



The Phoenix Flyer

WEMBLEY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Like the phoenix we rise to our challenges, strengthen our learning and shine in our community

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last hard copy of our newsletter. All newsletters and letters will in future be directly emailed to parents. We will be sending out a request for an email address for parents next week so that we can ensure our information is up-to-date. Newsletters can also be found on our website.

A reminder that a meeting for parents will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 6pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about the proposed federation with Lyon Park and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

We continue to promote reading throughout the school. Children are clear that they need to be reading every day to build fluency and stamina in their reading. I know family life can be very busy, but it really does make a difference to a child's progress in reading if they are reading every day to an adult-even in year 6. We aim for our children to be reading at least at a national standard. This ensures that children are ready for the next part of their journey in education. Reading is important to effectively access all areas of the curriculum and is clearly a life long skill. Parents, please ensure that you are listening to your child reading as much as possible.

Thank you.

Mrs Taylor-Kent



Home Learning Success



Well done to the following pupils who produced an amazing piece of learning from the Autumn 2 half - term Choice Challenge

1W - Benicio	2W - Aarya	3W - Ananyaa	4W - Margaret	5W - Danish	6W - Archit
1P - Aryan	2P - Asil	3P - Ghazwa	4P - Carina	5P - Khadijah	6P - Inaya
1S - Shrutik	2S - Sofia	3S - Flannan	4S - Husna	5S - Darshan	6S - Ridhima
1F - Shabiha	2F - Emelio	3F - Samuel S	4F - Deividas	5F - Alex	6F - Lucille

Key Dates Spring Term 2020

- 17th - 21st February - Half Term Break
- 24th February - Inset day-school closed to pupils
- 25th February - All pupils back to school
- 25th February 1S/1F Library Trip
- 4th March - World Book Day
- 10th March 9am and 2.30pm –Relationship Education Meetings for parents - letter sent out
- 9th March 4P/4F Tate Modern Trip
- 13th March 4W/4S Tate Modern Trip
- 10th March - Parents Evening 4pm-6pm
- 12th March - Parents Evening 4pm-7pm

EYFS

Nursery have been busy learning Nursery rhymes. They made lots of Humpty Dumpty's, and built a wall to see if he would have a great fall!



Both Nursery and Reception had a visit from the local Fire station. They bought along one of their fire engines for the children to explore and they even had a chance to use the hose! "The water was coming out super fast!" they said.



The Reception children also celebrated Chinese New Year. They made Chinese noodles by chopping up all the veg and they had a go at eating them with chopsticks! It was very tricky!



Years 3 & 4

Year 4 took part in a really interesting piece of field-work, related to air pollution. They looked at the growth of lichen on trees in King Edward VII park. This lichen only appears where there is little pollution.



Year 3 visited St Augustine's church recently as part of their RE topic on Christianity. The children were encouraged to look for some of the symbols of Christianity they have learned about. During their visit, children were allowed to look closely at and handle some of the religious artefacts in the church. The vicar, (one of our governors) was impressed by the children's insightful questions and praised their behaviour. Well done Year 3!



Wembley News

The Yellow

Mr Barr and Ms Pickering met up with representatives from The Yellow, <https://www.wembleypark.com/theyellow/> to look at how they could bring artistic ideas into school. We found that they offer many different and exciting (and often free) groups, for children and adults to take advantage of. Activities include fitness sessions, yoga, music and drama. Have a look at their website to see what you might enjoy.



Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

This year, we will be working towards achieving a national award called the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This looks at how well we promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across the whole school community, including pupils, parents and staff. This will include how we promote optimism, confidence, happiness, and self-worth.

As part of the award, we are looking for the views of Parents/Carers regarding how we support emotional wellbeing. You can access the questionnaire and read more about the award on the school website – go to **Parents** and then **Wellbeing Award**. **Paper copies of the questionnaire will also be available at Reception.**

Parents/Carers are invited to the Parent Forum on Wednesday 12th February (1.15pm) to hear more about the award.

Years 1 & 2

In History, Year 1 have been learning about the famous pilot Amy Johnson. She was the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia. Year 1 went to visit the RAF museum to look at what planes may have looked like in the 1930's when Amy was flying and also to compare them to different aircrafts today.



Helen in 2W and her family came into Year 2 to teach them all about Chinese New Year. The children and their teachers enjoyed learning a new dance and Helen and her brother even sang for them all. Thank you to the Pan Family for sharing your knowledge with us! As part of the Year 2 Science topic, 'Growing Up', children have been bringing in their baby photos to share with their class and Miss Khan even arranged for one of our lovely mummies to bring her baby into class. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped to make our learning so much fun!



Years 5 & 6

PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT PUPILS ARE NOT WEARING SMART WATCHES TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU



All the Year 5 teachers were impressed with the writing that pupils have created around the story of: **'The Highway Man'**.

Pupils rewrote the version of the famous text using features such as: archaic language. Ms Tobutt stated, "It is some of the best writing ever seen in Year 5!"

Year 6 are enjoying their media literacy topic on the story of Alma. They became reporters for a newspaper and produced some realistic writing, in the role of a journalist. Their use of vocabulary and the overall composition of the writing was of a mature and formal style. All year 6 teachers were impressed. Keep this up Year 6!