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School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

Next week looks like it will be very disrupted due to the NEU strikes. Please see below for details:

Mon 3rd July: INSET day school closed to children
Tues 4th July: School open as usual
Wed 5th July: NEU strike day school closed to children
Thurs 6th July: School open as usual
Fri 7th July: NEU strike day school closed to children.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please see item further on in the newsletter for more information on the strike days.

Words of Encouragement

This week's words of encouragement come from Psalm 34:17-18:

*"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit"*

When times are hard and we are troubled be assured that God is near and will help and save us.

Attendance award

The winners of last week's attendance award were:

Reception Red
1 Blue
3 Yellow
5 Blue

Very well done!



Look what the children have been doing

Nursery

This week the children in Nursery have been learning about Creation and how God created our world in 7 days. We learnt the story through Godly play and talked about what God created on each day.

We drew pictures for the 'Big Question' What did God create?



"God loves us and built everything. The planet and the whole world. Sun, moon, people and the fish and the birds." Zion E

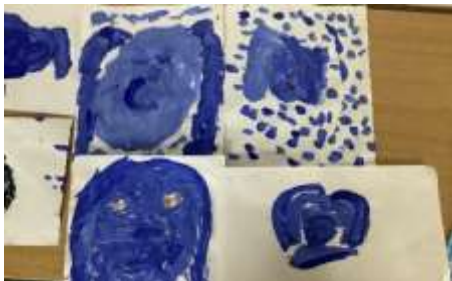
"It's light and darkness. It was dark and God gave us light" Nyla

"Birds that fly" Kairo

"Fish in the sea" Abigail

Reception

This week reception children have been thinking about how different colours represent emotions.



Children looked at the work of artists Picasso and Van Gogh to see how they connected the colour blue to the feelings of sadness.

Children in reception worked together to create patterns on fabric, inspired by African printing.

For RE, children heard the bible story of the 10 lepers. We talked about what happens to people when they are unwell and how we are thankful for all of those people who help us. Children went on to discuss 10 things that they are thankful for, such as family, friends and having food and shelter.



Year 1

This week has been a very busy week for the children as they have been working hard on their end of year assessments. Well done to everyone and congratulations to those children who attained great marks in their assessments. In continuation of our study of other faiths in RE, the children have been looking at how Muslim babies are welcomed into the world and how the Adhaan (Call to prayer) is important to Muslim parents.

In Science, the children have been exploring the characteristics of Living and Non-Living things.

In Music, the children continue to progress in their learning of how to play the African drum – the djembe.

Year 2

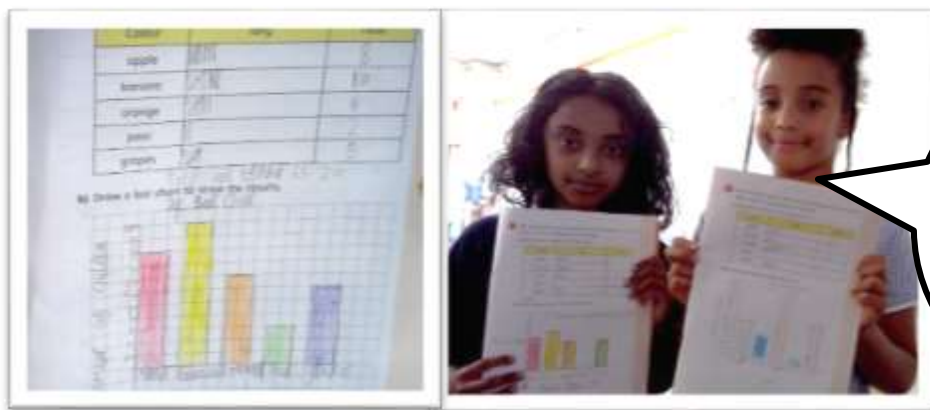
This week the children enjoyed learning more about some of the great landmarks of London. Unfortunately due to this week's bad weather, we could not make our visit to the Royal Albert Hall and adjacent Albert Memorial. For this reason the children experienced a virtual tour of the Royal Albert Hall instead.

Sports day on Wednesday was a huge success. The children all tried their best in each event and even entertained us with their Windrush dance at the end of the tournament. It was a wonderful experience. Well done to 2 Yellow who won the whole Year 2 event!

Year 3

In Math, Year 3 have been learning about statistics. Children collected their own data by going around the classroom, asking members of the class about their favourite food, colour or hobby. We used tally charts to gather our data and then represented them using bar graphs. You could collect your own data in class and represent your findings in different ways too!





This was an amazing lesson!
I am going to collect some data at home!

Year 4

As you know, over the last few weeks, the children have been exploring the works of world renowned artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet.

Below are works created in the style of Pablo Picasso.



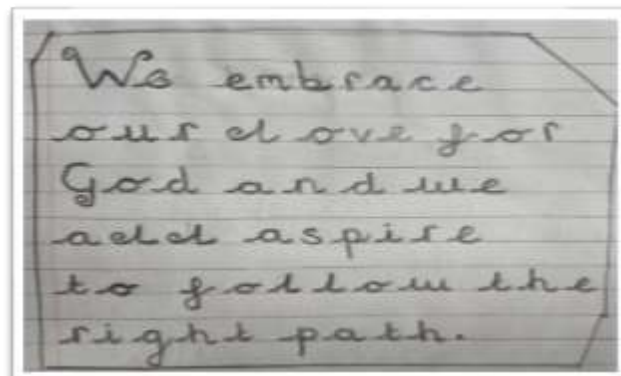
They have also created their unique collages taking inspiration from the acclaimed abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky.



The week ended with a fantastic educational visit to the National Gallery Art Museum in Trafalgar Square. The children were thoroughly engaged searching for the artwork of the artists, room by room. Well done year 4! You all brought your learning to life and reviewed art work like the experts you are.

Year 5

This term, in RE, Year 5 have been looking at how modern artforms have been used to express one's faith. In particular, we learned about the artist eL Seed, who paints scripture in graffiti - bridging the age gap among Muslim believers. Taking a page out of his book, students in Year 5 had been tasked with rewriting our school's vision in their own words and using their own style of calligraphy.



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 were very fortunate to have the organisation of Pathway, who came in and led a full day preparing children for their transition into secondary school. The day comprised of three sessions:

- Changes
- Choices
- Challenges

They looked at what is going to be different in secondary school compared to primary school- greater independence/being the youngest in school once again and the uncertainty of something new but recognising that many others (including older siblings have already experienced this change. They discussed how change is not something to be feared but welcomed.

They also looked at the decisions they make both good and bad. We spent time discussing the importance of choosing the right friends and not bowing down to peer pressure. The children acted out various scenarios that they may encounter in Year 7.

Part of the day was spent looking at self-esteem and the importance of children preserving this when times are difficult for them.

We looked at the importance of the children being confident in who they are – in their identity – so that they can go with confidence into their new school.



NEU Industrial action

Notification of strike action school closure on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023.

We have been informed by **NEU Trade Union** that there will be days of strike action by their teacher members on **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023**. The dispute is with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to the NEU view that there has been a *'Failure to provide a fully funded above-inflation pay rise (as measured by September 2022 RPI). A fully funded pay rise is one that is funded by additional resources sufficient to provide the above-inflation pay rise' (NEU).*

As Headteacher I have assessed the impact of the strike action on the school and have decided that the school will be closed. This decision has not been taken lightly and we regret having to close the school but have done this to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. Where possible remote learning tasks will be provided for pupils at home.

If your child receives Free School Meals (Year 3,4 & 5) or Universal Free School Meals (Year Reception,1&2), we are offering your child a sandwich meal for both days. These will be sent home with your child the days before strike action. Please make sure you refrigerate these meals. Please confirm your child's choice of sandwich filling on parentpay by Sunday 2nd July 2023.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause parents/carers but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control.

The school will open as normal on Tuesday 4th July and Thursday 6th July 2023.

NEU strike days free school lunches

Children in Reception and Keystage 1 who are receipt of Universal Free School Meals and children in Keystage 2 who are entitled to means tested Free School Meals, will be provided with a sandwich lunch for both strike days which will be taken home on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th July.

The sandwiches will contain a choice of cheese or tuna. Please log onto Parentpay to make the selection for your child's lunches for both days. The choices are:

- Cheese sandwiches for both days
- Tuna sandwiches for both days

If you do not log into Parentpay and make your selection by the evening of Sunday 2nd July your child will be given cheese sandwiches for both days.
Please be aware that these sandwich meals must be kept refrigerated.

Sports day

Unfortunately, our sports day on Thursday 29th June had to be postponed due to heavy rain. Weather permitting, we have rescheduled our Sports day to **Friday 14th July**.

Years 5 & 6: 9.15-10.15am

Years 3 & 4: 10.45-11.45am

Reception & Year 1: 1-2pm

Nursery: 2-3pm



Dates for your diary

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

Monday 3rd Jul: INSET day no children in school

Wednesday 5th Jul: NEU strike day school closed to children

Friday 7th Jul: NEU strike day school closed to children.

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"

