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It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels. St Augustine

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.

Pope Francis

Our Value for February is Humility & Gentleness

Welcome back after the half term break. Despite the rather cold and at times wet weather the children have all enjoyed being outside in the fresh air. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the changing weather conditions. The children from Reception – Year 6 always want to be outside during break times no matter what the staff may think!

Reception class are hosting "Reading on Wednesdays" and it is tremendous fun. Parents and carers are invited in to read with the children at the beginning of the school day. A number of parents have been coming in and sharing books with their children and other children within the class. "Reading on Wednesdays" takes place every Wednesday morning from 8.45am until 9.15am. Children from Year 5 have also been sharing books with the Reception children reading to them and listening to the younger children read as well.



The Nursery children have enjoyed reading traditional tales this term. They listened to different versions of the stories and were able to retell the stories using finger puppets and props. The children have made bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff, dens for the troll, fed the bears their porridge, made boats for the Gingerbread Man (to cross the river without being eaten by the fox) and built houses for the Three Little Pigs. They also drew roads and maps for Little Red Riding Hood to follow so that the Big Bad Wolf does not find her. The children are looking forward to reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'



The Y5 & Y6 school councillors Luana, Jakson, Natasha and Kieran had a fantastic opportunity to meet the Mayor of Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock. They began their morning with a quiz about the borough of Lewisham and its councillors, met the Young Mayor Laurelle Henry and her team and bravely spoke, in front of other schools, what they would do if they were Mayors. The four forthright, confident representatives of our school raised issues about parking near our school; the possibility of extending the yellow lines; the safety of children in the community; future options for extra-curricular and cultural education for the young, especially during the holidays. The morning climaxed with the arrival of the Mayor, who patiently answered the questions of all present school councillors, talked about his youth and ambitions, the time when he was knighted and gave us valuable and wise advice to bring back and share with each other. What an amazing experience and lifelong memory!



Year 4 went on a fascinating journey through time as they visited the Tower of London. The children were taken on a tour of the Tower, where they looked at famous battlements, encountered the infamous Ravens or 'Guardians of the Tower' and learnt all about life in Medieval Britain as they explored the Medieval Palaces. The children were able to ascend the White Tower, where they took a closer look at the armour worn by a long line of Kings across the ages. They even helped to defend the tower against enemy attacks through a live and interactive re-enactment involving England's greatest medieval fortress along the South Lawn, where they had to follow the flag, march in time, dodge huge falling boulders and decide whether the tower would continue to stand or fall. The children were later dazzled by the sight of the Crown Jewels and were amazed at the different designs and various gems throughout the collection. They kept the Yeoman Warders busy with a multitude of questions about whether Beefeaters ate meat and their general historical knowledge. All in all, a very exciting and informative day had by all.



The Reception children have had a great time celebrating the Chinese New Year. The children have been making lanterns, mini dragons, and working together to make a wonderful big dragon. They took the dragon they had made for a dance around the playground, banging their drums and clashing their cymbals. The children discovered lots of different vegetables and enjoyed chopping them up to make a beautiful Chinese noodle soup. Everyone tried the soup and some children had seconds, and even third helpings. Happy New Year - or, as they say in China, Gung Hay Fat Choy!



Y6 had a fabulous time at the Apollo Theatre Victoria on Wednesday afternoon, when they watched a vivid reimagining of the classic The Wizard of Oz- Wicked. The theatre performance spotlighted the untold stories of Oz's most famous characters, including the wicked, bad witch and the kind, somewhat spoilt and good witch. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the well-known hits, such as "Defying gravity" and "For Good" and were amazed by the set, the eye-catching backdrops and the special audio-visual effects. The show was fantastic from beginning to end; Y6 left the theatre buzzing with excitement and emotion. A candid, moving and touching experience was had by all!

Internet Safety Day led by Mr Headley-Morris was a timely reminder to pupils and staff about being safe when using the internet. Mr Headley-Morris ran two well attended workshops for parents to give guidance on how to keep children safe when on line. The most important being ,use **parental controls** and **check** what your child is doing.

Diary dates to note: more dates to follow

- 27 February 8:20-8:45 Lenten breakfast (porridge & toast)
- 1 March World Book Day: dress up as a book character
- 5 March Silver Cross Day
- 6 March 8:20-8:45 Lenten breakfast (porridge & toast)
- 7 March 1:30-3pm KS1 workshop on supporting language at home
- 8/9 March Yr 3 Bikeability
- 9 March Yr 5 Assembly
- 9 March Yr 4 to Horton Kirby
- 15/16 Yr 4 Bikeability
- 21/22 March Parents' Evening

Spring Term 3 January 2018–29 March

Easter Holiday-30 March-16 April

Summer Term 17 April –19 July Half –term 28 May-1 June

To encourage **musical appreciation** & awareness, our focus for February is Jazz music



Some gentle reminders - Please go through these reminders with your children:

Road Safety: Go through with your child; being safe when walking; how to cross a road, walking on the pavement away from the road.

Check what your child is doing on-line.

Please ensure your child has a warm and sensible coat to wear – no bright logos or hoodies.

School shoes: plain and black—no trainers or ankle boots.

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