



## Educational Trips



During November many classes have been on educational trips to support their learning throughout the curriculum. Both year 4 classes were fortunate to go on a free mudlarking trip on the banks of the River Thames sponsored by Illuminate Rotherhithe. On this trip the children learned about the importance of the river and how it supported trade in and out of the United Kingdom over the years, as well as how this trade evolved over time. As the children sifted through the silt, they unearthed items from pottery to animal bones, and even a prehistoric fossil.

Year 2 children walked to Dockhead Fire Station earlier this week to learn about fire safety and the important people in our community that keep us safe. The children wrote questions to ask the fire fighters and will write about their experience during their English lessons.

Other trips included: Year 3 - Central Synagogue, Year 2 - Royal Festival Hall, Reception and Year 1 – Surrey Docks Farm, and Nursery - Bus Trip.

## Lego Day

This week, year 1 had Lego Day to support their cross curricular theme of toys and science topic on materials. During this exciting day, the children used Lego to support their Maths and wrote about the inventor of Lego, Ole Kirk Christiansen. The day finished with children designing their own village using Lego – one village even had a pool with a diving board!



## Fundraising

The past few weeks have been very busy with fundraising. As a school, we campaigned for Children in Need, UNICEF World Children's Day and The Poppy Appeal for the British Legion. We would like to say thank you to everyone for participating in these events and raising money to improve the quality of life for children and veterans across the country.

With all of your generosity and support for World Children Day and Children in Need we raised £487.06. This amount will be split between both charities. We will let you know how much money was raised for the Poppy Appeal as soon as we are informed.

## Attendance

Well done Southwark Park! We are happy to say that the whole school attendance is 96.3% so far this year. We are slightly above the expected 96%.

The top three classes for attendance so far this term are:

- Sycamore: 97.7%
- Maple: 97.5%
- Tulip: 96.8%

# Calendar of Events

Please check the website for updates

## December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
				Robin; Stone age day		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9:00 - 10:00 Nursery Reading stay and play 14:30 - 15:20 PTA meeting		Y5 Trip; National Gallery	Sparrow; Stone age day		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nativity performance to parents at 2.00pm	Nativity performance to parents at 9.45am	School Christmas Lunch	Carol service at City Hope Church- 10.00am	Christmas outfit day		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Break up for Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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# Right of the Week

## Focus right of the week:

Freedom of thought, belief and religion. Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as it is not stopping others from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect their rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up. (Article 14)

## Pupils say this is important because:

*'different religions believe in different gods and every child needs to think their own beliefs.'*

- Key Stage 1 Pupil from Bluebell

*'we get to believe what we want – other people don't have the right to choose what you want to believe.'*

- Key Stage 2 Pupil from Maple

# Dignity

During friendship week, the children focused on the word dignity. Through these lessons, the children discussed how we show dignity around school and in our community. We focused on the following definition to frame the lessons:

***The state or quality of being worthy of honour and respect.***

To help further understand the meaning of the word, some classes wrote acrostic poetry about dignity and participated in role play activities. This learn was then shared out as a school during our World Children's Day assembly.

One child said we show dignity at school and in our community by:

*Respecting people's differences and their rights even if we are not the same.*

# December Events

December has come upon us quickly and it will be a very busy month across the school. Below are a list of special events to remember:

- KS1 Nativity – 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 p.m.
- KS1 Nativity – 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9:45 a.m.
- Christmas Dinner – 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Carol Concert – 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00
- Christmas Dress-up – 13<sup>th</sup> December

Reminder that the last day of after school clubs will be 12<sup>th</sup> December. Energy Kids will run until 20<sup>th</sup> December.

# PTA

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:30. As we are coming up on a busy time of year, we are hoping to see as many of you as possible at this meeting. We will also be looking for some parent volunteers to help with wrapping!

If you have any questions or would like more information please see Mr Sinko or Kirsty in the playground.