

10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Remembrance: As always, I was impressed with our children's maturity and respect as we considered the significance of the poppy and Remembrance Day. In recent years, perhaps due to the continued conflict around the world, our children have shown a greater awareness of the impact of conflict on people's lives and appreciate the gift of living in a country at peace.

YKids Literacy Festival: We are delighted to be taking part in the YKids Bootle Literacy Festival this year which has afforded our children some wonderful opportunities. To begin, we welcomed author, Dave McCluskey, to our school to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about his life and work as an author. Year 5 then had a workshop with Dave during which they used their imaginations to begin their own stories. We were certainly impressed with the children's ideas for stories which they were bursting to tell! Year 1 visited the Kingsley & Co. bookshop in The Strand where they took part in an author workshop with Vince Cleghorne and a dragon quiz escape room, followed by hot chocolate and a cake! They were even given a new book. Year 1 were very well-behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The school has also been given some special Golden Vouchers which can be exchanged for a new book in Kingsley & Co – these are now available on School Money free of charge on a first come; first served basis. We thank YKids and the staff of Kingsley and Co. for organising these special events.



Children in Need Appeal 2023: Friday, 17th November

On Friday, 17th November we are taking part in **the annual Children in Need appeal. For a small donation**, children are invited to replace **JUST ONE** item of their clothing with something colourful or spotty. For example, replace the school tie with a jazzy one; swap school socks for bright or spotty ones; wear a brightly coloured pair of trousers instead of the usual grey, or sprout Pudsey ears. **The challenge is to swap just one item; be as creative as you can.** Children in PE kits, just swap one item too. Pudsey onesies

may be worn; but please do not feel the need to buy anything new. Also, if your child is wearing a Pudsey onesie, they must be able to go to the toilet <u>independently!</u> Mrs Maher (expert cake baker and decorator) will be making a special cake again – the child who correctly guesses the number of spots on the cake will take the cake home. Children may bring enough money to enter the Pudsey Cake Competition (50p) and for the mufti donation (no more than £1.00 per child is needed).

Science Day: Year 6 were given a unique opportunity to visit Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) to learn more about how science is studied. Throughout the day they explored the university campus and took part in a number of science-based activities. For example, in the lab, children studied reversible and irreversible changes and thought about chemical reactions. They used a chemical reaction between distilled vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to inflate a glove; observed how dissolved copper sulphate could be recovered from a solution; and they dissolved magnesium in sulphuric acid, observing the changes that occurred. This was an amazing opportunity for our children and most left the university aspiring to a job in a science related field! We thank LJMU for welcoming us so warmly.

Family Fund Grants: The national charity Family Fund has grants available for families in England on a low income, raising a disabled or seriously ill child aged 17 or younger. Grant items include clothing and bedding, white goods, furniture, kitchen appliances, sensory and play equipment, and digital devices. Families are invited to please apply as soon as possible to gain support, while funding is available. Take a look at their website for more details https://www.familyfund.org.uk/sfdc

Yours faithfully, Mrs Anna James Headteacher



Week Commencing: Monday, 13th November 2023

Monday

08:15-08:45 13:15 15:15-15:45 15:15-16:00	RM Maths Club Mere Sands Trip Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Outdoor PE lesson Lunchtime Sports Club To the Edge: Knife Crime Awareness RM Maths Club Handwriting Club	Selected Children Year 5 – permission needed Red Class Year 3 Year 6 Selected classes (rota) Year 6 Selected Children Selected Children
Tuesday		
08:15-08:45	RM Maths Club Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Outdoor PE lesson Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected Children Year 1 & J7 Year 3 Selected classes (rota)
12:45-13:15	Disco Dance Club	All Juniors invited
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children
15:15-16:00	Singalong Club	Year 2
15:15-16:00	Dance Club	Year 2
Wednesday		
08:15-08:45	RM Maths Club Recorder Club (remember your recorders!) Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Outdoor PE lesson	Selected Children Years 4, 5 & 6 Year 2 & 4 Reception
15:15-16:15	Footy Training	Team
15:15-16:15	Multi Sports Club	Selected Infant Children
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children
15:15-16:00	Phonics Club	Year 1 – selected children
15:15-16:15	Singing Club	Juniors
15:15-16:00	Story Telling Club	Year 4 – selected children
Thursday		
08:15-08:45	RM Maths Club Ollie the Owl Visit Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Outdoor PE lesson Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected Children Nursery Year 5 Year 4 Selected classes (rota)
12:45-13:15	Disco Dance Club	All Juniors invited
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children
13:30-15:30	Swimming Lesson (late return)	J8
Friday	Children in Need	All
	Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps Outdoor PE lesson	Purple Class Years 1, 2 & 5
	Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected classes (rota)
12:15-12:45	Disco Dance Club	All infants invited

Autumn PE Timetable (Please ensure that children in Years 1-6 have the correct kit (no brand logos) on the following days):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indoor	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Nursery	Reception
Pumps needed	Year 3	J7	Year 4	Year 5	
Outdoor	Year 6	Year 3	Reception	Year 4	Year 1
				J8 - Swimming	Year 2
					Year 5

This Week's Menu

Dinner money must be paid in advance. £2.42 per day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
V Cook's Choice	Chicken Curry	Honey Glazed Gammon	Meatballs in Tomato	Fishy Friday		
Pizza	50/50 Rice	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Sauce	Mushy Peas		
Coleslaw	Naan Bread	Carrots	Pasta	Chipped Potatoes		
Mixed Salad		Gravy				
½ Jacket Potato		Paprika Roasted Potato				
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V Sweet & Sour	V Home-made Cheese	V Slicked Quorn Fillet	V Quorn Scouse	V Roasted Vegetable		
Boiled Rice	Pie	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Beetroot	Pesto Pasta		
	Baked Beans	Carrots	Crusty Bread	Crispy Salad		
		Gravy				
		Paprika Roasted Potato				
Or						
Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with		
Various Fillings	Various Fillings	Various Fillings	Various Fillings	Various Fillings		
Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)		
Dessert						
Shortbread Biscuit &	Ice Cream Pot	Rice Pudding & Jam	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fairy Cake		
Sliced Fruit		Sauce				
	Drinks:	Fruit juice or fresh water				