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School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

Today we had RE day which was based around the theme of prayer. We considered lots of really important questions such as "Who do we pray to?", "How do we pray?", "Why do we pray?" and "Do we all pray in the same way?".

Various members of staff shared their own experiences of prayer and the difference it has made to their lives.

Children wrote their own prayers and considered who they might pray for.

I'd like to thank all of the staff team involved in working on this special day but most of all Mr. Rawding, our RE leader, who as usual, went above and beyond to provide us all with a memorable and meaningful experience.

Please remember that next week the school is closed for half term and we will open again at the usual time on Monday 5th June.

Words of Encouragement

On our school RE day focusing on prayer our words of encouragement come from Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) who taught us how to pray:

"This, then, is how you should pray:

*"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."*

Attendance award

The winners of last week's attendance award were:

Reception Yellow

1 Yellow

3 Blue

6 Yellow

Very well done!

Look what the children have been doing

Nursery

Our story this week has been Jack and the beanstalk and the children have been very busy with all the exciting activities! They have been building castles with bricks, making magic



beans and retelling the story using props. We also acted out the story in a big group using lots of actions.

The children have also been practising their names using magnetic letters and putting them in order and then writing their names.

Finally, the children proudly took home their own beanstalk which had grown very tall! Remember to water them and keep them in indirect sunlight. Please post photos on Tapestry in the coming weeks to show us how they have grown.

Reception



The RE focus question this week was: **What does Jesus teach Christians?** We recounted all of the stories of Jesus' miracles and thought about how he would want Christians to love and care for one another. We decorated hearts and made medals for the friends who are always kind and caring.



We continued to learn information about Africa this week. Children enjoyed making lion faces and writing facts about the African lion and safari elephant. Did you know that an African Bush elephant is pregnant for 22 months! For maths children made 'shapes out of shapes' and completed tangrams.



Teachers are very impressed with children's story telling skills. They have enjoyed using the puppets to create stories with their friends. We hope you all have a great half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back in a week's time for their final few weeks in Reception.

Year 1

This week the children have continued to work hard with their phonics. They have been decoding and blending specific words. In Geography, they have been learning about why days are longer in Summer and shorter in winter. In Maths the children have been describing turns and positions. In RE, the children listened to another story of Jesus; The Parable of the Good Samaritan which focuses on loving our neighbours. They answered the question; "Who is your neighbour?" through discussion and suggested different ways by which they can show love to their neighbours.

Children will bring home their **Summer 2 project** on our topic which will be 'African Adventure' and '**Phonics Homework**'. Please continue to practise decoding and blending the sounds in readiness for the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** which will commence after half-term, in the week beginning Monday 12th June.

Year 2

A massive well done to all our Year 2 children and staff who supported us. We have now reached the end of the KS1 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard to apply their knowledge. They overcame adversity and challenge, showing tremendous courage and resilience all-year-long. Thank you parents for your support and the additional guidance given to the children to complete homework packs etc. This has helped the children to make significant progress, from where they started in September. I would like to also thank those parents who have come up to staff expressing their gratitude, as they have seen their children flourish. The growth, maturity and independence, providing them with the essential skills for lifelong learning and their recognition of the hard work of our committed staff team for what they have contributed to our children.

Year 3

Year 3 have designed and made these beautiful masks! As part of our Eurovision topic, we have been looking at European festivals. Italy holds a masked ball every year in Venice. It is a wonderful festival where people would come together, eat, drink and parade their wonderful, unique masks. There would even be a competition for the best one. Which mask is your favourite?



Year 4

This week we completed our long awaited tour of Edmonton aka Mrs. Mac's Mystery Tour!

Mrs. Mac grew up in Edmonton and gave great personal insight about what Edmonton use to be like.



Have you ever noticed the former Girls Charity School? It was constructed in 1784, is in Church Street and its original statue can be seen at number 24.



Can you believe it, Mrs. Mac actually attended dancing lessons at this Charity School?

Just across the road from the school is the resting place of the famous 18th century writer and poet Charles Lamb, his institute which was founded in his honour as well as the cottage where he and his sister lived. Such history- all within a few hundred metres of the school!



Further down Church Street, our guide pointed out this blue plaque of another famous poet John Keats which can be found above the Greengate Residential. Why not look out for it?

We continued our journey through the Green observing and comparing the changes over time resting at Salmons Brook behind the Asda Superstore which unfortunately is full of litter.



After looking at the original library which is now our local mosque, our final stop was Pymmes Park where we identified the human and physical features of the area.

Year 5

It's the end of the road for our Wacky Races topic and it has been a joyous ride! We completed our unit this week with a raucous round of performance poetry: The Comfort of the Open Road (Anonymous), The Car (Anonymous), Funny The Way Different Cars Start (Dorothy Baruch) and Motor Cars (Rowena Bennett). Year 5 performed so well! The actions! The sounds! The voices! All teachers we're beaming with pride at the effort and delivery of all the children. A fine end to the half term.



Year 6

On Friday children took home their finished pin cushions. They were immensely proud of their finished product and I am sure that were very eager to showcase their sewing skills when they got home. I think we have some budding seamstresses and tailors amongst us. The children worked on their debating skills this week when they had to write a convincing balanced argument. They clearly wrote points in favour (of saving an injured WW2 pilot) and then wrote some counterarguments (reasons why the villagers should not help the injured pilot) to help them balance their arguments.

Our RE lessons have been based around our big question: What does it mean to be a Hindu? We spent time looking at:

- Understanding the importance of honesty, family and non-violence for many Hindus.
- To know how Hindus understand karma.
- The role of the Mandir in a Hindu's life.
- The meaning of pilgrimage for many Hindus.

Scooters and bikes in the playground

Whilst it is great to see so many children travelling to school on bikes and scooters, for health and safety purposes they must dismount and push their bike or scooter in the playground. Thank you for your support.

Maths Big Question

Here are some responses from across the school.

The number 42 is an even number. The tens (4) is double the amount of the ones (2). It is a two-digit number.
Aashay

$39 + 3 = 42$
- Sebastian

Maths Big Question

What can you tell me about **42**?

42 is the sum of the first six positive even numbers.
Matruka

42 is
 $14 \times 3 = 42$.
Zach.

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Community information

The NCL Waiting Room is live! www.NCLwaitingroom.nhs.uk

This NCL Waiting Room has been in development for some time led by the Tavistock. It is open access to the public so any child, young person, parent and professional can access this.

It provides a full catalogue of emotional wellbeing and mental health support across North Central London

The developers are keen to hear what people think – so please use the feedback button on each page if there is something to share.

Skipping workshops

On Friday 9th June we have skipping workshop in school. Please make sure that children wear active uniform on these days.

Sports days

Wednesday 28th June

Nursery and Reception - 1.30-3pm

Thursday 29th June

Years 5 & 6 - 9.15-10.15am

Years 3 & 4 - 10.45-11.45am

Years 1 & 2 - 1.30-3pm

Asthma and hayfever

If your child has asthma and hayfever please make sure that they take their inhaler as prescribed and also their antihistamines before coming to school.

Gardening in the courtyard

With the help of some keen Year 5 and 6 boys, Mrs Johnson managed to bring her passion for gardening to our Courtyard. The boys managed to weed out some potatoes before they planted some carrot seeds. We are certain that the boys will now bring their skills home to help our parents.



Dates for your diary

Please make sure you check these dates regularly as additional events may be added.

Friday 26th May: school closes for half term holiday.

Monday 5th Jun: Return to school after half term holiday.

Monday 3rd Jul: INSET day no children in school

Friday 21st Jul: school closes at 1.30 for summer holiday.

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

*In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.*

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

"Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us"

