

### AUTUMN 1 WEEK 7

Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that you think – Romans 12:2 NLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another amazing half-term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible experiences our children have had, which have both inspired and supported their development in so many ways.

Our Year 5 pupils had a truly memorable day out in London, enjoying a scenic river cruise followed by breath-taking panoramic views from the London Eye. The trip sparked excitement and curiosity about our capital city's landmarks and history, it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see London from a new perspective. They returned buzzing with enthusiasm and new knowledge about the iconic skyline.

Year 4 showed tremendous courage and teamwork during their participation in the Atomic Mud Run. This challenging event put their fitness, determination and physical strength to the test as they navigated the demanding course, tackling a range of obstacles. It was fantastic to see how they pushed their limits, supporting each other every step of the way. In addition, year 4 recently completed an intensive swimming course, which not only helped them develop crucial life skills but also boosted their confidence in the water.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an action-packed residential trip, where they engaged in a series of outdoor activities, team-building challenges and educational excursions. The experience not only encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones but also allowed them to build lasting friendships and grow in confidence and resilience.

Our Year 2 trip to Old MacDonald's Farm was a thoroughly enjoyable experience where the children got up close to various farm animals, learning about their habitats and characteristics. The children enjoyed interacting with the animals and engaging in hands-on activities that deepened their understanding.

Year 3 had an action-packed day at Legoland, where the children enjoyed the thrill of the rides and the fun-filled atmosphere. From exciting roller coasters to themed attractions, every moment was packed with excitement, bringing smiles to their faces and creating lasting memories. It was a day full of joy, laughter and adventure for all!

Yesterday, we attended St. Saviour's church for a Harvest Mass. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together and reflect on Harvest and its meaning. We are grateful to all of you who were able to donate. Finally, today, October the 18th, the whole school participated in Show Racism the Red Card Day, where we stood together to promote inclusion, tolerance and equality. This event was a powerful reminder of the importance of teaching our children about respect, kindness and standing up against injustice. Thank you all for your donations, in total we raised £169.54. All money raised will go to 'Show Racism the Red Card' charity.

As you can see, the children have had an incredibly rich and varied half-term, packed with learning, fun and memorable experiences. These activities have not only been enjoyable but have also contributed significantly to their personal development, whether by building confidence, encouraging teamwork, fostering creativity or promoting physical fitness. We are looking forward to even more exciting events next half-term, including further visits, celebrations and special activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing the children return with energy and enthusiasm for another term of learning and adventure.

I would like to close with a quote from Proverb 11:25 "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Mr Pitchford



## Fiza Y6 - My Swimming Gala Experience

Last weekend, I competed at the London Aquatics Centre in a swimming gala doing a range of races. This was my third gala where I had represented my swimming club Newham & University of East London. In this event there were 25 swimming clubs and over 700 swimmers taking part. It was the same pool used for the 2012 Olympic games.

When I arrived at 6:45am we had to do our warm up. Firstly, we did land warm up and then pool warm up. This competition lasted from Saturday to Sunday. On Saturday, I did 100m freestyle and 50m breaststroke. On Sunday, I did 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 200m freestyle, 100m breaststroke and finally I did 50m freestyle.

On my races on Saturday, I felt confident and excited because the strokes that I was doing were my favourites and I also love diving into the pool. On Sunday, I was a little bit nervous, but I was not too worried. I felt that way because I had five races and normally I would not do the 200m freestyle.

I finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in both my 100m freestyle and 50m breaststroke and beat my personal best times on both (1:38.94 on free and 54.73 on breast). In the afternoon, I also improved my personal best times in 200m freestyle and 100m breaststroke. Finally, in my last race of 50m freestyle I achieved my best result by finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a time of 42.35. I felt really happy and surprised.

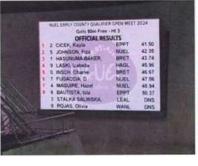
When doing my last gala I was less confident but now I believe that I have transformed and improved in all my strokes. I look forward to my next competition in December. I really enjoyed my gala as I was with my friends and it gave me lots of nice memories.



















# **STARS OF THE WEEK**





Year 2 Vivien & Ozan



Year 3
Elodie & Sophia



Year 4
Mercedes & Esther



Year 5 Kyomi & Edith



Year 6
Christelle & Joseph



Saturday School
Samar Y3





## **PROGRESS CUP WINNERS**

A huge well done to **Inioluwa & Emmanuela** who are this week's Progress Cup winners!





# PRESENTATION WINNERS

Rose Y2





Hannah Y5

## **ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Well done to



99.23%

&

Y4 Maya Angelou 98.55%



who have won the attendance mascots this week.







# VALUE CARD AWARDS

Well done Marley, Coco, Mamadou, Mahmadou, Saahir, Rose, Eliza, Kaihro, Khaliah, Kyran & Zubair who have collected 5 value cards for consistently showing our



## Y6 CLASS CORNER

What a great start to the school year we've had in Year 6! Already, we have packed in a residential trip, exciting topics in History and Science and written our first two assessed pieces of writing!

In class, we've been diving into The Second World War in Literacy, History and Art. We have learnt all about how the experience changed ordinary people's lives, for better and worse, and how the First World War was connected to the Second. In addition, we have studied the book Goodnight Mister Tom and have written biographies of the main character, as well as our own narratives. Furthermore, Year 6 have taken part in a WWII Big Art project based on Henry Moore, which was displayed at the recent Cheese and

Wine Evening.

In science, we've been exploring the topic of Sound. We've learned how it travels, how amplitude works, and even conducted experiments with different soundproofing materials. The hands-on activities have been so much fun!

The children have also been attending boosters and Saturday School, really putting their learning first and foremost. It's been a great start to the year!







## **PARENT CALENDAR**

## OCTOBER 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4 Forest School Y3 AE	5	6
7	8	9	10 Road <mark>Sa</mark> fety Warkshop Y5 & Y6	11 Forest School Y4 MA Whole School Flu Immunisation	12	13
14	15 Individual Photo Day	16	17 Harvest Mass	18 Forest School Y4 COP Show Racism the Red Card Wear something Red £I Donation	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		October Half Ter	m			
28 Start of Autumn 2	29	30	31			

## NOVEMBER 2024







#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025**

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so, they are due to start Primary School in September 2025. To make an application please apply online <a href="https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-primary-school">www.eadmission.gov.uk</a> by 15th January 2025. For more information visit the Waltham Forest Primary Admission page on <a href="https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-primary-school">https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-primary-school</a> where you can download a copy of the Starting Primary School 2025 brochure which has full details of how to apply for a Primary School place.





### **SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025**

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 or who is currently in Year 6?

If so, they are due to start Secondary School in September 2025. To make an application please apply online <a href="https://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a> by 31 October 2024. For more information visit the Waltham Forest Secondary Admission page on <a href="https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place">https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place</a> where you can download a copy of the Starting Secondary School 2025 brochure which has full details of how to apply for a Secondary School place.







# Term Dates 2024- 2025



#### Autumn Term 2024

First Half (32 Days)

INSET - Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th

Start - Thursday 5th September 2024

End - Friday 18th October 2024

Half Term: Monday 21st October-25th October

Second Half (39 Days)

Start - Monday 28th October 2024

End - Thursday 19th December 2024

Holidays: Friday 20th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

#### Spring Term 2025

First Half (29 Days)

INSET - Monday 6th January 2025

Start - Tuesday 7th January 2025

End - Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025

Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 24th February 2025

End - Friday 4th April 2025

Holidays: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025

#### Summer Term 2025

First Half (23 Days)

Start - Tuesday 22nd April 2025

End - Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025 Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26th May 2025 (during Half Term)

Second Half (37 Days)

Start - Monday 2nd June 2025 End - Tuesday 22nd July 2025