



Pilgrims' Way Primary School & Children's Centre

October 2021

Playing together once more!



Attendance

Year 6 – 94.9%

Year 5 – 90%

Year 4 – 95.4%

Year 3 – 92.6%

Year 2 – 90%

Year 1 – 94.8%

Reception – 92.1%

Well done to Y4!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/carers,

We've now well and truly settled in and are half-way through this half-term. It really does feel that life has returned to normal as the children continue to enjoy mixing together once more. Some classes have already been on trips and I am delighted that we have been able to include the 'dates for your diary' section to the newsletter once more.

If your child displays **any** symptoms of covid-19 (a persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell) then you **must** keep your child off school and arrange for your child to do a covid test, even if you think these symptoms may just be a cold.

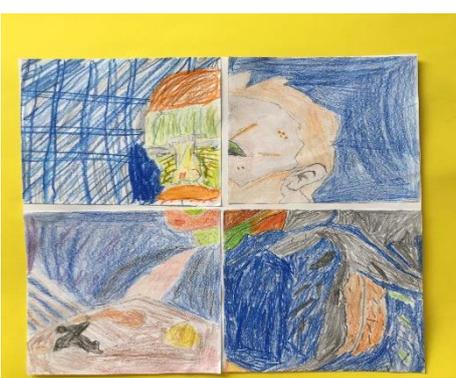
This month is Black History Month and our theme is 'Proud to be.' The teachers have planned lots of exciting activities around this theme, and the children will also learn about significant people of colour such as Dr Harold Moody, a local doctor who was also a campaigner for racial equality. Our Black History Month will culminate in our international evening on Thursday 14th October – this will start with an assembly where the children will show what they have learnt to be followed by lots of fun activities. We would be very grateful if you could provide a dish for us to share at international evening. If you are able to, please drop it off at the office during the day of International Evening, making sure that all ingredients are listed.

Warmest wishes,

Julie Ireland

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

We were so blessed with lovely weather for our barbeque, and it was lovely to see so many of you attend, including old pupils! In school, we have been very busy learning all across the curriculum. Year 6 have developed their art skills and created amazing portraits of famous artists. They also enjoyed a visit to the Horniman Museum to learn about evolution. Year 1 enjoyed cooking and Year 4 have been applying their maths skills when playing board games. Please do follow us on Instagram for more photos.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th October – Y1 trip to London Transport Museum

Thursday 7th October – Y3 trip to the Science Museum

Friday 8th October – children to wear yellow to school for 'Hello Yellow'

Monday 11th October – Y6 at the Royal Courts of Justice

Tuesday 12th October – Y4 at Southwark Park

Wednesday 13th October – Y6 parents support for completing the secondary school application 8.30-10.00

Thursday 14th October – International Evening

Monday 18th October – Y6 trip to the National Portrait Gallery

Friday 22nd October – break up for half-term at 3.30

Monday 1st November – children return to school

Reading at home

One of our school priorities this year is to strengthen reading across the school, which has been affected by the pandemic. We want to make Pilgrims' Way a reading school and we need your help to achieve this. Please do make sure that your child reads at home every day, and even if you think your child is a fluent reader, do take some time each day to hear them read – this also includes Y6 pupils! It is always such a lovely opportunity to share a book together – and you can check your child's understanding of what they have read by using the VIPERS question types which have been sent home.

Volunteers needed

As already mentioned, class teachers have started to organise trips – and this is where we need you! We are looking for parents who are able to accompany classes on a trip – it could be your own child's class or another class. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

Jumpers

It is that time of year where jumpers often get left on the playground. Please make sure that your child's jumper has their name in it – going on just the jumper size makes it very difficult for us to find it.

After school clubs

This week, our after school clubs start. These provide the children with a range of activities such as netball, yoga and book club. We do have spaces in each club, so it is not too late to register your child. Please note that unfortunately, we have had to cancel art club this term – but we do hope to rearrange it.