



Newsletter

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This Week in the Art Room

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Welcome Year 1 Gorillas to the art room! We kick started this week exploring warm and cool colour tones through sorting out wool and fabric pieces into appropriate colour groups. The children then selected pieces to wrap around chosen sticks to add to the hanging installations in the art room that hang above the children's heads as they work. They blew me away with their creative ideas, which led the children to explore more sculptural aspects of wool independently.

Year 2 artists (yet to be christened an animal name) had a fabulous lesson diving into Van Gogh's life. They began drawing sunflowers from life, with such focus and attention to detail. I can't wait to see them completed with colour next week!



The Heber Netball Club is back!

Early morning starts on Friday with a vague hope of a croissant! Every Friday from 8am the girls from Years 5 and 6 gather to further the cause of netball under the able tuition of Sam Wilson (Ava's mum). Since Ava has now left the school this is beyond the call of duty. Any parents interested in helping out (it's great fun and you might get a coffee) please tell the school office. We will need someone to help when Sam steps down. The girls are worried that Mr Neve-Dunn might end up as the coach; and he doesn't know his Wing Defence from his Goal Attack!

The team are looking new recruits from Years 5 & 6. A letter will be sent home next week.

Story Telling and Inference Workshop

Tuesday 24th September – 9:15am

This workshop is appropriate for Nursery to Year 2 parents and carers. It will focus on the importance of reading stories and how reading supports your child's communication, language and developing vocabulary. Mrs Piddington will be modelling a story telling session which will give you an opportunity to see what questions you can ask when reading with your child. By asking a wide range of questions we can support a child's inference skills and Mrs Piddington will be discussing this in more detail throughout the workshop.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week in Merit Assembly this week:

Reception – Shane (RE) and Jonas (RC)

Year 1 – Reon (1L) and Saffa (1H)

Year 2 – Hadia (2DJ) and Jayceon (2B)

Year 3 – Aaliyah (3P) and Aniah (3A)

Year 4 – Bonnie (4S) and Ethan (4P)

Year 5 – Kimora (5M) and Tilly (5C)

Year 6 – Beth (6F) and Benji (6K)



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Music Mark

We were delighted to have received a letter from the CEO of Music Mark this week congratulating us on becoming Music Mark members. The following made us feel incredibly proud:

'We would firstly like to thank you for all the hard work you and your colleagues do to ensure that pupils at your school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated. You have been nominated, and supported financially by Southwark Music Hub. They have recognised the value that you place on music and requested that you become a Music Mark School Member.'

Congratulations to Mr Treen, this is fantastic recognition of your dedication to music education.

Year 3 Topic Immersion Day

'How did life in Britain change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?'

Year 3 visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum to find out what life was like during the Mesolithic period. We had fun going back in time with a lady from the Stone Age and re-enacted a hunt using our tools and discussed different foods that were foraged. We got stuck in and took part in four different activities to learn about the way Stone Age people lived:

- We learned to make fire.
- We learned to make paint using charcoal and vegetable oil.
- We learned to make a shelter.
- We learned to make jewelry using cordage.



Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

Key Stage 1: William from 2B fought off the competition to win the Key Stage 1 music award this week. With a combination of singing progress, learning of scales, and reading music from the stave, William shone brightly in the music sessions all week.

Lower Key Stage 2: Both Ariana of 4P and Marius of 4S take the Lower Key Stage 2 music award this week. They both showed excellent team work, they both showed exceptional instrumental skill, and they both worked so collaboratively with their partner.

Upper Key Stage 2: Our Upper Key Stage 2 music star of the week is Kimora from 5M. It always makes me so proud when other people tell me how well someone is doing in music, and this week I was told that Kimora worked well with her partner and showed great skill on the steel pan. I completely agreed.



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Year 4 Topic Immersion Day

'Who were the ancient Egyptians and how have we learned about them'

On the steaming hot morning of Tuesday, Year 4 were transported back in time to Ancient Egypt. Our first activity was a cat walk where we showed off our amazing costumes. After that we went out to the desert and we had a relay race to see which team could mummify their friend the quickest! Then we had to cross the Nile avoiding the dangerous crocodiles and hippopotamuses! This involved some great team work! Our final game was to describe the hieroglyph! Only one person per team saw the hieroglyph; the rest of the team had to draw it based on their description.

Did you know there are Ancient Egyptian artefacts buried in the Nursery sandpit? Armed with trowels and brushes, we searched for the treasure: canopic jars, Tutankhamun's death mask and even a carving of a scarab beetle!

At embalming school, we mummified the corpses of dead oranges. First we removed the entrails from the orange by cutting a small slit in its skin and scooping them out with a spoon. Next we put salt, bicarbonate of soda inside to dry it out, and to make it smell nice by using cinnamon and cloves.

By 4S



Year 1 Topic Immersion Day

'Are all animals endangered?'

Year 1 had such fun during our immersion day! We began our day by finding out what we know already and what we want to know about endangered animals. Then we engaged in learning about endangered animals through all our curriculum subjects. We did activities like making animal masks, describing what the animals look like, counting them in groups and adding them up, researching about animals in information books and making our own zigzag booklets. We also dressed up like endangered animals and did a PE lesson where we moved like animals.



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September

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 23 rd	4 week enrichment science project at Alleyns begins for 4P
Monday 23 rd	Speak Out, Stay Safe – NSPCC assembly
Tuesday 24 th (9:15am)	Story & inference workshop for parents (nursery –Year 2)
Wednesday 25 th	Reception Immersion Day – ‘Favourite Stories’
Friday 27 th	Year 5 Immersion Day – Portals to the Past workshop
Monday 30 th	NSPCC fundraiser ‘Dance-athon’ begins

October

Tuesday 1 st	Year 5 boys football competition at Dulwich College
Friday 4 th	4S – British Museum
Monday 7 th (9:15am and 5:30pm)	Mathletics parent workshop
Monday 7 th	Due date for NSPCC sponsorship forms and donations
Monday 7 th	Year 1 visiting Sydenham Woods
Friday 11 th	4P – British Museum
Friday 11 th	Reception Autumn Walk
Tuesday 15 th and Thursday 17 th	Parents’ Evening
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 28 th	4 week enrichment science project at Alleyns begins for 4S
Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st	Year 3 swimming lessons at Alleyns
Wednesday 30 th	Year 2 BrightSparks Concert at Royal Festival Hall - Zog
Thursday 31 st	Secondary school application deadline

November

Monday 4 th (9:15am and 5:30pm)	Maths Workshop – How to support at home (Art Room)
Thursday 7 th	Flu immunisations for Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th	Individual and sibling photos

December

Monday 2 nd and Wednesday 4 th (2:30pm)	Nursery and Reception Christmas performance
Monday 9 th (2:30pm) and Tuesday 10 th (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas performance
Friday 13 th (9:30am and 2:15pm)	Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance
Thursday 19 th (9:30am and 2:15pm)	Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance
Friday 20 th	Last day of term – School closes at 2pm