

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

### Year 1

To support their learning in science, Year 1 wrote a poem about the seasons and described some aspects of each season. After writing the poem, they were able to read their poem to the class sharing their descriptive writing.



### Year 4



In English this half term, Year 4 will be exploring the Russian Folk Tale 'Firebird'. This week the children listened to the orchestral music by the Russian composer Igor Stravinsky which was inspired by this dangerous quest. They also drew a few of the main characters, including the magnificent firebird!



### Year 2

Year 2 were very excited to explore the world this half-term. They are learning all about continents and oceans.

### Year 3

In History, the children have spent the week familiarising themselves with what life was like in the Stone Age. They have created timelines and plotted the chronology of important events to decide where the Stone Age was in time. They have also created cave paintings (underneath tables!) using earthy colours and stained their pictures with tea to make them look authentic. They enjoyed pretending to 'paint' cave paintings in their makeshift caves!



### Year 5 and 6



Well done to the children who attended the Tag Rugby tournament this week at Ealing Trailfinders. They had a great day where they represented

Derwentwater as a strong and cooperative team!

## Inspirational People for Black History Month– Steve McQueen



Steve McQueen is a Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker. He was born in Hanwell in Ealing and went to Drayton Manor High School. He studied Art at

Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College and then went on to Chelsea College of Arts and Goldsmith College. Steve McQueen has made many successful films, including 12 years a Slave. It was for this that he became the first black filmmaker to win an Academy Award for Best Picture.

One of Steve McQueen's latest projects is called Year 3. It is an exhibition based at Tate Britain showcasing portraits of Year 3 classes from London. The exhibition offers a glimpse of the capital's future generation. The exhibition takes place between 12 November 2019 and 3 May 2020.

### Inclusion



KELLY ELLIS – SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST

The school speech and language therapist, Kelly Ellis, now has an open parent meeting slot on Tuesdays at 9:00 am for 30 minutes. This is open to all parents to book to discuss any concerns that you may have in regards to your child's speech, language, communication or social skills.

You can book in by speaking to the school office, if you are unable to meet at this time but would still like to speak to the speech and language therapist, you can leave a message with the school office, and Kelly will contact you to arrange a more convenient time.

### Reading Buddy Online

Students are encouraged to use Oxford Reading Buddy at home using the login details provided by their teacher. We encourage you to support your child when they are logged into their account at home, however, please encourage your child to complete the quizzes independently. If you don't have an internet connection or a computer at home, or if children want to use Oxford Reading Buddy when they are out, it can be accessed from any mobile device.

<https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/parent-support/>

### Online Safety

<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>



This is a website that allows you to check to see if your personal data has been compromised by data breaches. A Breach is when data is inadvertently exposed. If your email address has been compromised, then it is a good idea to change your password.

Ideally, you should not use the same passwords for different accounts. The top three common passwords from 2018 were: 123456, password and 123456789. These were identified through data analysed through data breaches.

### Working Together

Dear Parents, we need your help. We are seeing many items being dropped off at the school office such as lunchboxes, P.E. kits and clothing. We would like your support to encourage children to be independent and responsible for what is required at school each day and to avoid disruption to other children's learning. We must also emphasise that we will no longer be calling home at the request of a child if they have forgotten their P.E. kit or lunchbox. The children will eat a school dinner and you will be charged the appropriate amount. We hope you can help us with these matters.

### School Attendance and Punctuality impacts on your child's education.

Let's reach our target of at least 95% for every class. The weekly attendance success will be shared in the newsletter each week. Look at our percentages for the year so far! Well done to our full-time nursery children who have reached 98%. What a great start. We are proud to see so many children with 100% attendance too! Certificates for outstanding attendance will be given at the end of each term with prizes for the very best at the end of the year.

Class	Attendance	Children on 100% attendance
Nursery	AM 94% PM 93% Full time 98%	EYFS currently have 41 children with 100% attendance.
R Turtle	94.8%	
R Dolphin	94.6%	

1 Diamond	95.7%	Key stage 1 currently have 60 children with 100% attendance.
1 Ruby	93.6%	
1 Sapphire	95.3%	
2 Emerald	93.4%	
2 Jet	95.5%	Lower Key stage 2 currently have 66 children with 100% attendance
3 Oak	97.7%	
3 Willow	95.6%	
3 Birch	96.6%	
4 Maple	96.9%	Upper Key stage 2 currently have 71 children with 100% attendance.
4 Holly	97.3%	
5 Earth	94.5%	
5 Neptune	97.8%	
6 Mercury	96.1%	
6 Saturn	97.7%	

### Healthy Eating

It has come to our attention that some children are still feeling hungry after eating their lunch. Please see the NHS link for guidance around healthy lunchboxes for inspiration on portions and healthy options.



<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

## Homework Club

Exciting News! You asked for a homework club, and we are delighted to offer one to children from years 1-6. Look out for an email with further details. There are limited spaces so please return your slip by Tuesday 5th November. If you need a letter from the school, then please ask the office.

## Lost Property

We are experiencing a significant increase in the amount of lost property at school, including winter coats, jackets and lunch bags in addition to the usual pile of jumpers and cardigans. We try very hard to return items that are clearly named to students, however, this takes a great deal of staff time, particularly when an item is only partially or un-named.

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name and class. It would also be helpful if you could remind your child to go to the lost property box as soon as they discover that an item is missing. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Dates for your diary		
All day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	5 Neptune trip to Science Museum
All day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	5 Earth trip to Science Museum
All day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	4 Holly Farm Trip
9:15 am	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	1 Ruby Diwali Assembly
All day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	4 Maple Farm Trip
All day	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Sibling Photo Day If you want sibling photos, these will be taken from 8:00 am – 8:50 am
All week	11 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
All day	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day – Wear odd socks to school to promote individualism.
All day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Dress Up Day – Suggested £1 donation
All Week	18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Road Safety Week
9:30 am	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Morning
6:00 pm	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Evening

3:40 pm – 5:30 pm	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
3:40 pm – 7:00 pm	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
9:30 am	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Show
9:30 am	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas Show
Lunch Time	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch Year 3 – 6 Parents need to book in advance for their children.
9:30 am	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Show
10:45 am	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery AM Christmas Show
2:00 pm	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Show
9:30 am	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Show
All-day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations are welcome)
9:30 am	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Decembers	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Assembly
2:15 pm	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery PM Christmas Show
2:00 pm	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term. School closes at 2:00pm
8:45 am	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Start of Spring Term
9:30 am	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Morning

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