

# Primary Newsletter



## Summer 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year - I cannot quite believe that I am writing that!

Firstly, I need to welcome some new staff that will be joining us in September. Welcome to Ms Ahmed our new deputy headteacher who is joining us in September. Welcome to Ms Kashif who will be teaching a Reception class in September. Welcome also to Ms Rashid who will be teaching a Year 4 class. We look forward to you joining our teaching team.

I now need to sadly say some goodbyes - Goodbye to Ms Metcalfe, one of our Year 2 teachers. Goodbye to Ms Peak a Year 3 teacher. Goodbye to Mr Cherry a Year 5 teacher. Goodbye to Ms Mahammed one of our PPA cover staff. Goodbye to Ms Williams who is a Year 2 Class Worker. Goodbye to Mr Nir who is a Year 6 Class Worker. These members of staff have played a really important role in the amazing progress that our children have made this year. They will be badly missed by staff and children alike. GOODBYE!

This summer all primary assessments that had been suspended throughout summer 2020 and summer 2021 started again which meant that these were the first statutory tests taken by primary pupils in the last 3 years.

I would like to share with you the many successes that we experienced this summer.

Provisional Results:

EYFS Reception - this year group met all of their Good Level of Development targets at the Early Learning Goal level.



**Year 2** - Key Stage 1 final outcomes. Year 2 met or exceeded almost all of their targets. Parents will receive their child's individual results in their end of year report. Again, our PiXL associate commented: The school should be incredibly proud of these outcomes.

**Year 4** - Multiplication tables check. 67% of pupils scored full marks of 25/25 in the MTC. Over 90% of pupils scored 20/25 and above. An extremely positive result from Year 4.

**Year 6** - Key Stage 2 final outcomes.

### National Figures

59% of pupils met the expected standard in Combined RWM

74% of pupils met the expected standard in reading

71% of pupils met the expected standard in maths

69% of pupils met the expected standard in writing

72% of pupils met the expected standard in grammar, punctuation, and spelling

### ARA Year 6 Figures

61.1% of pupils met the expected standard in Combined RWM

70% of pupils met the expected standard in reading

71.1% of pupils met the expected standard in maths

71.1% of pupils met the expected standard in writing

72.2% of pupils met the expected standard in grammar, punctuation, and spelling

We are extremely proud of all our children. They have worked exceptionally hard and shown real resilience in their approach to closing some of their learning gaps. WELL DONE to all of you!!

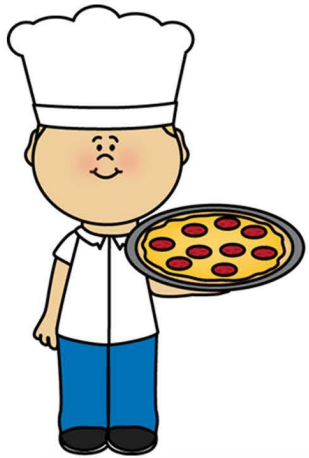
I know just how much some of our children will miss school over the summer holiday and so staff have prepared a treat for all of you - it is called 'Sneaky Summer Learning'. We would love for all of you to have a go at the sections that are dedicated to your year group.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a happy, restful, fun-filled and safe summer break. Take care of yourselves and we look forward to welcoming our children back - a little taller, a little more grown-up, but still wonderful!



# Design and Technology in Year 2

On Wednesday 6th July, Year 2 spent the afternoon learning all about food hygiene and safety. In addition, they got to create their pizza which they carefully planned prior to this. All children thoroughly enjoyed this experience!



# HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP



On Wednesday 22nd of June, School and health ambassadors were invited to The Houses of Parliament for a tour and a meeting with the Member of Parliament for Ealing – James Murray. Unfortunately, due to falling ill he was unable to attend in person, but we met via zoom to ask him questions relating to the development of our local environment. Pupils were keen to ask Mr Murray whether there were any planned developments for Lime Trees Park, which Mr Murray said it was something they were looking into. Mr Murray also spoke to the pupils about the importance of democracy and law. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their tour and even met a Lord in The House of Lords! Another successful trip for the Houses of Parliament!







# HOLLAND PARK ECOLOGY CENTRE



On Wednesday 29th July, the school and health ambassadors went for a trip to Holland Park Ecology Centre to learn all about the importance of bees to our natural environment. They discovered how bees are vital to both pollination of the food we need to survive and pollination of many of the trees and flowers that provide habitats for wildlife (Linking to science units across the primary phase). Children had the opportunity to explore the wildflower gardens witnessing worker bees in their natural habitat, as well as exploring what it would be like to be a beekeeper. It really was a once in a lifetime experience that will not be forgotten!



## KS2 LIVE MUSIC DEMO

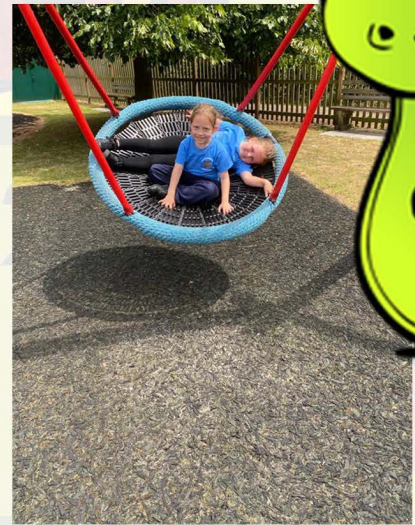
This term year 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a live music demonstration. The children were very excited as they entered the hall and couldn't wait to find out what was in store for them! Caroline Swan, a music specialist from Ealing Music Services, began with a short history of woodwind instruments and then played the clarinet, flute and saxophone. By the end of the session the majority of the children voted the saxophone as their favourite with the flute in second.





# 35 34 33 SNAKES AND LADDERS

On Thursday 23rd June, Reception were really lucky to go on a school trip to Snakes and Ladders, this fun soft play had all the children and adults busy! With a massive three tier playframe, slides, mini sports pitch and tunnels we had lots of different things to keep us entertained. Outside there was a another huge play area, with a pirate ship that we were able to play and climb on. The children and adults had lots of fun and we had lots of sleeping children on the way home on the coach!





# SHAKESPEARE WEEK

This week we celebrated all things Shakespeare! EYFS looked at different characters that Shakespeare included in his plays such as witches and looked at weather and season poetry (Sonnet 18). Years 1 and above looked at a range of his works including Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest and A Midsummer night's dream. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the Bard himself! Our very own Shakespeare bounced around the classrooms and shared interesting facts about himself and answered a range of very pertinent questions (some about how he got his hair so curly!).





# WELLBEING DAZZLE DAY



On Tuesday 14th June, children in the Primary Phase engaged in a wellbeing dazzle day. The day focussed around The Five Ways to Wellbeing. Throughout the day, classes learned about each of The Five Ways to Wellbeing and completed an activity around them. The Five Ways to Wellbeing is a nationally recognised and researched based approach to managing wellbeing. The five strategies are Connecting with others, Taking Notice of the world around you, Keep Learning new things, Being Active and Giving to others. It was amazing to see the wide range of activities on offer for to the children. From bird watching and yoga to writing poems or mindful meditation, the children (and teachers!) appreciated the opportunity to focus on their physical and mental health.

Here is what some of our pupils said about the day:

“I liked doing Be Active, it made me feel good!”

(Year 2 pupil)

“ It was good to learn about different ways to keep my brain and body healthy”.

(Year 4 pupil)

“ I want to do this again, I felt really relaxed after the Take Notice session. I enjoyed listening to the sounds around us outside it was very peaceful”.

(Year 5 pupil)



If you would like to find out more about The Five Ways to Wellbeing, please visit: [www.health-in-mind.org.uk](http://www.health-in-mind.org.uk)