

27th March 2015

Dear parents/carers,

Actors' performance

x4 of our staff, who are actors, took the Year 1 – Year 4 pupils on a time travel journey to the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages to meet our ancestors on Monday. It was great fun and reinforced all that the pupils have been learning.

Additional Learning Sessions

Please take up the offer of x3 mornings of additional teaching and learning if at all possible.

Cycle marking

Hurrah! The Parks Department in Tower Hamlets have now repainted the cycle lanes. Please note that they have added a cycle lane where some parents/carers wait at drop off in the morning. It is dangerous to stand in a clearly marked cycle lane.

Ducklings

We have been joined in school by loud quacking from Reception's x3 hatched ducklings! Everyone was excited and the pupils were even able to watch one egg crack and the actual hatching take place.

Eid closure

School will close on either Thursday 16th July or Friday 17th July, confirmation will be announced on Wednesday 15th July. This is due to the sighting of the Moon and is for the celebration of Eid-UI-Fitr.

Free school meals

It is very important that families register for free school meals if you think you are entitled to them. Registering for free school meals could raise an extra £1,300 per pupil for the school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or enrichment activities. Please complete the attached application form for free school meal entitlement and submit to the Benefits Service Team at Tower Hamlets Council.

Playdeck Y2-4

The pupils have enjoyed art activities, card games, jigsaw puzzles and new books this week at lunchtime. After the Spring break we shall be practising our skipping technique and hula hooping in the Park.

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Playscript

Some of the year 2 and 3 pupils performed their playscript in Assembly yesterday. They were very professional and received a lot of applause.

Parent/carer coffee morning

This was a huge success and well attended. Lots of fantastic ideas for after school clubs (starting in September) were discussed and there are plans for a Summer fair. Next meeting date: Parents' Forum Coffee Morning **Friday 17th April 9.15am.**

Parent/carer consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended parent/carer consultations. If you missed your appointment, please rearrange with the class teacher.

Science workshops

Our x2 days of Science focussed on Plants and Growth and were very interesting - the pupils learnt lots of new things. It is important that pupils know the parts of a plant and where and how vegetables grow. The pupils were told about photosynthesis and some learnt about germination. The workshops were engaging and generated much activity.

Topic Year 1- Year 4

Next half term the pupils are studying a Geography topic on Cities and mapping. The core knowledge document tells you what your child/ren will be learning. A great activity for the Spring break would be for your child/ren to use a map of London, or street map or a tube map to plan a journey and follow the course they plan from the map.

Visit from Old Ford pupils

Yesterday x6 pupils from Year 6 visited on their way to a Mathematics competition. They said:

"The pupils in Reception have a great start; they were learning about vertices, I learnt that in Year 3."

"I love the design of the building! It feels very grown up."

"The handwriting in the books we looked at was very neat and well formed."

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Spring break and look forward to seeing all of the families when school resumes on Monday 13th April.

Yours faithfully,



Amanda Phillips

Executive Principal