Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, staff, governors, friends & colleagues

What a wonderful term of learning so far: exciting school trips, inspiring visitors and challenging class learning experiences. Our children are making good progress and love coming to school.

Mrs Maharsingam
Headteacher

Red Nose Day

In line with our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) - we have been raising awareness of the environmental impact of plastic pollution. So, many of our children had their noses painted red on as an alternative to using single use plastic noses to raise funds.

Year 5 visit to Westminster Abbey

Last Friday, Year 5 visited Westminster Abbey. After enjoying a lovely (but slightly cold) picnic in St James Park, we made our way to the Abbey. Here, we learnt about the history of the building from Saxon times to modern day. We enjoyed an exclusive access all areas tour of the abbey, seeing things that normally would be off limits! We even got to go and see Edward the Confessor's tomb. All in all, we had a lovely adventure out, filled with story telling and rich history.

Headteacher Teacher Drop In

Don't forget I am available every Tuesday 9.00-9.30am and 5.30pm – 6.30 pm

Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me. No appointment necessary just drop in and have a chat. Thank you to those parents who have come and discussed their concerns with me I have found this communication extremely helpful. We are committed to improving our engagement with all parents and carers.
Victorian Day

First we met our teacher for the day Miss Elizabeth, who asked us to choose a Victorian name. My name was Ada. Next we had to recite a poem and write down our times table with chalk on a slate. After that we had to re-write a moral story in our own words that was read to us. We also did some drill exercises. After lunch we were making some peg dolls using pegs and felt material. My favourite part of the day was when we were writing down our times tables using the chalk. – Khadiat

Young Minds

On Tuesday 12th March, Year 6 were given the opportunity to work with the ‘Young Minds’, charity which is an organisation that teaches young children to be independent and to have good mental health. Sophie (part of the young minds foundation) taught us ways to count to 10, breathe gently, get good rest, listen to music, talk to someone we trust and go somewhere quiet. This was very helpful to us as we are approaching SATS transitioning from Primary school to secondary school. One of the few activities we did was to write down our support network group which is the people in our family we can rely on and tell them how we feel. We were very grateful to work with ‘Young Minds’, we hope other year groups have the same valuable opportunity we had. Shianne & Temani

Riot Act

Year 6 Road Safety Production

I really enjoyed Charlotte and Paul visiting and informing us about Vision Zero. Everybody thought it was cool that they included stuff we like to watch and / or do such as Miranda sings the X Factor and so much more. I can’t believe I do so many things wrong when crossing the roads. They have definitely helped improve my road safety knowledge. Nyasia Year 6
Science Week at Rathfern

What components make up a pint of blood? What is the secret ingredient that makes bubbles stretchy? How does blood travel around the body? What component transports oxygen around the body?
The Science Museum visited us ahead of British Science Week! We had two interactive workshops for KS1 and KS2; these were Glorious Blood and the Bubble Show. Take a look at a few snaps.. We had a blast!!

Lewisham Live

I loved the performance because when we got on to the stage. We had a lot of power also the crowd was very supportive and that made everyone have energy.
My opinion is that we were the best not because it’s our school but the energy was the key.

Taliyah - Year 5

I enjoyed when we watched the other people dance. The part I disliked was the being backstage as it was way to hot.

Jack - Year 4

I had a really good time and learned something new . . I loved it!

Evie - Year 5
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Attendance Statistics for period 4th - 15th March.
Whole School Attendance 95%

Congratulations to all classes achieving over 97%. Beckenham Place Park with 99%, Edith Nesbit, Wells Park, Blackheath and Telegraph Hill joint with 98%.

LATES / ABSENCES.

If your child is late please ensure they come into the office to collect a Late Card, this is to ensure they are recorded as 'present' for the day.

If your child is absent please ring the office in the morning so that we are informed of a reason. ANY requests for absence (holidays etc) will need a form filled in and authorised by the headteacher.

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

Lost learning time has a detrimental impact upon your child’s learning progress. Effective schools have excellent attendance and punctuality. Thank you to those parents who are punctual - I do notice you!
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NURSERY TIMINGS
We would like to make parents aware that in order to safeguard our children, parents are requested not to enter the school until 11.45 for collection and 12.45 drop off.
It is our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our children.

Year 4 Swimming
ALL children MUST bring in their swimming kits EVERY Thursday. They must have a swimming kit, swimming hat and a towel.
If children are unable to swim, parents are advised to write a note to the class teacher with a reason.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

MARCH

Monday 18th
Year 6 Mock SATs all week

Wednesday 20th
TATE photographer Year 3

Friday 22nd
Thames educational water project with Greengumption

Monday 25th
Year 1 Anansi workshop

Wed 27th – 29th
Year 5 school journey to York

APRIL

Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd April - Target Setting Meetings.

Friday 5th April
Year 4 National Maritime museum

Monday 8th – 19th
Easter Holidays

Monday 22nd
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23rd
Children return to school

Friday 26th
Year 5 visit Deptford Creek

MAY

Monday 6th
Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATs week – Monday 13th – 16th