



Year 1 & 2 Trips

Year 1 had their first visits of the year to Surrey Docks Farm. The visit supported the children's learning about animals in science, their understanding of the local area in geography and their understanding of pigs in English. They have been writing about three little pigs and got to meet two very, very big ones! The children were beautifully behaved throughout and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Year 1 also went on the first of many walks in the park to help them understand the changing seasons. They learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees and as luck would have it, it was a beautiful Autumn day and the 'leaves were raining on us!'.

Year 2 have been looking at the effect of the changing seasons within the park as well as looking for things that are dead (leaf on the floor), alive (tree) and never been alive (bench). They have also been to visit the park to develop their map reading skills for Geography.



Keeping Safe on the Internet

A few weeks ago children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had a one-hour workshop with a representative from ParentZone about keeping safe on the internet. The children were encouraged to think carefully about what they see, do and share online, and to talk to you parents and carers about what they love doing online, but also if they ever had any worries about anything online. As a school we would urge all parents to help children have a safe and happy time online, by talking with them regularly about what they like doing online. Children have access to a lot of information online – some of which may well be false or fake, designed to manipulate them in some way.

To find out more, ParentZone has two websites with expert information for parents on all the issues around the internet at: www.parentinfo.org and www.parentzone.org.uk

Safety notices

Please can children push scooters and bikes through the playground in the mornings and after school for the safety of everyone.

Also a reminder that the climbing frame should not be used before and after school.



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 18th October –
Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October – Last
day of school for half term.
School will finish at 3.30pm

Monday 30th October –
INSET DAY: School closed
for children

Tuesday 31st October –
School open for children



Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Trips

Year 4 went on a visit to the Museum of London. The children went to look at the landmarks of London and how they have changed over the years. They watched a video entitled 'Black Saturday', which was about the bombing of London in World War 2 which had a devastating impact on the landscape of London.

Year 5 visited the Greenwich Planetarium. We had a great time taking part in a workshop about the Earth, Sun and Moon where we learnt about their functions in the solar system. We also watched a planetarium show where we were able to lie back and travel through the solar system exploring different planets, stars, galaxies and asteroid belts. We are so excited to use this knowledge in our Literacy lessons next week!

As part of their topic on World War II Year 6 went to visit the RAF Museum. They had the opportunity to handle and try on air force uniforms from the period. The trip really enhanced the children's understanding of what being in war felt like.



Y5 Sports Leaders

On Monday 25th September 20 of our Y5 children took part in their refresher training for Brio's Leadership Academy. This involved them learning how to teach games so that they can teach/run games at lunchtimes to the younger children. The trainers were very impressed with how much the children had remembered from the summer and thought "they all have great potential in leading some amazing sessions".

Nursery admissions – if your child is born between 1st September 2014 and 31st December 2014 they are eligible for 15 hours in Nursery from January 2017. Have you applied?

School Council

During the week of 18th September the children from Y1-Y6 voted for 2 members of their class to represent their views on the School Council. Mr. Vernalls will be holding the meetings on Mondays from 1.30.



Attendance & Punctuality

As of 5th October attendance at Southwark Park stood at 94.89%, we are aiming for over 96% so we need to work together to achieve this.

A few reminders:

- Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and will be marked on the register as unauthorised.
- If your child is ill and sees a doctor or has an appointment, please can you bring in proof e.g. appointment card/letter.