

Message from the head

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing break. I really enjoyed spending time with my family as I am sure you all did too, but it was nice to get back to school. The children have got straight back into things and all classes have made a good start to their new topics. There are some exciting trips and events planned for them over the coming term which, being a short one, means lots to pack in! If you have a child wanting a place for Reception in September, don't forget the deadline for applications to local authorities is this Monday 15th Jan. It's really important you get your online application done on time. Have a great weekend and see you all next week.



School Council at the Houses of Parliament

This week School Council visited the Houses of Parliament. They had a tour of the parliament buildings and got to go into the House of Lords Chamber. They then learnt about laws and debating and met with our MP, Keir Starmer. They learnt a lot and were a real credit to the school. We were very proud of them.



Calendar 2019—January: Roy Lichtenstein

Hopefully you received the letter this week about our Calendar competition for the coming year. Our focus is famous artists with a new artist being chosen each month. This month it is New York Pop Artist, Roy Lichtenstein. The children enter a piece of art done either in the artists style or a their version of one of that artist's famous works. We're pleased to say we already have a number of artworks entered for January but there is plenty time for more. Please encourage your children to get involved. The project was hugely successful last year and the calendar looks amazing (still not too late to buy one from the office—£3!).

TERM DATES 2017/18

Spring Term

Half Term: Mon 12th—Fri 16th Feb
Last Day of Term: Thurs 29th March

Summer Term

First Day of Term: Tues 17th April

Bank Holiday: Mon 7th May
Half Term: Mon 28th May—Fri 1st Jun
INSET Day School Closed—4th June
Last Day of Term: Wed 25th July

Do you shop online? Easy Fundraising!

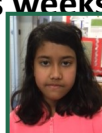
1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fleetps>
2. Sign up for free (or download the App if you shop on mobile)
3. Then shop online as normal!

Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 4 with 96%. Well done, Fabulous! Remember, if your child is unwell or has an appointment, please call the Office in the morning to let us know.



Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their
Rec—Tyrell, Y1—Rayane, Yr2—Adam, Y3—
Nommi, Y4—Tayyibah, Y5—Iqra, Y6—Fateha

Important Message—Ambassadors...

You may remember before Christmas the Rights Respecting Ambassadors were collecting shoes for ShoeShare. ShoeShare is a charity run by UNICEF and Clarks, collecting shoes. For every ton collected, Clarks make



a donation to give to people around the world who don't have the opportunity to get to school. On Wednesday, some of the Ambassadors took over 120 pairs of shoes to Clarks. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of the people that brought in shoes. We will let you know what our new project is soon.



Parent Gym Coffee Morning—Wed 17th @ 9am in the Qube

Parent Gym is a course of six 2-hour workshops with 'missions' to complete in between each one: Have happier and more confident children; Get your children to open up and talk more; Feel calm more of the time; Make family life more fun.

Over 4000 parents have already participated in this programme and 98% of those surveyed would recommend it to a friend. This is what one parent on the course said: "I feel like a more confident parent. I like that this was so positive, really focused on situations. I look forward to putting these ideas into play."

It is a great help to parents, even if you're not a first time parent there is always something that can help. Come along to the coffee morning to find out more next Wednesday 17th at 9am in the Qube. Speak to Margaret in the Nursery for more information. If you are able, we would encourage you to come along.

Punctuality

Last year we had a push on our attendance and we were very pleased that as a school we managed to increase the amount of time that children were in school. Thank you all for your support with this. However, last term, levels of punctuality dropped significantly with a number of children repeatedly arriving late. Ms. Pattison is working on this area over the coming months and looking at ways to encourage and support children to arrive at school on time. Please ensure your children are in school and ready to go to class promptly at 9am. Even a few minutes late can disrupt their learning, and that of others. Teachers aim to get started with their lessons promptly so not a minute is wasted. Thank you for your support with this.

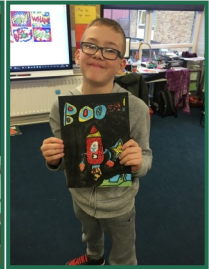
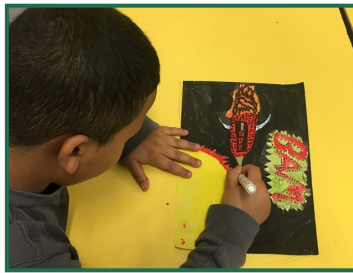
Lost Property

We have put out the lost property today after school and will do again on Monday. Please take some time to look through it for any items that your children may have misplaced. The amount of clothing is getting out of hand and we cannot store it all so following Monday we will be putting what is left into the clothes recycling bin in the playground. If you could write your child's name and class in indelible ink on the labels it would make returning clothing much easier. Thank you.



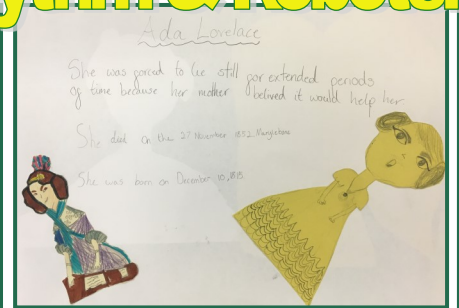
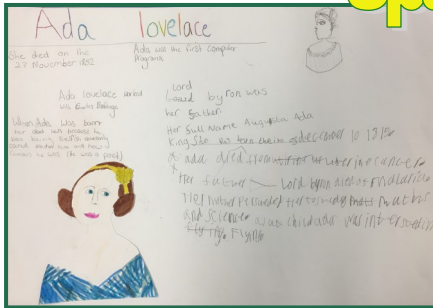
Year 5 Pop Artists!

Year 5 have been doing some fantastic art—still works in progress—inspired by our artist of the month for the calendar competition, Roy Lichtenstein. They've really taken to the 'Pop Art' style and shown a lot of talent. They're going to make a great classroom display. If you get the chance once they are finished go and see them.



Year 4 are doing a topic called 'Sparks, Rhythm & Robots'. As you might have guessed computers and robots feature heavily! They have been designing their own robots (Ava even built a model of one at home!) as well as researching the history of computing. This has included learning all about the world's first ever computer programmer—the little known, Ada Lovelace.

Sparks, Rhythm & Robots!



In Nursery their focus nursery rhyme this week is 5 Currant Buns. As well as singing the rhyme, they have been doing lots of different activities including making currant buns with Shami. The children worked together to weigh the right amount of ingredients, mix it all up and waited for it to rise, while Shami put them in the oven. The children then decorated them with icing sugar and put a cherry on top. Everyone had lots of fun making them but of course, the best part was eating them!

5 Currant Buns...



As part of their 'Amazing Advances' topic, Year 5 have been learning about Florence Nightingale and the advances in medical hygiene and disease control during the Crimean War. They wrote poems to illustrate the impact she had on the hospitals and soldiers during that time. Be warned, only read on if you have a strong stomach—as with any writings about war, it is pretty graphic—but historically accurate, and well written!

Before and After...

As I open my eyes from my nap, I feel a cold breeze run down my spine.
Blood splatters from wall to wall,
Bacteria dashes throughout the hospital,
Each night passes and death comes closer and closer,
Poorly, sad soldiers screaming in pain.
Rats scurrying from floor to floor.

As I open my eyes from my nap, I see a flicker of light appear in the darkness.
Someone had come,
It was Florence Nightingale.
Each night a soldier goes home,
And from that day onward everything felt better.



By Iqra

The Lady of Light

A living hell on earth,
Maggots and rats rule the hospital.
Fear of death lives in the soldier's hearts.
Scarlet blood floods the cobbled floor,
Germs laugh as soldiers die.
Mouldy food had warriors starving.
Just before horror whips a little light flickers.
The next morning bacteria was eliminated,
Comfortable and refreshing bed,
The lady with the lamp,
Her name is Florence Nightingale,
The lady of light.



By Abdul

Year 5 War Poets...

