

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 11th March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you to all the parents, children and staff who supported our World Book Day celebrations. We saw some fantastic book character costumes and the children took part in activities during the day to celebrate reading and share their favourite stories. Reading is not only important to learn new things and discover new ideas and ways of thinking but also to enjoy meeting new characters and travel without moving from your chair. We aim to ensure that all of our children are confident and fluent readers by the time they leave us so that they can fully access the secondary school curriculum. Although we teach reading skills at school, children need to also read regularly at home and we provide a wide range of home reading books for children to choose from. All of our home reading books are colour banded according to difficulty to make sure that children are accessing texts at the right level and continually improving their skills. Please help us with this by making sure that children read at home, ideally aloud with an adult or older brother or sister and that this is recorded in their home reading diaries. There are some tips for hearing children read and the kinds of questions that will help develop an better understanding of plot and character in the front of the diaries to help.

We are keen that all children have the opportunity to take part in weekly PE lessons and are also wearing the correct uniform for this. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain black shorts or black jogging bottoms (no logos please) and a plain white t shirt. If you are not sure which day is the PE day please check the year group newsletters on the website or ask the class teacher.

We know that you will all be shocked and upset by the humanitarian situation in Ukraine at the moment. The older children have been talking about this in school and we are responding to their questions and worries in a sensitive and age appropriate way. There is a lot of information on social media, some of which is misleading and worrying for children so please do keep a watch on what they are able to see and access. If you would like any support with how to monitor your child's online activities and how to make sure they are safe online, please do let us know.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachel Adams Headteacher Ms Rachel Davie Executive Headteacher

MUSICAL MICHAELANGE



Well done to Michaelange in Year 6 for participating in an ensemble at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Michaelange plays the guitar and achieved a four year London Music Fund scholarship last year. We are very proud of him and all of our children who play an instrument.

MINISTRY OF STORIES

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic creative writing workshop at 'The Ministry of Stories' on Hoxton High Street. They inspired the children to think about their description skills using games and props. They completed the workshop with a shared writing session. Well done!



YEAR 5 SCIENCE TRIP

On a recent visit to the Science Museum, Year 5 were able to see a full-sized replica of the Eagle - the lander that took astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin to the Moon in 1969. They



then discovered how we are able to breathe, eat, drink and go to the toilet in space! The children know their planets now!



WORLD BOOK DAY IN PHOTOS



COFFEE MORNINGS AND EVENTS



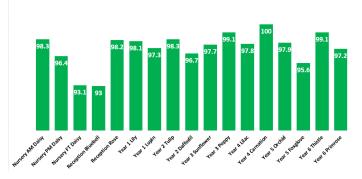
Please see the list below of the rest of this term's coffee morning workshops and other key parent events. Our website and signs on the school gates will also announce upcoming events. Don't forget to check your child's book bag every day for information about events, class assemblies and trips!

Date	Focus
Friday 18 th March	Unconscious bias: How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 25 th March	Easter Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 1 st April	Parent Coffee Morning & Reading Celebration Event

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was 97.4% Well done to Carnation Class. the weekly winners with 100%.

28th February to 5th March



Key Dates

Spring Term 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children's Start date: Monday 21st February 2022

World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March 2022 Parents Evening: Thursday 24th

March 2022 End of Term Finish Date: Friday

1st April 2022 at 2pm

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April 2022

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Families' Week: Starts Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Monday 23rd May 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th June 2022

Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 7th July 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 22nd July 2022

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