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Dear parents,

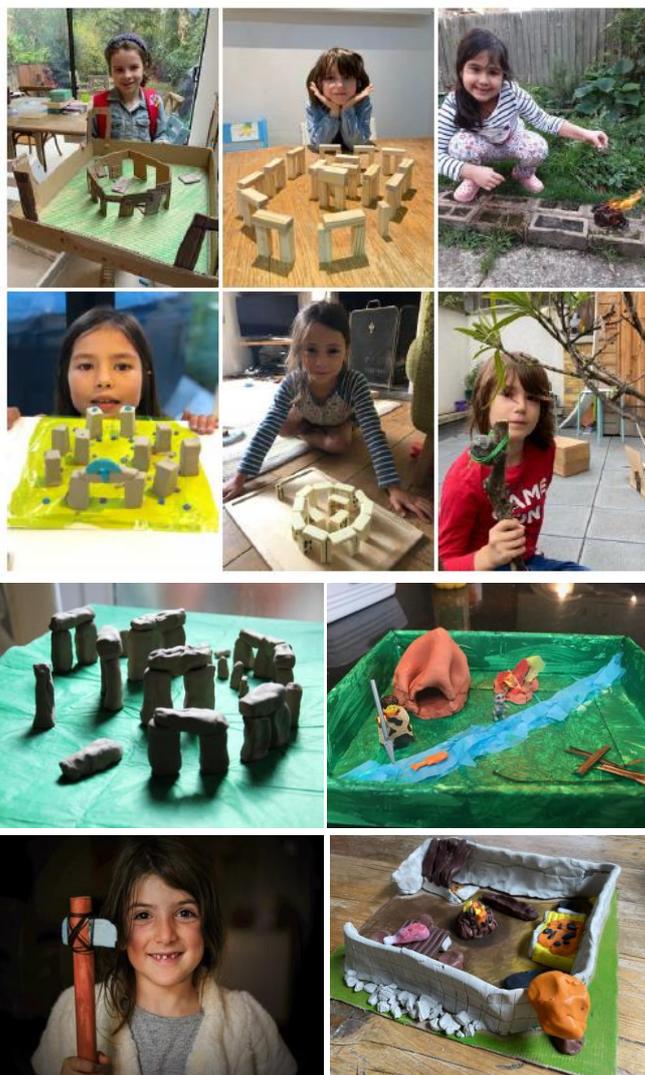
It is half term! The weeks have gone so quickly and as we come towards the end of this first half term. You have been so patient and understanding with the drop off and collection arrangements (and any additional changes we have had to make). I would like to express my sincere thanks for all your support during the transition back to school – it has been much appreciated.

The children have been amazing and it is joyful to walk around the school, into classes seeing the children so engaged and focused with their learning and enjoying being with their teachers and friends. It has been lovely recognising them for their work, kindness, determination, perseverance, creativity, consideration and many other things in assemblies on Friday and it is one of the highlights of my week! I wanted to express my sincere thanks to the entire staff team for everything they have done to make this half term such a success. They have been fabulous! Considering all the unknowns we had to face, the uncertainty, the worry, questions around how everything would work, changes to so many systems and routines, they have done a super job, working so hard and showing such flexibility, good humour and grace. We are very proud of what we have achieved and been able to offer our children and families. The strength and brilliance of our team means we can take on and deal with anything! This was all confirmed by our School Improvement Partner, Jason, who visited yesterday. He toured the school (observing social distancing guidelines of course) and also met with a very lovely group of Year 5 children, who talked about their experiences of lockdown and what it felt like to be back at school. Jason was so impressed with their responses and lovely manners. A big thank you to Jake, Matilda C, Cecilia, Sonny, Adnan, Jared, Elsie and Serin for representing the school so well.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes
Karen

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in history this term. The children had lots of questions they wanted to ask such as when were they around? Where did they live? What language did they speak? What was their favourite pastime? What work did they do? What did children do? (were they allowed to use the weapons?) How did they hunt? What did they do for heating? How did they travel from place to place? What happened if they got sick? How did they carry the rocks to build Stonehenge? The children showcased their learning through models, posters and videos! Very impressive Year 3!



Book Corner Competition

Members of School Council had the very difficult job of judging the Book Corner Competition today! Everyone has worked so hard to create exciting and engaging spaces to enjoy their favourite books and share their love of reading. Student Council were so impressed with the creative and eye-catching designs! We will announce the winning class from EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 after half term.





We have 4 new, excited members of the WP Eco Team! They are:

**Sadie
Bram
Corin
Imogen**

They will join our current Green Team gang, who are: **Martha 3L, Bruno 3L, Stella 3C, Audrey 3C, Abdurrahman 4H, Anna 4H, Ed 4M, Imogen 4M, Muren 5E, Sophia 5E, Maeve 5E, Kallias 5E, Charlie 6B, Ephraim 6B, Olive 6B, Ava 6H**

We are looking forward to starting some exciting projects next half term.



Science Experiments in Year 1

The children explored different materials and thought about their properties. They were informed that a storm was approaching, and that the Lego person's house was roofless! They made predictions about which materials would be waterproof and therefore which materials would make the best roof. They then tested each material, using pipettes full of water to create rain. Afterwards, they looked to see which of the Lego people remained dry. If there was no water inside the house, they concluded that the roof material was waterproof.



PE update

With a lack of sporting competition currently taking place at school, I've been trying to figure out a fun way we could get an element of competition back into our classes via our PE lessons. The first week back after half term will see the start of the PE challenge. Classes will compete across key stages as well as the whole school and there is even the chance William Patten will be competing against schools across the borough before long. The first challenge is to see how many starjumps you can do in a minute. Children will do it in pairs and then give their scores to the teacher. I'll then collect and collate the scores into a scoring chart. Each week a new exercise will be set and scoring tallied leading to an end of term prize. I'm excited to see it all come together and will definitely try to pop by the PE lessons to see our champions in action. **Jim – PE co-ordinator**



Lovely artwork in Year 3

Year 3 have spent the week experimenting with various printing techniques to create their own A3 piece with a range of different skills on display:



Trick or Eat for Hackney Foodbank this Halloween

Households throughout Stoke Newington are taking part in Trick or Eat this Halloween - collecting vital supplies for Hackney Foodbank.

More than 20 local streets are taking part - including Dynevor Road, Brodia Road, Kynaston Road and Stoke Newington Church Street. Families are urged to get dressed up for Halloween and deliver non-perishable food to collection points in the area. It's hoped the initiative, which is being run by the Local Buyers Club, will be a fun alternative this Halloween, offering a chance to celebrate Halloween while helping people in need.

To find out more or to find your nearest donation point, visit www.trickoreat.co.uk



Hackney Food Bank

Marlo's mum is volunteering with the Hackney Food Bank and told us that they are need of carrier bags (especially 'bag for life' type bags). After half term, we will put boxes at the school gates, if you have any spare bags lying around your kitchen, please drop them off – thank you!

She also said that they are desperately in need of more volunteers, it's a really friendly environment and shifts are pretty short, only 2.5 hours - so not too hard to fit in even just one shift a week. More info here for anyone who's interested.

<https://hackney.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>

Fire safety workshop

Year 2 and 5 had a fire safety interactive workshop with London Fire Brigade Headquarters on Thursday 15th October. In preparation for the workshop, we watched videos on how to prevent, detect and escape if ever there was a fire at our home. During the workshop, we learnt about the top five causes of fire at our home and the measures our parents and guardians could take to prevent them from happening. One of these preventions is the importance of having a working smoke alarm and where to buy one if we don't have one. We also watched some scenarios where there was a fire and had to guess what the cause was. Lastly, we had a question and answer session with the Education Officer which was really informative.

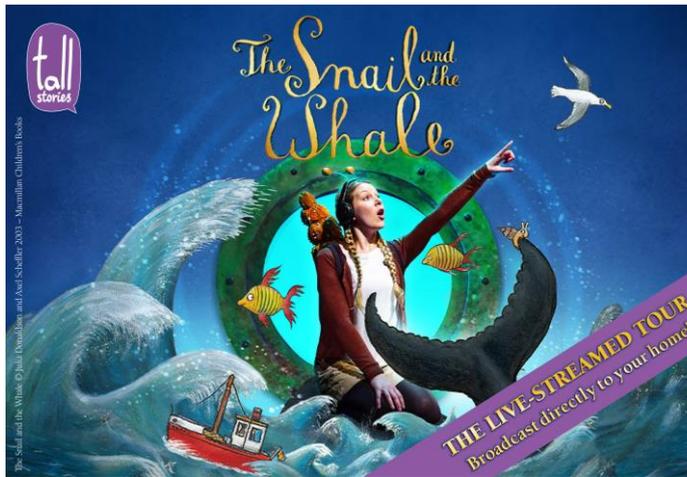


Virtual World

This year 5YE decided on the theme of 'Virtual World' for our Book Corner Competition. We brainstormed our ideas and decided on our favourite games which included Pet Shop, Lego cities and Rocket League. We also made a robot out of cardboard box and used paper cups to make lamps. Although we didn't spend a lot of time on it we had a lot of fun being creative and working with our groups.



Special half term show



At Tall Stories we've been working on a very special live-streamed production of The Snail and the Whale for families this October half-term! The show will be filmed at the brand new Tall Stories Studio in London and broadcast live to viewers anywhere in the world! We'd love the show to be enjoyed by as many families as possible so please do check out all the info & tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3k2HIMt>



Debate Club - *Speak up, be heard and have fun!*

Debate Club is an online afterschool group for curious minds. Every week we discuss a new topic for an hour on zoom. By learning to articulate their opinions on video calls, children at Debate Club are developing vital communication skills for the twenty-first century.

For students in Yr5 and Yr6.

To find out more and book for groups starting in Jan 2021: www.debate-club.co.uk

Kindness Cup



The Kindness Cup is presented weekly by Karen to pupils who have been nominated by a member of staff for being super kind all of the time or showing extra kindness that week.

Congratulations to the following children who are our latest winners:

Theo H in 1C for always being polite and helpful in school. Theo was spotted holding patiently holding the door open for everyone. Thank you Theo, what a considerate thing to do.

Adnan in 4H for always being polite and saying hello and goodbye to adults at the gate. Adnan is also kind and friendly to everyone in his class. Thank you for being so lovely Adnan!

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following children who recently celebrated their special day – Matilda S, Alec, Joe P, Seth, Blythe, Arden, Sophia, Dotty, Ellora, Bonnie, Sufyan, Max D, Corin, Freddie, Rufus, Max O, Nisa and Matiu. Happy birthday to you all.

Attendance chart



2S are the attendance chart winners this term with a high score of **98.6%**. Well done **2S!**

Rec Cyrelle	96.8%
Rec Helen/Maria	97.7%
Y1 Charlotte	98.1%
Y1 Maya	97.9%
Y2 Laura	96.6%
Y2 Sophie	98.6%
Y3 Luke	97.9%
Y3 Christine	96.9%
Y4 Hannah	97.1%
Y4 Marion	96.5%
Y5 Ellen	98.1%
Y5 Yeter	98.2%
Y6 Ben	96.2%
Y6 Harriet	96.4%

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