



PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

Sir Michael Wilshaw, head of OFSTED, controversially claims that schools are going soft on unruly pupils who display poor behaviour and disrupt lessons. As you know we have recently achieved a *Good* for behaviour thanks to our determined efforts to support our children making better choices. It is of course not all down to us as the children arrive with attitudes and values learnt outside school. Thankfully we now have the vast majority of families on board with our vision for a harmonious learning community.

I would like to use this as a reminder to all parents not to reprimand pupils regarding their behaviour towards their children, nor to approach their parents. Instead talk to a member of staff. We also expect that you model restraint and resilience towards each other when on our school premises or on route to and from school. Our school Code of Conducts sets out our expectations very clearly.

Thank you for your support.

Jan Bless – Headteacher

Our Value for this month is RESPONSIBILITY

The children spend only 15% of their time at school – so it is important they are responsible learners whilst at school. The children need to adopt effective habits to make them into responsible learners. The first habit is 'being proactive'. The teachers provide the stimulus/lesson and the children have the freedom to choose how they will respond. The responsible learner is proactive towards the stimulus/lesson. The proactive learner will use their imagination, critical thinking skills and the LEARNERS Values to engage with the stimulus/lesson. If you break up the word responsibility, it becomes response ability, i.e. the ability to respond to a stimulus/lesson. Next week: habit 2, begin with the end in mind.

Mrs Stylli – PSHE, P4C and Values Co-ordinator

Black History Month

October marks the beginning of Black History Month. Throughout the month, we will be celebrating and focussing on the achievements of prolific inventors, pilots of the Caribbean during WW1 and participating in a talk given by Mr Hugo Clarke, the Programme Director on the WW1 Commonwealth Contribution at The Curzon Institute about the role of Black and Asian soldiers who volunteered during the First World War. The children at Prince of Wales will also be following up this discussion with a visit to the Dugdale Centre throughout October to celebrate the centenary of the First World War with this particular focus.

During Black History Month in Enfield, there are lots of exciting and free activities for you and your family to participate in detailed in the brochure that will be sent home to you at the beginning of October.

Mrs Ayer – Humanities Leader

Value of this Month: RESPONSIBILITY

These children received a certificate for behaving responsibly at Prince of Wales this week, well done: Samuel 1A, Myra 1K, Louie 1S, Karlie 2M, Isaiah 2Ri, Kene 2Ru, Tylor 3D, Gulay 3F, Caiden 3G, Ola 4H, Kennedy 4S, Irmak 5G, Sarah 5L, Jaidan 5N, Tyrick 6A, Jayden 6B and Stephen 6B.

Attendance this week

Years 1,2,3 Family

1A 98.28% 2M 95.33% 3D 97.14%
1K 98.62%* 2Ri 94.14% 3F 95.80%
1S 95.32% 2Ru 97.67% 3G 97.33%

Years 4,5,6 Families

4H 96.07% 5G 99.62% 6A 91.03%
4S 98.21% 5L 98.86% 6B 98.52%
5N 93.85% 6H 99.65%*

Well done to **1K & 6H** for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95.5%

Overall attendance since September: **95.45%**



What you need to know

From September 2014, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent or guardian*. School meals in Enfield are healthy, tasty, social and fun. Choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help save you up approximately £400 per year if you take up the offer.

Whether or not your child receives a free meal, it is still really important that you still complete the form to register** your child for Free School meals if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 – this will mean the school receives extra money for your child's education ("The Pupil Premium").



Free School Meals

Due to our high % of pupils who are eligible for free school meals our school receives additional funding to support your child's learning. However, due to the government's free school meals initiative for KS1, we are likely to miss out on parents who have not completed the form to register their child for 'Free School Meals'. This means we lose out on this valuable funding. The school has to know by the end of this month. Thank you.

Science Corner

Year 4 have been learning about Solids Liquids and Gases. To observe the different states of matter we investigated how ice turned to water, and if it happened quicker in someone's hand than if it was left on a surface. We also measured how many minutes it took for the ice to melt into water and discussed why some pieces took longer than others.

Elijah: "We held the ice-cubes tight and they were really cold. I love the fact that they changed to water".

Callum: "The ice-cubes went from solid to liquid".

Mrs Blake – Science Leader



Year 6 Aspirations Assembly

Our Year 6 pupils gave a fine performance about their aspirations and ambitions for this year. Some talked about their plans regarding the learning and levels they intend to achieve, whilst others shared their talents for music, dance or sports.

Mr Bless challenged the year group: "It is good to hear Year 6 talk about their commitments to their learning and being a role model to all pupils in the school. Now Walk the Walk." Again, to parents he pointed out that their children's values, behaviours and motivations largely come from outside school, where they spent 85% of their time whilst just 15% at school.

SHOW US YEAR 6! WE LOOK AT YOU! LEAD THE WAY!



Some Y6 pupils already earned their black jumpers

Parking outside the school

Salisbury Road is one of six areas that Enfield Council's parking enforcement and road safety officers are targeting with local police officers to warn drivers of the dangers of stopping on the zig-zag lines outside schools. In the first week of the campaign, officers advised parents but in the second week of their unannounced visits they will issue penalty notices to all illegally parked vehicles.

October Half-Term activities for children

October Half term here we come!
Online booking now available.

Enfield's Sports Development team are delivering an action packed programme of activities over the October half term. From Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2014, we are running Archery, Gymnastics, Trampoline and Horse riding to name a few, with some new additions to our programme such as Tots Athletics, Yoga !

To book your place please visit our website
www.enfield.gov.uk/sport

We have revamped our Sports web page on The Enfield Council website. You will be able to register for an account and book courses online via our website. The online user guide is on our web page

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Dates for your Calendar

- 28.09 **P.O.W. Challenge Day** for Year 6 pupils
- 03.10 **Timetables Workshop** – Y1 – 6 parents welcome 9am
- 06.10 **Year 6 School Journey** at Overstrand Hall Norfolk
- 14.10 Unions **proposed strike action** by council workers - this may affect part of or the whole school
- 27.10-3.11 Half term break and Staff Training Day (3.11)**
- 04.11 Start of Autumn 2 Term

