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

We have had a wonderful half term and are nearly half way through the academic year. Your children are enjoying their learning and making good progress.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

YEAR 2 - RAPTORXOTICS

Year 2 were once again enthralled by an amazing workshop led by Dave from RaptorXotics.

We learnt about the habitat of animals that live in the rainforest from the Forest floor all the way up to the Emergent layer. We found out that most plants live up high in the treetops because the umbrella of the canopy layer does not allow sunlight to reach the bottom.

Some of us overcame our fears and touched a Madagascan hissing cockroach, a Bearded lizard, a Beauty snake, a gecko, a scorpian; and we got to look closely at a tarantula.
Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

- https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

- https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO’s latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
ZANIB MIAN – AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday 13th February, Zanib Mian visited Years 3, 4 and 5 to introduce her Planet Omar series. Zanib Mian spoke about her journey as an author and her decision to give up her teaching career as a secondary science teacher to create change within children’s publishing. She felt that diverse characters from all minorities and backgrounds weren’t being fully represented in books for young children, which is why she started her new career as an author for children’s books.

Children in Years 3,4 and 5 had the opportunity to ask Zanib Mian many questions about her life and about her books. The children were extremely lucky to have a few chapters from the book read to them by the author herself. All children had a fabulous day with Zanib! They loved the book and hopefully lots of children are reading it right now!

Year 3 – Visit to Catford

Year 3 ventured out into Catford last week! We wanted to explore the human and physical geography of our local area. Our scientific skills aided us throughout our journey as we made careful observations and recorded our data.

With 2030 looming, we were keen to find out…

- Is our local area sustainable?
- What evidence could we gather to support our predictions?
- How could we make our area more sustainable?

We are due to present our data to Lewisham Council – after all, this is our local area!
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Enrichment Clubs start first week back after half term

FEBRUARY

24th Feb- 6th March  Fair Trade Fortnight
Tuesday 25th  Fair Trade Pancake Day Sale

MARCH

6th -15th  BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
9th -13th  Rathfern Science week
20th March  Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

Easter Holidays 6th April – 17th April

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother’s day afternoon tea:
20th March 2020 3.45pm - 5.30pm

Father’s day BBQ:
19th June 2020 3.45pm - 5.30pm

Summer Fair:
26th June 2020 3.45pm - 5.30pm

Our language of the month this term is Tamil

PARENT DROP IN – DON’T FORGET
Thank you, to those of you who have come and aired your concerns and thanks with me.
Tuesdays
9.00-9.30 a.m & 5.30 – 6.00 pm
Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked to outstanding attendance.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Dear Parents
Thank you to those of you who are making a real effort to get your children to school on time!
Many thanks to those of you who always bring your children to school on time we know it makes a difference.

Attendance winners for Spring Term 1
Statistics for period
31st Jan - 14th February 2020
Congratulations to Hazel & Cedar class in joint position for achieving the highest attendance.

Late R/C: Students

Congratulations to Oak class for achieving the least lates this fortnight
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A joint triple for Magnolia Eucalyptus and Birch class had the highest number of lates at 27%!!!!
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