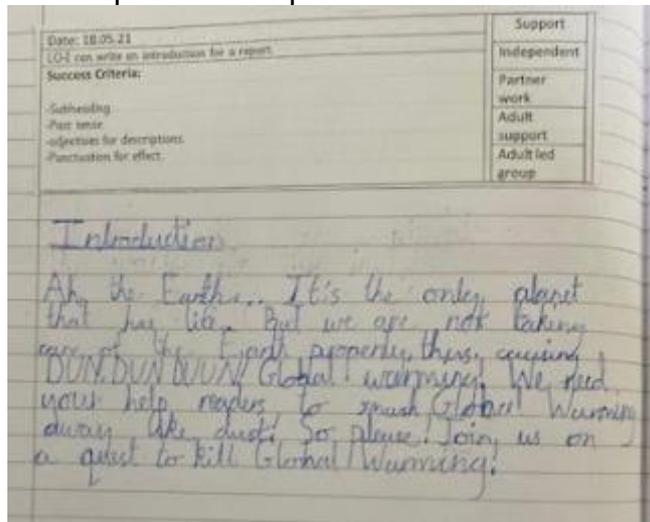
Year 4

In year 4, we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of a medieval cadger. They witnessed a gruesome fight between 2 birds during a hawking.



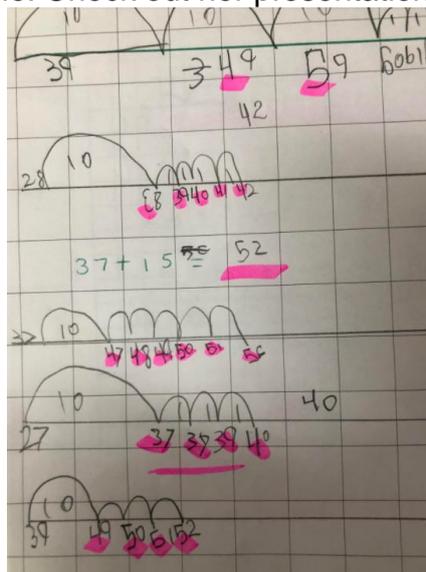
Year 3

Here is a beautiful writing piece Waleed put together to spread the word on Global Warming. He has thought really hard about the effects global warming has on the planet, and has written a moving speech to help share awareness.



Year 2

Morgan has learned to add two 2-digit numbers. In this lesson she added the tens and ones on a number line. Check out her presentation too! Wow!



Reception

In reception, this week we are learning about the life cycle of a worm. We went on a worm hunt around our school garden and we made our own wormeries. During our science experiments, we found out that the worms do not like light, they prefer dark and that they prefer the wet soil.



2 Year Olds

Last Friday we dressed up to raise money. In total we made £23 from Nursery. The children came in their pyjamas and dress up clothes. We also made our own masks.



Parent Messages

Class photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 25th May. All children (Reception – year 6) must be wearing full school uniform on this day.

RHE workshops

Thank you to the parents who were able to join the Relationships and Health Education meetings on zoom this week. It was great to have several of you there over 3 days. Ruth Traynor, our PSHE lead, will soon be sending out some follow-up information following these consultations.

Healthy Sleep Routines: Workshops for parents

The Islington School Health Team have been running weekly health promotion sessions on Mondays at 1:30pm and Thursdays at 9:30am via Zoom for parents and carers to attend.

Monday sessions at 1:30pm:

<https://zoom.us/j/92323700635?pwd=UlhmSmJsa3o0NEVVVHBjZGszNDlwQT09>

Meeting ID: 923 2370 0635

Passcode: 1234

Thursday sessions at 9:30am:

<https://zoom.us/j/96916093378?pwd=NXFhZmNxV0o2NldMeWkyOC93UkqxQT09>

Meeting ID: 969 1609 3378

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Well-being tip of the week

Healthy Body – Parent information on knowing if your child is too ill to go into school

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness)

Paying more attention to the present moment can improve your mental wellbeing. This includes your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you.

Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". Mindfulness can help you enjoy life more and understand yourself better. It can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges. Can you set aside 10 minutes every day to be more mindful?

Read more about [mindfulness](#), including steps you can take to be more mindful in your everyday life.