



Tremendous Trips

In late January, our Reception classes visited the Discover Children's Centre in Stratford, where they watched a performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', as well as exploring the centre's amazing outdoor area and arts and craft facilities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip, with comments such as "That was so much fun" and "I liked playing in the music area". Parents were also positive about the trip, with one parent commenting that "This place is perfect for a rainy day, there's plenty to do".

Year 4 had an amazing trip to the British Museum at the end of January. They learnt about the key characteristics of some of the well-known Greek gods, such as Zeus. Kristofers (4EA) said "It was lots of fun to see some of the Greek things we have been learning about in class." The children's learning on this trip will really help them with their upcoming play on Wednesday 23rd March at 2pm. Be sure to come and watch it!

Year 1 visited London Zoo on Monday 25th January. The children were able to see a variety of animals up close, including; giraffes, zebras, tigers and camels. They even had the opportunity to watch a stunning penguin show. It was a day full of enjoyment and learning for Year 1, as you can tell from some of the children's comments about their day, such as "It was really good to see the tiger laying down on the grass looking for its prey" and "the giraffes have long black tongues that they use to eat the leaves from the trees."



Our Year 2 went on a trip to an African story telling workshop at the British Museum. They read and acted out stories, as well as learning some Nigerian words and phrases. In addition to this, the children had the opportunity to touch and investigate objects from Nigeria. This supported them in writing some fantastic traditional tales of their own.

Star of the Week Assemblies

are on Fridays at 3:10pm



Lagos Lunch

Year 2 held a Lagos Café event at the end of last half term. It was a huge success and a number of parents and siblings enjoyed the hospitality of our Year 2 children. Every child had a role within the cafe and they did a splendid job of seating families, taking orders and serving food. We even had photographers for the occasion. One parent commented, "Really amazed by the way they were organised. Many, many thanks, well done everybody! Keep up the hard work", while another parent said "I had an amazing time at the Lagos Café! Well done Year 2! The kids were very polite and service was excellent. Thank you!"



Carnival of the Animals

Year 1 have been reading the text 'The Carnival of the Animals'. They held their very own carnival, in which they performed an amazing dance, as well as playing music which they had composed themselves. Thank you to all the parents who came to this wonderful showcase, which we are sure you enjoyed watching just as much as the children enjoyed performing.



Fantastic Fundraising

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents, children and staff. Together we raised an incredible £185 to support the British Heart Foundation. This money will help to pay for potentially life-saving research and equipment. On behalf of the British Heart Foundation, thank you!

On Friday 18th March, we will be holding a number of sporting events and dressing up to raise money for Sports Relief. Look out for further information about this exciting event nearer to the time.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the teacher and find out how you can help at home. You will also have the opportunity to look through the work your child has been doing at school. Children who attend the school can be looked after in our crèche. Please keep a look out for Parents' Evening sign-up sheets which will be up in the playground soon.

Book Week

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. Following this, the week beginning the 7th March will be Book Week. The whole school will be engaging in an exciting theme that should get them inspired and talking about reading and writing. Also, our book fair will be arriving on Thursday 10th March and will be open after school until Wednesday 16th March, including at the second of our two parents' evenings.

School Dinners

Unfortunately, the cost of school lunches will increase from £1.40 per day (£7 per week) to £1.60 (£8 per week) after the Easter Holidays. This is the first increase in a number of years and is due to the rising cost of supplies. Please remember that any parents in receipt of certain benefits can apply for Free School Meals, if you have not already done so.

Amazing Attendance!

Every week the class with the highest punctuality and attendance is awarded a cup and certificate. We publish the winners in our newsletter as you are the ones who are helping to make sure the children are on time and attending every day! Let's make a huge effort to achieve 100% attendance in our classes over the next half term.

Wk Beg.	Punctuality	Attendance
25 th January	99.0% Ms Burke	98.7% Mr Elliott
1 st February	99.3% Ms Akintoye Mr Elliott	99.3% Ms Buchanan Ms Creary
8 th February	99.6% Ms Murtagh	98.3% Ms Gould

Head Lice Advice

Did you know that head lice are not fussy about hair length or condition? Clean hair is therefore no protection, although regular (e.g. weekly) hair washing and combing sessions offer a good opportunity to detect head lice, and arrange treatment if discovered. Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo, then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair. It is easier to do this with wet hair, and using hair conditioner. Once the comb moves freely through the hair, without dragging, switch to a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke. The comb must be fine enough to catch the lice. Do not use lotions unless you find a living, moving louse. These products may be capable of killing eggs, as well as lice, but there is no certainty of this. Therefore, check for baby lice hatching out from eggs 3-5 days after you use it, and again at 10-12 days.

Dates for Your Diary

March

- 1st Year 2 Transport Museum trip
- 2nd 6FC Royal Academy of Arts trip
- 3rd World Book Day
- 4th 2RM Class Assembly
- 7th Start of Book Week
- 9th Parents' evening (4 - 7pm)
- 10th Parents' evening (4 - 6pm)
- 11th 4KB Class Assembly at 9:15am
- 11th Cultural Food Fair at 1:45pm (School closes at 1:30pm)
- 15th RCG Victoria and Albert Museum trip
- 16th RKW Victoria and Albert Museum trip
- 18th PM Nursery Class Assembly
- 18th Sports Relief
- 22nd KS1 Easter Performance
- 23rd Year 4 Greek Performance
- 24th Last day of term



Value of the Month

Our value for March will be 'simplicity'.

Simplicity

- Appreciating or enjoying the simple things in life.

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