



We would like to welcome a new member of staff to the team. Mr Garner is working with Y5 in the morning and Y4 in the afternoon. He will be based up in the classroom that was 4G last year.

HOMework

This week I am devoting most of the newsletter to homework. I am being asked a lot of questions by parents about homework and I wanted to be clear about everything.

There are 4 areas of homework:

1. Reading – all children
2. Times tables – Y2-Y6
3. Spellings – Y2-Y6
4. Topic homework

1. Reading at home is the most important part of children’s homework. They are expected to read every day. 10 minutes is enough for the youngest children and going up to 30 minutes for the oldest children.

2. Y2-Y6 children are all working on a ‘times tables challenge’. They work through a bronze, silver and gold level for each of their times tables. Miss Pyper will write to you shortly with more information. Your child will be able to tell you which times table they are working on. Times tables need to be practised for 5-10 minutes every day.

3. Y2-Y6 children also have spellings. These will be put into the purple home school contact book. Again, spellings need to be practised for 5-10mins every day.

4. Topic homework is weekly in reception and every 2 weeks in Y1-Y6. The idea of giving you 2 weeks to complete this is so that children have longer to get into a more sustained piece of learning.

I am often asked by parents for more homework. If you do all of the above this is enough homework for children at primary school. We will get together a list of websites that you can use with your children and we will share these at parents evening.

Ofsted Update

This week I spent a period of time in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) with our school link inspector. The learning environments are looking very good and the children have settled into their learning so quickly. You may have noticed the staff holding ipads – this is because the Early Years team are doing all of their assessments on ipads now rather than the learning journey books. When it comes to parents evening in the last week before half term, we will be inviting Early Years parents in for a 20 minute appointment so we have more time to share with you what your children have been learning.

Eid

We are celebrating Eid in school on Monday. I appreciate that many families have a busy weekend but this is the only day that we can do it in school. Several parents have kindly offered to bring food in for 3.30pm. At the end of the day, children who are celebrating Eid will be allowed to change into their own clothes should they wish to do so. All parents are welcome to join us with this celebration – we are looking forward to it!

Reception trips to the library

Reception have been going in small groups to visit Roehampton Library on Danebury Avenue. They have been having a great time reading lots of books there. Remember that it is free to join the library and you can then borrow their books. I urge you to join.

Attendance

Class with the highest attendance: 6J with 99%
 Most punctual class: 1H
 Individual attendance winners: Aisha (4F), Silza (3S) and Aisha (3S).
 Well done to Neptune for the most house points.

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	Events	Clubs
Monday 6 th October	3.30pm Eid celebration	Y1/2 football club
Tuesday 7 th October		Y3/4/5/6 dance club
Wednesday 8 th October	Trumpets am Y5/6 cross country competition – Tooting Bec	Y1/2 dance club
Thursday 9 th October		Y3/4 football club Y5/6 football club
Friday 10 th October	Y6 and Y4 swimming – remember your kit!	