

17th November 2023

School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

As the weather is now getting colder it is essential that children are sent into school wearing warm coats. Make sure that ALL of your children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and that you check the ink has not faded with laundering. If your children's coats are clearly labelled we are often able to return them if they are lost or mislaid.

Words of Encouragement

The words of encouragement for this week are from "The Hill we climb" by Amanda Gorman:

*When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it.*

Our value of the week this week was hope. In her poem Amanda Gorman reminds us that there is always light, there is always hope. As Christians we believe that Jesus is the Light of the world and he will not leave us in our hour of need. This week please remember those people who are suffering in our neighbourhoods, but also around the world, and keep them in your prayers.

Look what the children have been doing!

Nursery

The Nursery children have been celebrating Diwali and have been very busy making Rangoli patterns and divas. We listen to some cultural music and Mrs. Patel told us the story of Rama & Sita using masks.

Our story has been 'Biscuit Bear' and the children have been busy making playdough biscuits and writing recipes and shopping lists.

In maths our focus has been all about the number one. We have decorated the numeral and have been practising subitising on the carpet.





Reception

Our story for the next 2 weeks is called Blue Penguin. We have learned that it is set in Antarctica where it is very cold, very cold!



We did a great experiment. We made snow to surround our icebergs, penguins and polar bears. We had so much fun.

For maths we have been calculating 1 more and 1 less from a number within 10.



We have been doing lots of writing. Children have been practising making sentences using their phonic knowledge and labelling winter clothing. Children are beginning to confidently sound out CVC words independently.

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Little Wandle parent workshops. If you were unable to

attend, please collect an information pack from your class teacher.

Year 1

This week the children created a 'Story Map' which they are using as support in their extended writing.

In RE, the children learnt about the importance of Angel Gabriel in the Nativity story. How he brought the Good News to Mary.

In Maths the concept this week is on recognising 2-D and 3-D shapes and describing them by their properties. The children applied their knowledge in sorting shapes using different criteria in Computing.

In PE, they are performing simple movement patterns to Nursery Rhymes. Children also learnt about how words we use can either build other people (encourage them) or tear them down (upset them) in their PSHE lesson.

Year 2

This week the children continued to learn about the 'Gunpowder Plot'. Thinking about Fawkes' horrid intent, we explored his feelings before, during and after his capture. We also learned about the gruesome Bubonic plague which spread to Europe in 1347 and ended just before the Great Fire of London. The children were fascinated by these events and linked this to the importance of personal hygiene.

Year 3

We have been doing gymnastics this week. The children have been looking at different ways of travelling, high and low, using different parts on their bodies. They performed a lovely sequence, made up of contrasting actions and shapes!

Please remember our uniform policy for gymnastics 😊

- No earrings.
- Shorts (no leggings or tights, however tracksuit / jogging bottoms can be worn over the top of their shorts in class).
- Long hair tied back.
- No jewellery.



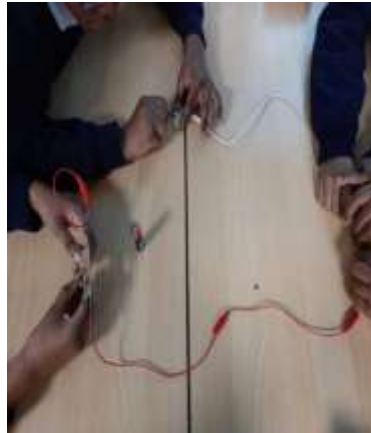
Year 4

This week, Year 4 visited the Hindu Temple in Church lane, Edmonton.

They were able to link their RE learning about Hinduism to real life. For example, they learnt that it was important to show respect to God by taking off your shoes before you enter the temple. Furthermore, they understood the Hindus believe in one God, Brahman, who manifests himself in different forms.



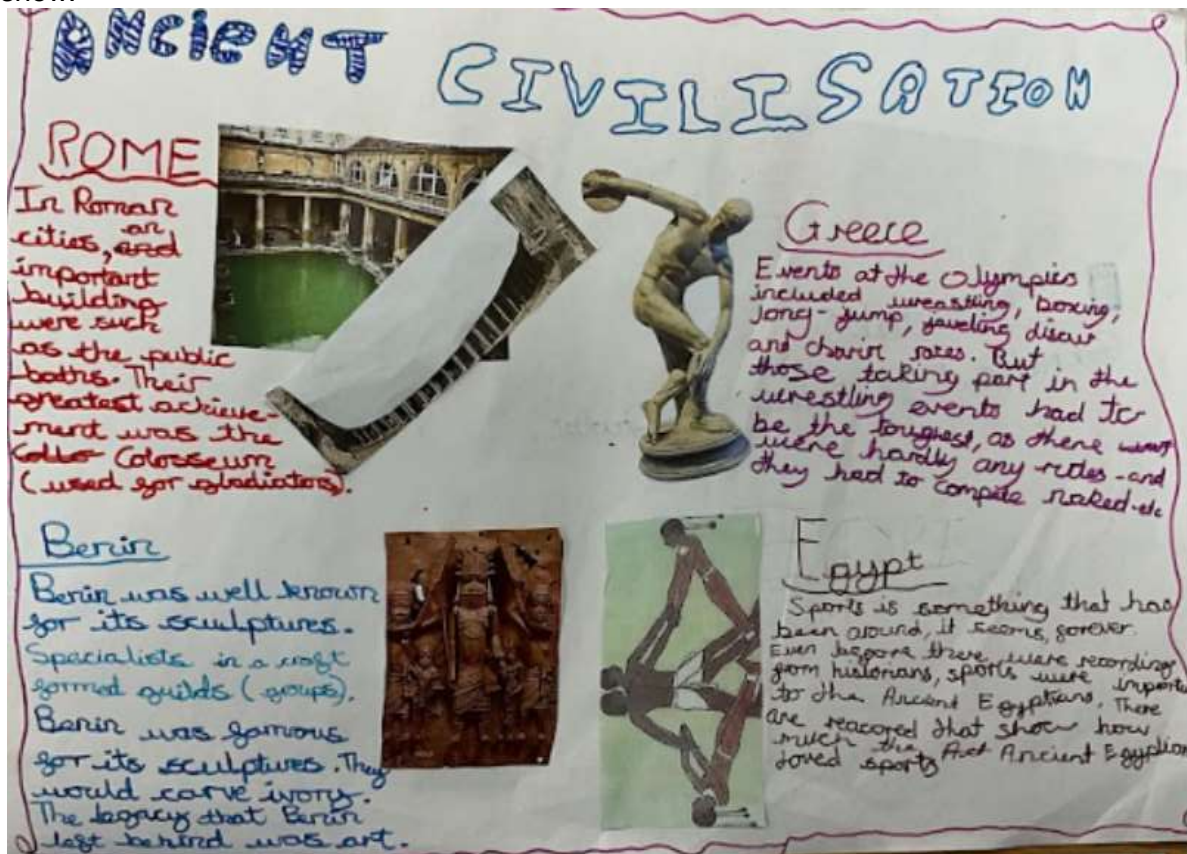
In their Topic/Science subject, the children learnt to add a switch to their circuits and control the power of the light bulb. This is in preparation of the lighthouse they will be constructing later on.

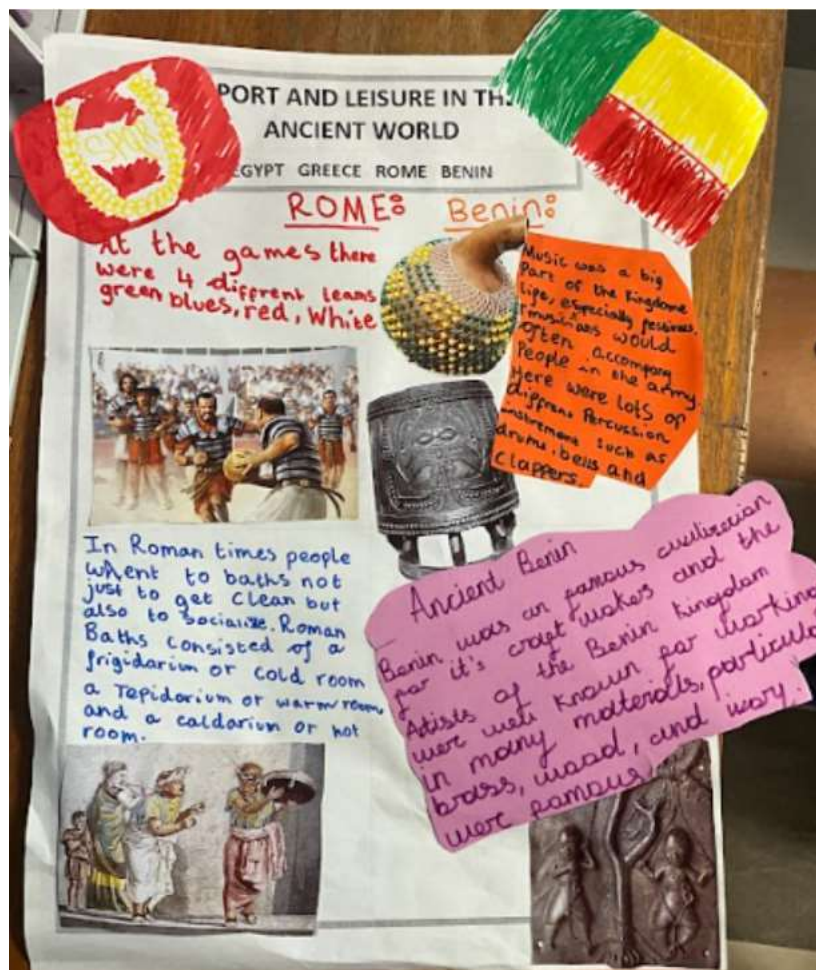


Year 5

As part of our Topic 'Achievements and Legacies', Year 5s have been learning about Sports and Leisure of the 4 Ancient civilisations (Ancient Benin, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece). In groups, they explored how the civilisation entertained themselves and created posters.

We also visited The Latymer School to watch a spectacular performance on 'The Beauty and the Beast' performed by the students of the School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show.





Year 6

This week in science the children created a simple switch and used it to create a circuit. In our RE lessons we looked at the question, 'What meaning do different advertisements give to Christmas and how might Christians feel about the meaning?' We discussed the religious and secular meaning behind some Christmas advertisements. The children watched some Christmas adverts and answered the following questions:

- Why has this advertisement been produced?
- What is it trying to communicate?

Our maths lessons this week focused on fractions. We spent time learning how to add and subtract fractions. We also learned how to find equivalent fractions and how to represent fractions in their simplest form.

Football

Congratulations to the school football teams.

The Girls and boys have both played their first match at Edmonton county against three other schools from the borough. Well done for representing us so well!

Christmas Fayre

Please remember that our Christmas Fayre is on 8th December after school. If you wish to help or wish to have a stall to sell your own goods please contact Mrs Elie, our Parent Support Adviser.

Stronger Relationships Online Course

For parents and other adult carers
living together or apart



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online
sessions



6 group
discussions



Certificate on
completion



Information on
strategies to identify
and reduce arguments



Hear from other
parents and carers



Downloadable
worksheets and
handouts



Videos, quizzes and
interactive activities



Do sessions at a time
that works for you



Weekly support from
our course experts

TOPICS COVERED

- Healthy adult relationships
- Identifying and managing disagreements
- Understanding how conflict affects your children
- Enhancing parent-child relationships
- Managing stress, anger and emotions
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships
- Hear from others about what works for them

Find out more or register for the course:

sfscparent@ncefound.org.uk

www.strengtheningfamilies.net



Reducing Parental Conflict

Free Online Course with weekly facilitated group discussion



The SFSC Reducing Parental Conflict course is evidence based and provides a mixture of self study and group work discussion. The course is suitable for co-parents and other main adult carers of children aged up to 18. Two courses are available: one for co-parents living together and one for those living apart.

- SFSC Reducing Parental Conflict online course provides parents with the only recognised and researched approach to the effective resolution of household conflict in England, Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Adult family conflict is not how it often children's wellbeing and development
- Parents reflect upon personal values, responsibilities and strengths and identify areas of conflict with their ex-parent
- Techniques to enhance adult relationships for co-parents who are living together and improve communication for those living apart
- Skills to manage stress and anger and resolve conflict
- Information for co-parents living apart (parents) towards a parenting agreement
- Techniques to enhance the parent-child relationship for parents whose children do not live with them permanently

The course consists of six online modules and a weekly facilitated group discussion. The individual online sessions are released one at a time over a weekly period over six weeks and take around one hour to complete. Parents can complete each session in one sitting or in smaller chunks over time to suit them. They can access the course at any time.

The course includes local video content, resources, tips and other activities, advice and other resources.

Parents also attend a weekly online group discussion facilitated by one of the SFSC team and moderated by experts in child welfare in the same stage of the course. This is an opportunity for parents to:

- Discuss and share their learning
- Ask questions and
- Hear from other parents

At the end of the course participants who have completed all six modules will be provided with a certificate and encouraged to further help.

How will parents sign up?

Parents will sign up online. They can either register themselves or can be referred to an agency such as their school or early help team. Parents will be asked through what to register by stage and there is a helpdesk and telephone number to assist them.

Parents will be contacted via email and text message about completing sessions and joining online group discussions.

This course will be free until November 2024.

Refer a parent to the email address below or tell them to sign up here:
www.strengtheningfamilies.net/reducingparentalconflict

Further information: Email or telephone
sfsc-parent@ncefound.org.uk
07708360561 or 0752669582



Go to
<https://strengthening-families.net/reducing-parental-conflict/>

STEP 01



Select a course, either:

- parenting and living together
- parenting and living apart



Select a day of the week and
select a time for your group
discussion

STEP 03



Complete your contact
details



Answer a short questionnaire

STEP 05



Click on 'your profile' and
you can start your course



If you need any help, email us at sfscparent@ncefound.org.uk
or call us on 07708360561





CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS SERVICES

PARENTING PROGRAMME

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

- Do you:
- Have a child aged between 3-18 years?
- Want to improve communication between you and your child?
- Want to empower yourself and your children to make positive decisions in the community and for the future?
- Want to explore techniques in establishing boundaries and consequences for your children?

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✓ Childhood characteristics, Parent-Child relationship
- ✓ Discussion based learning
- ✓ Tools and strategies

Every Monday starting 13th November 2023 @9.30am-12.30 Ponders End Family & Youth Hub 129 South Street EN3 4PX

BOOK NOW

Email: ecypstraining@gmail.com

07449908127

www.ecyps.org.uk

 **Race Equality Foundation**



Head Lice

Unfortunately we have had an outbreak of head lice in the school. Please make sure you take the time to carefully check your child's hair for lice or eggs and treat them if you discover any. You can get advice on the best and most effective way of treating and avoiding head lice from your local pharmacy. Please click on the link below for more advice.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Dates for your diary

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

Friday 8th December : School Christmas fayre

Friday 15th Dec: Break for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club this day)

Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024: Children return to school after Christmas

Friday 9th Feb: children break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 19th Feb: Children return to school after half term

Thursday 28th Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)

Monday 15th April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday

Thursday 25th April: Class photographs

Friday 24th May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 3rd June: Children return to school after half term

Wednesday 3rd July: INSET day (No children in school)

Wednesday 24th July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)

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.



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”

