



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope you enjoy reading about the wide range of events that have taken place in the past month. Please take note of the end of term and Christmas dates.

Jan Bless, Headteacher

Year 6 Prefects

In this second year of having Year 6 Prefects, the role continues to develop well and the impact they have on supporting pupils in and around the school is seen as a very positive. They have their own rigorous behaviour charter and meet with Azel - Head Girl, Elijah - Head Boy and Mr Campbell - Lead Learning Mentor regularly to discuss aspects of school behaviour and suggestions for improvement.



Poppy Appeal raised **£209.86**

Well Done!



UPDATE. Children in Need raised **£431.62**.
Thank you to all our pupils that contributed.

Year 6 CGP revision books on sale in school at £2.50 each. Maths, English and SPAG

Enfield in Bloom

Craig Brace (Head Gardener), Lashae and Emily (Gardening Club) and Mr Bless attended the recent Enfield In Bloom ceremony to collect our Gold Award.

We are proud to have our vision for the school grounds and achievements recognised. We will continue to look for opportunities that enable our pupils to learn from and enjoy our outdoor environment. Councillor Bernadette Lappage, Mayor of Enfield and former Governor of Prince of Wales, was delighted to hear how the school grounds have changed and improved. We look forward to showing her this when she visits in 2017.



5G art work

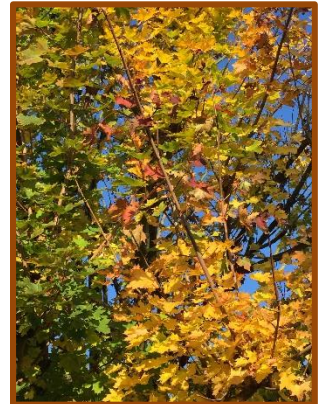
Pupils in 5G studied autumnal foliage against the sky that is visible through the branches of trees. Through a combination of mixing powder paint, wax crayons and tearing paper the children were able to experiment in recreating the effects of the colours and shapes. Clifford was particularly successful, as his art work shows.



the artist

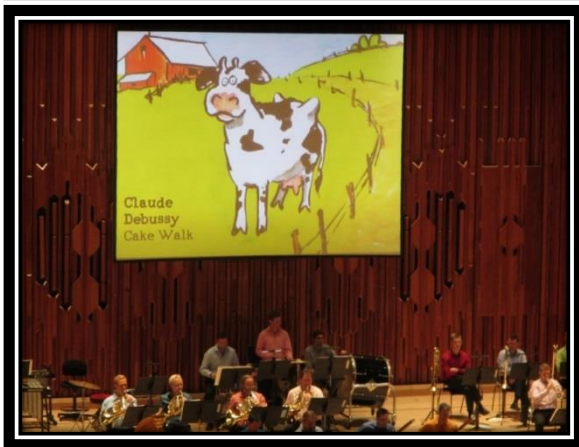


the art work



the inspiration

Year 1 BARBICAN TRIP



Year 1 visited the Barbican Centre to listen to the London Symphony Orchestra. It was about *Click Clack Moo*, a marvellous story that we have been learning about in our English lessons. The children had already learnt the words to the songs in school, so we had the opportunity to participate with the orchestra by singing along with the songs. It was exciting to hear the whole audience singing the songs together

Mrs Kurt- Year 1 teacher

BOOK SWAP SHOP

Book Swap Shop Day was very successful and the children had a wonderful time browsing. They came away with new exciting books to read. Keep an eye out for the next one in the Spring Term.

Mrs Dunlea and Mrs Rees



Singing Festival

Last Friday, 30 children from Year 3 went to Eastfield School for a Singing Festival. Together with four other schools we all sang a selection of songs. Each school then performed their own choice of songs to the others. We sang 'Happy Talk' because it's about making your dreams come true, following our work on 'The BFG'. We look forward to the next Festival.

Mrs Redmore – Music Leader

CRAFT CLUB

This term in craft club we have been creating individualised tea light holders Using stained glass window paints. First we drew our design, then used liner paint in black or gold to mark the outline. Once this was dry we coloured in the design. Finally, the design was peeled off and stuck on a glass. This has inspired some of us to have a go at painting on glass at home.



Miss Paddon – Inclusion Leader



Monthly Value and Certificates Awards

November's Value was Mutual Respect. Thank you to all the pupils who achieved a certificate and gained a baton through being good role models last month.

Christmas Menu



Traditional Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausage, Stuffing Balls, Yorkshire pudding, Herb Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

Or

Spinach & Feta logs (v)

Roast Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Garden Peas & Button Sprouts

Apple & Cranberry Strudel with Custard Chocolate Covered Ice Cream Christmas Trees Mince Pie with Custard Satsumas



Well done to all our children and their parents for remaining calm and organised during our unscheduled fire drill. It was asked why children did not have their coats on; in these circumstances our main priority is to get everyone out of the building as quickly and safely as possible, personal belongings can be replaced whereas a child cannot. Whilst we appreciate it is very cold, looking for coats is not priority in this circumstance.



PUBLIC SPEAKING



Archie Turrell (5G) and Leila Gude (5W) receiving their certificates for Public Speaking. Well done!

Leila Gude (5W) and the Deputy Mayor of Enfield at the public speaking finals last week Monday





Chess at PoW

Year 4 have been having weekly chess lessons this term. This Wednesday they met their new chess teacher Mrs Devina Rishi, a superb chess teacher well known across the borough. Year 4 have learnt how each chess piece moves across the board and are now playing their first games of chess.

They'll also be able to challenge each other during the lunchtime chess clubs. I will be looking for dedicated and talented chess players to take to a tournament at Olympia next month! Practising at home on a real chessboard or against the computer will help you improve your game. Keep practising Year 4!

Tournament

Archie, Gavin, Perry, Bailey, Nathra and Kiera from Year 5 played in the first ever chess tournament with other schools across Enfield. The children did their absolute best and came 8th in the borough! The dedicated group have been playing chess during their lunch break since October and did us proud. They also got to meet Grandmaster Mike Basman. Playing chess develops a wide range of skills such as concentration, problem solving skills, good sportsmanship and critical thinking to name a few.

Well done Year 5s!

Mrs Neocleous

GYMNASTIC FESTIVAL

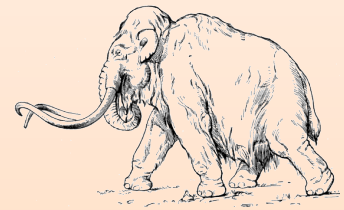
On Wednesday 30th November a team of children took part in a gymnastics festival at Edmonton Leisure Centre. The children had to perform a floor routine, involving a forward roll, a pencil roll, a dish and a balance.

We impressed the judges with our performances and won! Well done to Grace Salamu (4K), Kwasi Taylor (4F), Jamie Cibej (3H), Dejahnay Whyte (3F) and Oskar Thompson (2A).

Thank you to Mrs Osborn and Mrs Field for training them!



STONE AGE WORKSHOP



Year 3 have been studying the Stone Age. We have made Sabre tooth tiger necklaces, cave paintings and held a Stone Age workshop day. We chased a woolly mammoth, and pretended to be hunter gatherers. We also learned how people in the Stone Age created fires, and made weapons.

Not so Horrible History

The history workshops for Year 5 – Anglo Saxons and Year 3 – Stone Age People allowed our pupils to learn through practical and hands-on experience what life was like in those time periods. They should have come away with some great facts and be able to have a better appreciation how our ancestors developed; from being hunter gathers to early farming communities, using ancient technology and the coming of the age of metal – the sequence of events that makes us who we are today. They may even remember a gruesome fact or two!

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME

Sleeping Beauty was a great success; lots of laughter and thoroughly enjoyed by Reception and KS1 pupils. Years 3 to 6 will be watching (and participating in) this spectacle on 13th December.



Headteacher Awards

More pupils earned the cinema visit than before. Well done for making good choices that help your learning and that of others!

Following this award, special wristbands and star badges will be given. These can be worn in school (except during PE of course). Do remember though, that wearing the wristband or star means that you pledge to behave as a Gold Medal Learner and meet our school values and behaviour expectations anywhere on the school site and beyond.



POW Gold Medal Learner



Our Value for December is Justice These pupils modelled the value this week:

Belinda 1Tr, Charlie 1K, Kenayah 1T, Sophie 2F, Ciara 2A, Beverley 2B, Sofia 2F, Sofia 3H, Glody 3F, Austin 3N, Sumahira 4K, Mei-Lien 4F, Ada 4G, Tuana 5W, Kairar 5G, Dejean 5L, Rayyan 6H, Cheyenne 6T, Ashley 6B



Attendance this week

1K 95.17%	2A 96.67%	3F 96.00%	4F 99.00%	5G 97.59%	6B 100.00%
1T 93.33%	2B 98.93%	3H 96.33%	4G 94.00%	5L 87.007%	6H 94.44%
1Tr 93.10%	2F 93.33%	3N 89.00%	4K 98.00%	5W 81.67%	6T 99.00%

Well done to **2B** & **6B** for best attendance this week.

Overall attendance since September: 95.44%

Complaints Procedure

We do our very best to get everything right for your children and all our stakeholders. However, despite our best efforts we may sometimes fall short of your expectations.

There are different ways of bringing this to our attention. Firstly, make an appointment with the class teacher. Most issues can be resolved this way. If you remain dissatisfied and there is no change to the situation, make an arrangement with the year group Achievement Leader: Mrs Davis – Nursery and Reception; Mrs Redmore – Years 1 and 2; Miss Clarke – Years 3 and 4; Mrs Vourloumis – Year 5; Mr Taylor – Year 6. Please allow them to work with you to find a solution, they are very knowledgeable, empathetic and approachable. On the rare occasion that this doesn't lead to a satisfactory conclusion, get in touch with Mr Bless via the school office or find him in the playground at the start or end of the day.

Remember of course that at all times good and appropriate communication between us is expected and that having the right facts helps in getting to the correct solution quickly.

Like all schools, we have a complaints policy and procedure that can be found on our website.

Please don't let frustrations build up and talk to us before an issue escalates. Other ways of getting help can be through Miss Paddon – Inclusion Lead, Mrs Rees – Parent Support Advisor or Mr Campbell – Lead learning Mentor. Alternatively, come to the Parent Forum to seek clarification on any school policy or to suggest ways to improve the school – the next meeting is on 31st January at 9:00am and 6:00pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following consultation with parents it was agreed that all children are expected to wear the school uniform as this helps them to develop a sense of belonging and to help minimize cost.

Our school uniform is **green** and grey. A school sweatshirt, fleece, reading folder and cap, white polo shirt and sensible black shoes should be worn.

Year 6 pupils earn a black jumper at the start of the year in recognition of being good role models and adhering to our school behaviour policy. Black jumpers are only worn by year 6 pupils.

We are now able to offer a green sweatshirt style cardigan with the school logo; a sample may be viewed please enquire at the office.

The school dress policy takes account of the religious and cultural needs of all children.

P.E. KIT

In the interest of health and hygiene, all children should bring a complete change of clothes for P.E. This should include:

- a pair of plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE
- a T-shirt
- a pair of shorts
- a bag in which to keep P.E. kit
- a band to tie up long hair

P.E. kit should be brought into school on a Monday and kept in school all week, taken home on Friday to wash P.E. shorts, T-shirts and a P.E. bag with a pair of plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE

Empowering Children For Life

Gam:ED 2016

Update

You will remember the Gambia Education project led by Miss Ricketts in the summer term. A school in desperate need of support came to her attention and we agreed to donate school materials we no longer used as well as raise some funds towards the repair of the roof. Mrs Ricketts visited on Friday 2nd December to give a wonderful update on the packages that were received at Bakau and the progress towards making the buildings more purposeful learning environments.

1. It started with visiting these dilapidated buildings from Bakau Lower Basic School: leaking or absent roofs and no books to learn from or write in.



2. After hearing about the plight of this school we sorted out books and resources we could spare.



3. A boat and van journey later, the boxes arrived safe and well. Children, families and community help unload.



4. The new library had freshly painted walls and reading books were put on display.



5. A certificate and thank you from the principal of Bakau Lower Basic School given via Mrs Ricketts to Mr Bless, our Headteacher.



6. Wow, look at the new roof and fresh colours!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 01 st December	School Pantomime
Tuesday 06 th December	Ukulele concert
Thursday 15 th December	KS 2 Christmas Production 7pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 21 st December	End of term, school finishes At 1.30pm
Thursday 05 th January 2017	Start of Spring Term
Monday 13 th – 17 th February	Half term
Tuesday 7 th March	Sponsored 4 minute activities
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Inset Day School Closed
Monday 3 rd – Monday 17 th April	Easter Break
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day School Closed
Friday 21 st July	School finishes for Summer

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Christmas Parties – Monday 19th December

Children are invited to bring in food and drink to share. Please be mindful not to bring any nut products into school.

Thank you

Christmas Dinner, Talent Show and jumpers – Tuesday 20th December

We continue our tradition of offering a free Christmas dinner to all pupils. Pupils are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper on this day. If your child wants to share a special talent by performing to the whole school in the afternoon, they will have to practise hard to get past the audition with Mr Taylor!

Glow in the Dark Disco

Many thanks to the Miss and Mrs Neyland and the Friends of Prince of Wales for organising and running the disco evenings in the past few weeks. The children had an enjoyable time.