

Academy Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022
Spring Term
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The children have returned to a full week of learning with great enthusiasm this week.

The EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils experienced a free drama4ALL workshop funded by 'Perform' where they went on an adventure into the jungle. The 'explorer' led them through the jungle meeting different animals along the way. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you are interested in your child attending weekly classes from the drama4ALL company, please see the flier attached to the newsletter.

Our clubs have all started back up this week and it is really fantastic to see our pupils experiencing lots of extra-curricular activities we have on offer.

Next week, it is my intention to send out the individual interim reports.

These reports allow parents/carers to see where your child is working within their year group's curriculum. Year 2 will also receive the results of the phonics screening check that was administered in the autumn term.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



NEW -Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

From **Monday 17 January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result.

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from **Tuesday 11 January**. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.



Free Range Assemblies

We have scheduled some Free Range Assemblies for the second half of the term. These proved very popular with parents in the autumn term, as it is an excellent way for pupils to showcase their learning. The dates have been added to the diary dates at the end of the newsletter, however please be advised that events such as this will always be dependent on any COVID-19 restrictions at the time.



Jenson – EYFS

Aarav – YR5

Kai – YR5

Julian – YR6



Nursery	Ivy
EYFS	Archie
Year 1	Poppy
Year 2	Faith
Year 3	Arthur
Year 4	Alfie
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Mia and Tate

Cold Weather

With the weather becoming increasingly colder, and the guidelines from the government to continue to ventilate the classrooms, please consider sending your child/children in wearing a fleece or gilet in plain dark colours e.g. green, black, navy (with no logos) that can be worn in the classroom. We have various sizes of the fleece/rain jacket in stock at the Academy which can be purchased through the school Gateway app.





SPORTS AND YOUNG CITIZEN COURSE

Would your child like to train with an international athletics coach, meet local fire fighters and Police Officers, rub shoulders with an Olympic 100 metres finalist, and graduate with a special sports top and certificate?

Your PTA are thrilled to announce they have a further opportunity for your child to engage and 'graduate' in one of their super exciting 5-week courses to be run at the Academy. Its format will be as follows, and will take place on Wednesdays after school...

35 minutes sports skills

30 minutes guest input

10 minutes introduction to the week's worksheet.

Cost is £25 per child, payable through the School gateway app'.

(Once paid in full your child will be registered for the course)

Once we have enough registrations we will inform you of the course start date. We envisage this will start after February half term.

This is a unique and very special opportunity afforded to the Academy via the PTA, registered charity 'Met-Track', and the Mayor of London, who are part-funding it. Graduates will receive a certificate with additional recognition for high achievers, plus an item of sports kit for all participants.

Presentations will be at a future school assembly.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind parents/Carers that we are a nut free school, so please check to ensure your child's packed lunches are nut free.



Piano

Congratulations to Erika on passing her ABRSM Grade 1 Piano exam!



Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 20 th February 2022	Harrison – ‘Pizza Party’ Special Lunch
Tuesday 1 st February 2022	Harrison – ‘Chinese New Year’ Special Lunch
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet Day – More Information to Follow
Thursday 10 th February 2022	Year 5 Horniman Museum Educational Visit
Thursday 10 th February 2022	Year 2 Bright Sparks Educational Visit
Friday 11 th February 2022	Last day of half term – Stars finish at 4.30pm
Monday 21 st February 2022	Pupils Return
Monday 21 st February 2022	Parent Consultation Meetings – More Information to Follow
Monday 28 th February 2022	Parent Consultation Meetings – More Information to Follow
Wednesday 2 nd March 2022	Ash Wednesday – More Information to Follow
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day – More Information to Follow
Tuesday 8 th March 2022	Year 4 Free Range Assemblies TBC*
Thursday 10 th March 2022	Year 3 Free Range Assemblies TBC*
Tuesday 15 th March 2022	Year 5 Free Range Assemblies TBC*
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Year 6 Free Range Assemblies TBC*
Monday 21 st March 2022	Enterprise Week TBC*
Tuesday 22 nd March 2022	Year 2 Free Range Assemblies TBC*
Thursday 24 th March 2022	Year 1 Free Range Assemblies TBC*
Friday 25 th March 2022	PTA Easter Fayre TBC*
Friday 1 st April 2022	Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Passion TBC*
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm

*items TBC dependent on COVID-19 restrictions