

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week... Year 2 visited London Sivan Kovil, which is the Hindu temple situated in Lewisham. They had a great time and asked some fantastic questions and have really developed their knowledge around the Hindu religion.

In our assemblies we talked about 'small changes making a big difference' with reference to anti-bullying week (which is next week). We have introduced the Kindness Cup, which will celebrate the acts of kindness across the school in assemblies each week.

International Evening...

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

5:30-7PM



**Please bring a dish, snacks, deserts to share with our friends, families and staff from 5pm to the Dining Hall. The event start at 5:30pm
This is a free event with donations going to the PSFA school fund.**

The event is free and we would like to see as many families there as possible, to sample foods from all over the world and have time to meet with staff, friends and families. You may even like to wear something that is traditionally worn in a particular country.

Safeguarding our community...

Next week is **Online Safety Week** and in school we will be talking to the children about a whole host of ways to stay safe online. As a parent or carer, you may find the following a helpful tool when talking to your child at home on how to stay safe: <https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Let's-talk-about-life-online.pdf>

Fabulous attendance this week...

KS1 – Moonstone 100%

KS2 – Diamond 98.6%



This week we focussed on Article 2 – non-discrimination and Article 13 – freedom of expression through our assemblies on anti-bullying week. The children explored the language around feeling included and how they can show kindness and support to children and people in their communities.

We're raising money for Children in Need 2019!

We will be taking part in the Big Morning Move hosted by Joe Wicks on **Friday 15th November** and children are welcome to dress up for a donation.



Science at Brindishe Manor ...To link with Year 5's learning last half term, they will be working with volunteers from UCL on a project called Engineers without borders – the design cycle. They will be making rollercoasters for marbles and need cereal boxes and kitchen rolls. If you have any spare at home, please send them in to Year 5.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th November – International Evening 5:30pm-7pm

Friday 15th November – Children in Need –Big Morning Move

Friday 22nd November – Y5 & 6 Cinema night

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair 3:15pm

Monday 9th- Friday 13th December – KS2 Winter performances

Thursday 12th December – EYFS Winter performance

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner/ Dress Festive day

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Winter performances

Have a great weekend and I am really looking forward to seeing you all next Wednesday from 5:30pm

Kate Porter
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In Reception The children have been really enjoying exploring the water walls outside this week and have been developing lots of lovely mathematical and scientific language during their play, for example: *full / empty / big / small / tall / short / wide / narrow / fast / slow / heavy / light*. You could explore this further with toys, cups, jugs, tubes etc. in the bath at home. Maths is all around us!

In phonics, we have been practising segmenting and blending words by using our robot arms, saying each sound and then putting them together, e.g. "**t-o-p - top!**" You might like to practise robot talking at home, where you say the sounds in a word and your child has to blend them together to work out what you're saying. For example, '*Now it's time to go to **b-e-d!***'

We've also been making 'Land Art' using the lovely autumnal resources outside: leaves, conkers, pine cones and sticks. Please do keep hunting for interesting natural resources in parks and woods when you go for a walk; we'd love to see your nature finds at school.



Year 1 It has been a busy week in Year 1. Jasper class have been learning more about different animals and their habitats. We have been grouping animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and then looking at how they have adapted to their habitat. We went outdoors to explore different habitats and thought about which animals lived there and why. Ask your child the meaning of carnivore, herbivore and omnivore and see if they can think of some examples. In maths we have become addition experts and wrote our own word problems and even marked our friend's learning. Try creating your own at home with any objects you can find, remember to use the word altogether e.g. there are 7 green pencils and 3 blue pencils, there are 10 pencils altogether, $7 + 3 = 10$.

Shiver me timbers! Onyx class was paid a visit from the Night Pirates this week, when they broke into their classroom and left a treasure chest and other clues in the middle of the carpet! We've been helping the Night Pirates find their way back to the lighthouse, by writing letters to them with information about the best sources of light to use. We have been discussing artificial and natural sources of light and debating whether a forest fire is a natural or artificial source of light. What do you think? In maths we have been doing subtraction, looking at different methods to help us solve take away questions. This week we have focussed on counting on from a number. In our creative arts area, we have been creating fireworks pictures using a wax resist/watercolour wash technique.

Year 2 had a brilliant and exciting week! We started this week with our spectacular Penguin Day. The children made noises, behaved and looked great as penguins. On the day we read stories about penguins, did penguin Maths and made penguin Art and crafts. On Wednesday, Year 2 went to visit the Hindu temple - London Sivan Kovil. The children learnt new things about Hindu worship and deities. We were very impressed with their knowledge about Hinduism!

This week, for the home learning, we would like the children to make a presentation, poster or an information leaflet about one of the penguin species.

Year 3 This week in Year 3 we have been learning how to change sentences from the past tense to the present perfect. An example of this would be 'I ate my sandwiches' would become 'I have eaten my sandwiches'. This is something you can do over the weekend to support your child's writing by giving them a sentence in the past tense, then supporting them to change to present perfect. BBC bitesize have some fantastic grammar resources online which you can also use to support your child at home.

In maths we have been continuing with subtracting with regrouping, and applying our knowledge to word problems. This half term we will be focusing on the 6 times tables. Please support your child in practising their 6 times tables at home through the use of songs, drawing out their times tables and Sumdog.

We have been learning about chronology and how to order events based on when they happened. The children are astonished at how long ago the Stone Age was and how dramatically our way of life has changed.

Year 4 Topaz class have worked hard this week in writing our reports on Henry VIII's wives. We have almost completed these and will be publishing them soon. By the end of next week, we will begin to study Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. In maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions. Amber class have focused on using appropriate and ambitious descriptive language in order to describe the scene when Hamlet meets the ghost of his father – their understanding of this tricky play is impressive! We have continued to explore graphs and how we can accurately interpret the data they contain and we will begin to look at the 9 times table in more depth. In PE, we have a number of budding cricket players in our midst as Year 4 began learning cricket this week – a super week of learning by all, keep it up!

Year 5 This week, Year 5 have been working hard on adding unlike fractions in Maths. They have found common denominators in order to do this and have sometimes used bar models to help them find the answers. In English, the children have watched the film 'It's not our planet, it's our home' and have done some descriptive writing based on this. They have also looked at the features of discussion texts in preparation for their work on 'Should animals be used in space trials?' In Spanish, they have begun to look at the numbers 1-10 and have learnt how to give and ask others their age. They have also had the opportunity to ask Mr Ahmed questions about his trip to Mecca during the summer as part of their R.E. learning on Islam and the Hajj.

Year 6 This week, we have started looking at the Diary of Anne Frank, which the children are incredibly interested in. We've watched a short depiction of her story, which has sparked immense discussion amongst the children. We are learning about Judaism this half term; discussing the impact of religion and belief locally, nationally and globally. Of course, we will also link this to Anne Frank's story.

We have started learning the Lindy Hop in our dance lessons, which have begun with gusto and huge amounts of energy from the children. We can't wait to see their skills and choreography develop!